

*Front Range
Mission Festival Service*

Hosted by St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

Sunday, April 23, 2023 – 11:00 am

Order of Service

Organist: Jeana Kettner; Pianist: Suzannah