



In that day you will ask
in My name,

John 16:26 ESV

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The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus now moves toward His ascension and the sending of the Spirit at Pentecost. Indeed, only on the foundation of His ascension and the gift of the Spirit was the reality of eternal life, gained and revealed in the Passion and resurrection, given to those who believe. Pentecost is, therefore, the actualization of the “for us” inherent in the voluntary Passion of Jesus and His resurrection. We praise God that you are here in His House this morning!

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

Opening Hymn 766 “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 55:4, 16-18, 22

- P** Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you;
C **He will never permit the righteous to be moved.**
P My heart is in anguish within me;
C **the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**
P But I call to God,
C **and the LORD will save me.**
P Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,
C **and He hears my voice.**
P He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
C **for many are arrayed against me.**
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you;
C **He will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 16:9–15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized,

and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Matthew 28:7, Hebrews 2:7, Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C **He has put all things under His feet.**

Epistle

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:23–33

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

☐ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²³Jesus said: "In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said, "Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God." ³¹Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 773 "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray"

Sermon Text

John 16:23-33

Sermon "The Day Has Come to Pray to the Father"

I. The resurrection and the gift of the Spirit bring a _____ "_____."

II. The new "Day" is a time of _____.

Hymn 810 "O God of God, O Light of Light"

Prayers

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.
Text: Stephen P. Starke

- Hymn 627** "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"
- Hymn 636** "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
- Hymn 620** "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"
- Hymn 643** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn 921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

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Altar guild will meet Tuesday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in the work of the guild may attend.

Meals on Wheels Door offering on May 29th, 2022 We would like to keep our prices low so that meals can be affordable for all seniors. If you are interested in helping, we will have a door offering on May 29th after the worship service. Checks can be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church with **Meals on Wheels** noted in the memo section.

Please mark your calendars for the **Firemen Festival- June 14-18th**. PTL will once again be volunteering in the ticket booths. More information on available time slots will be coming soon!

Calendar of Events

TODAY:	May 22, 2022
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am
MON:	
Parish Planning Council Meeting	7:00 pm
TUES:	
Pastor at Whitlock.....	10:30 am
Preschool Closing Program.....	6:00 pm
WED:	
Day School Chapel	11:00 am
Ascension Eve Service/Day School Graduation	7:00 pm
THURS:	
Last Day of School Chapel	8:45 am
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study	9:30 am
NEXT SUNDAY:	May 29, 2022
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am

The Board of Christian Education THANKS you for the contributions given to the "Pew Bible Fund." We are pleased to announce that our goal has been reached. What a blessing it is to have this opportunity to again place the Word of God in the hands of His people!

LWML: Indiana District Convention, June 17-19, Ft. Wayne Concordia Lutheran High School. Registration now open online. If you'd like a paper copy, ask Elaine. Three-day fee is \$50 (meals not included). An Ingathering will be collected throughout May. A list will be in the May Epistle, and a box in the entryway. Thank you in advance.

Make plans to be a part of **God's Wonder Lab**. The key theme is **Jesus Does the Impossible!** This creative VBS program features the miracles of Jesus and ties in fun science activities. VBS will be held June 20th-24th from 9-11:30 AM. All children age 3 through those who are just completing Grade 5 are encouraged to attend. This is a community event sponsored by our congregation. Pre-register your children today! Ask your grandchildren and neighbors about joining us and pick up a registration form(s) for them to complete and return. Registration forms may be found on the table in the narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet for adult and youth volunteers. If you have already been asked to help, it is not necessary to add your name to the list. We need people to help with registration, decorating, crafts, snacks and serve as group leaders.

1st Thursday Bible Study will be meeting June 2nd at 6:00. Join us in the Bethany Room as we study **Messiah: the texts behind Handel's Masterpiece.**

PTL supports the school by paying for busing for field trips and daily busing, and organizing Back-to-School parties, Pilgrim meal, receptions for multiple events, cleaning the school, basketball concessions, pizza days at school, activities for National Lutheran Schools Week, and with many more activities. Thank you for participating in our fundraisers.

Thank you to all who helped with the sandwich sack lunches for Hope Ministries! Again, you amazed me with your love and compassion for the homeless. May God continue to bless us to be a blessing to others. Thanks again- Pastor Wonnacott.

-YOUTH NEWS -

Plants continue to be available in the Narthex after church services during May. Anyone is welcome to these plants; donations go to support our Youth attending the National Youth Gathering in July.

There are many opportunities to stay engaged with and support our Youth Group during the summer. The first is upcoming in June:

- **June 14th-17th / Fireman's Festival:** Youth will be providing soda and water to the public. Anyone willing to donate a 12 pack of soda or bottled water before then can drop those off in the Church Narthex under the Youth sign. Funds collected at the Fireman's Festival go to our general Youth program.
- More information on other activities can be found on our Youth bulletin board in the hallway.

- School Corner -

Please don't forget to donate to the SGO! We will be applying for scholarships for 2022-23 this summer. You will get a 50% state tax credit for your donation.

Enrollment is open for preschool through 8th grade, for the 2022-23 school year! Please "advertise" the Preschool and Elementary Schools to your friends and family and ask them to investigate what we have to offer! We offer an affordable, Christ-centered education with a dedicated and caring staff. **Preschool enrollment fills up fast!** More information is available at www.stpaulsbremen.church.

Thank you always for your support!

To God be all the glory!