

+The Divine Service+

The Second Sunday of Easter | April 12, 2026 | 8AM



The Incredulity of St. Thomas, Caravaggio.

The Risen Lord Jesus Appears Bodily to His Disciples

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Confession and Absolution

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

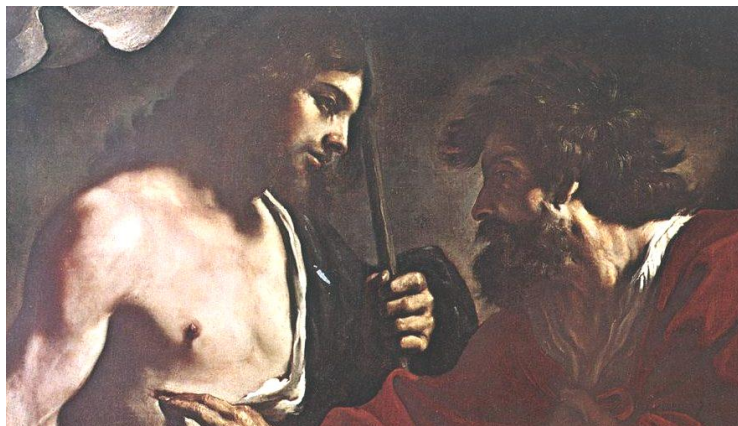
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Introit

Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

**He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



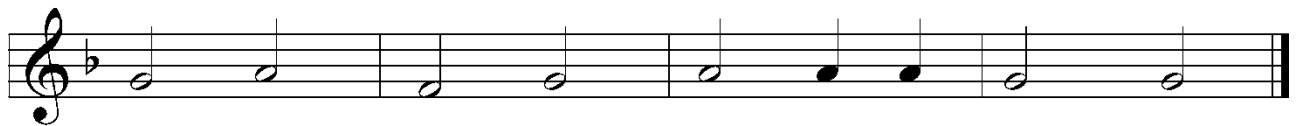
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

Kyrie



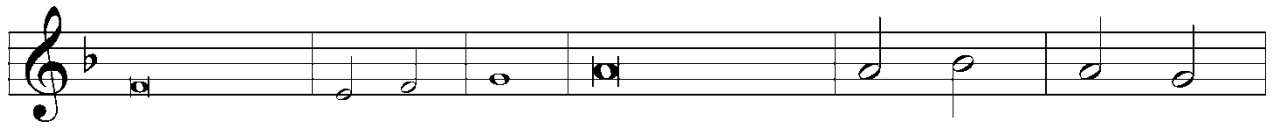
☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

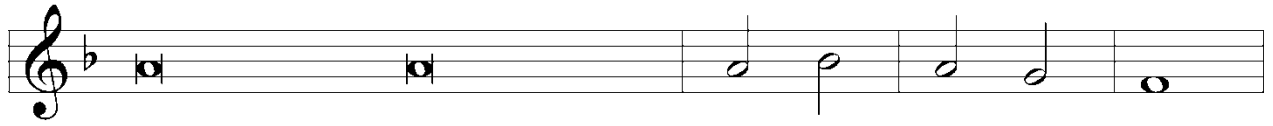
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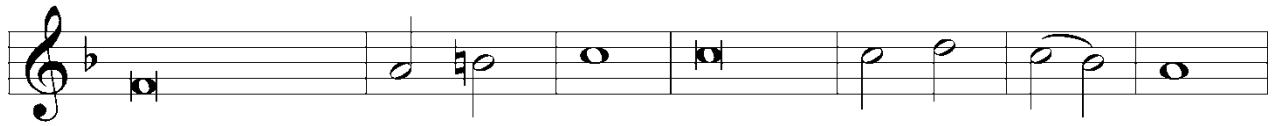
¶ Glory be to God on high: **☩** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



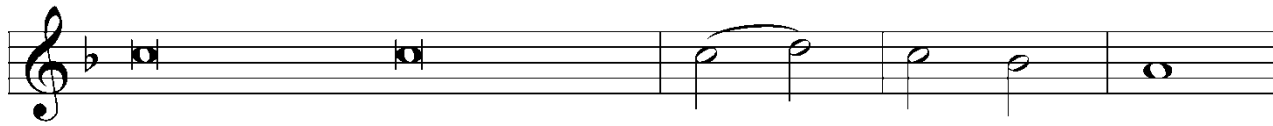
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



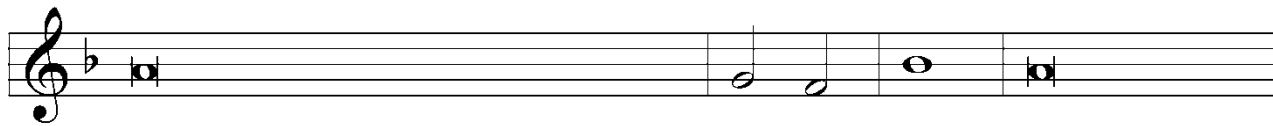
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



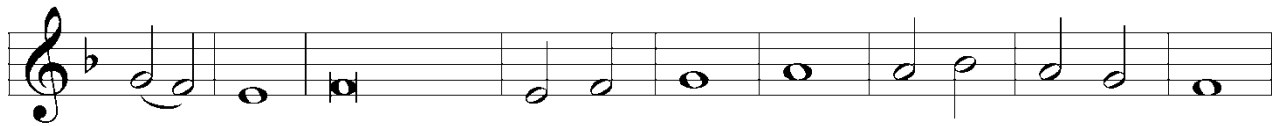
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of

the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Procession | 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
 Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day | 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!
- C** Amen.

Stand

Offertory

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

The Offering

The Choir sings "Christ Our Light and Life" as the Offering is received.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

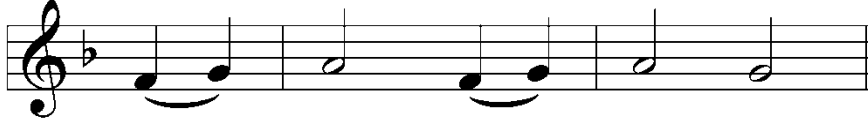
The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



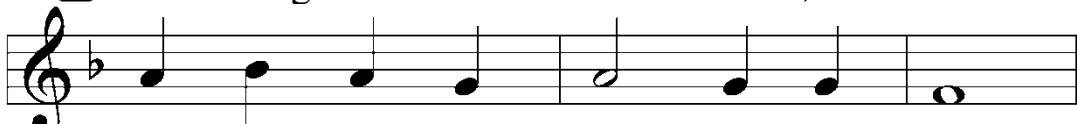
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
G A - men.

Agnus Dei

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☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

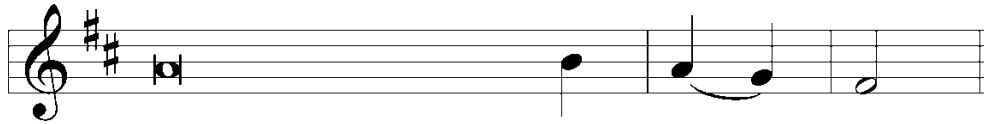
Distribution Hymn | 486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

Distribution Hymn | 462 All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding

Distribution Hymn | 468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives

Stand

The Dismissal



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

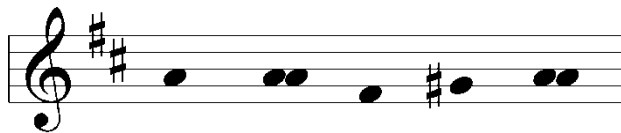
Post-Communion Collect

A 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 A - men.

Salutation



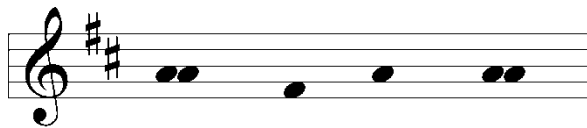
P The Lord be with you.



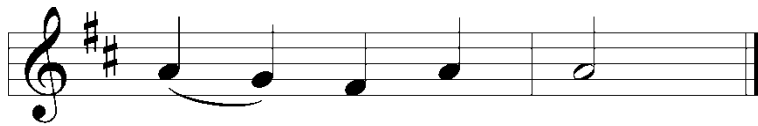
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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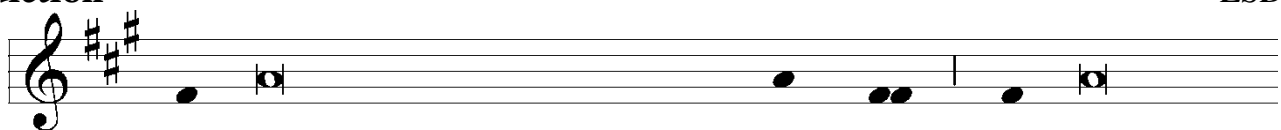
A Bless we the Lord.



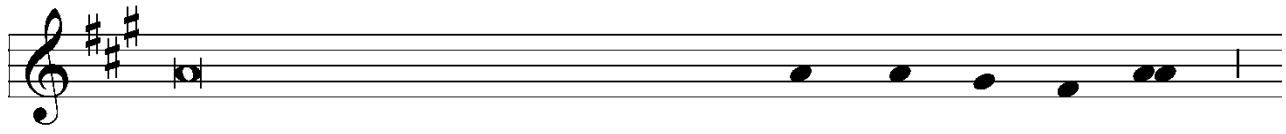
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

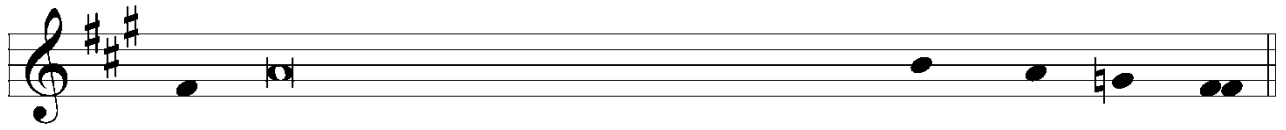
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart | 472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

Thomas gets a bad rap. We call him the doubter. Thomas says something true: **Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails...I will never believe.** On the one hand, should Thomas have believed the disciples' report of the resurrection? Yes. Jesus predicted before it would happen. He should have listened to Jesus. Had he listened to Jesus and believed, there would have been no doubt that what the Apostles told him was true. But on the other hand, what Thomas says in effect is, "I need the Lord Jesus in order to believe. I need him with me. I need his presence. I need his encouragement. I need to hear his living voice. I need him bodily present for my faith."

That is true. No less true for you and me than for Thomas. We don't get to see Jesus the way Thomas did. But if Christ wasn't bodily present with us, you and I would never believe either.

So here is the good news on this, the second Sunday of Easter: Jesus comes to them, and he comes to you. Jesus comes to his disciples, showing them his hands and his side, speaking a word of peace. Peace—every Christian ought to understand what it means. Peace means there is no longer war between heaven and earth. Peace means there is no longer war between God and man. Why was there war between God and man? Because of sin. Sin sets God and man at enmity—makes them enemies. In sin, we rebel against our Father in heaven. Our wills are set against his will. In sin, we stand under his judgment—his righteous sentence of condemnation.

When Jesus comes and says Peace, understand what that means. There is nothing that stands between you and God anymore. Your sin doesn't stand between you and God—because it was crucified on Good Friday. Jesus paid for it, redeemed you with his blood, reconciled you to the Father through his death. Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We no longer have to live in the fear that our Father in heaven is angry with us, or that he is going to punish us for our sins. We live in joy and glad confidence that all of our sins have been forgiven in Christ. Christ brings this message home with his crucified body to the disciples...and to you. That is the good news on this, the second Sunday of Easter.

Announcements

St. Paul

Elders, Council, and Voters Meetings will take place 4/13 and 4/14. We will meet in the sanctuary as the Ladies will be making noodles in the fellowship hall. Agendas in narthex.

Ladies Aid will be setting up to make noodles TODAY, April 12th. Those willing to stay after second service to help with set up, your service is appreciated. **We will be making noodles 4/13, 4/14, and 4/15 with final bagging and clean up 4/16 (Thursday).** Any and all help is welcome! If you have never participated in the life-changing noodle-making experience of the St. Paul Preble Ladies Aid, you are in for a wild ride, to say the least. Join us.

Confirmation Retreat. This Thursday 4/9 to Sunday 4/12, our five 8th grade catechumens will join the eighth graders of Friedheim and Bingen on a confirmation retreat, hosted by Pastors Brock, Ulmer, and Yeager, for the purpose of catechesis and fellowship. We pray for Jon, Jordan, Walt, Jazper, and Andrew as they prepare for their Confirmation in the Christian faith and as they are prepared by God's Word and the Catechism to receive the Supper of our Lord.

There are FREE **TLH hymnals** (St. Paul's old hymnal) in boxes in the entryway to the fellowship hall. These are free to any members who would like to have one or several.

Continue to support the **Nazareth and Norway missions** by the boxes in the narthex. The latest Nazareth newsletter can be found on the Nazareth box. Pick up a copy today.

Wyneken

Spring Association Meeting: Tuesday, April 21st at 7PM. Come join us! We would love to see familiar faces and share updates on all the great things happening at Wyneken.

Community

Cross Connections celebration and partnership dinner is Monday, April 13 at 6PM at Salomon Farm Park Wolf Family Center. Come and learn more about Cross Connections and join us for a fun and inspiring event catered by Shigs In Pit. Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Todd Peperkorn, CTS—Ft. Wayne. If you would like to attend, forms are in narthex. \$50/ticket.

Acolytes

4/12 8AM 10:15 Oliver Faurote

Attendance

Maundy Thursday 94

Good Friday 159

Easter Sunrise 115

Easter Day 202

Stewardship for 3/30/26

Offering: \$6,021.31

Online Offering: \$267.00

Total for the week: \$6,288.31

Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00

vs. Year to Date: -\$121.66

Prayer of the Church

+**The Sick and recovering:** Cheryl Hoffman, Mark Bulmahn, Joyce Fisher (mother of Jeff Smelser).

+**Our Wyneken School:** Mrs. Alexa Melcher, teachers, staff, students, and childcare.

+**Expectant mothers:** Chloe Johnson; Katie Keuneke; Sunni Jones; Kyndal Hall.

+**The Homebound:** Laurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Anita Spiegel, Judy Teague (all at Woodcrest); Don Haines, David Schueler (Ossian Health), Ron Selking (Residences, Chesterton).

+**Birthdays 4/8—4/14.** Angie Vogel, Sarah Reinhart, Randy Merriman, Holly Johnson, Nate Meshberger, Alan Zimmerman, Skyler Steiner, Kim Vitatoe, Karley Walker.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 12

8AM The Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Service

9:30AM Bible Study/Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15AM The Second Sunday of Easter—Matins

No Lutheran Lads Greek Study today; set up—noodles

Monday, April 13

Noodles—morning, fellowship hall

6PM Elders Meeting—Pastor's Study

7PM Council Meeting—Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 14

Noodles—morning, fellowship hall

7PM Voters Meeting—Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 15

Noodles—morning, fellowship hall

7PM Divine Service

7PM Choir Practice

Thursday, April 16

1PM Senior Fellowship

7PM Ladies Aid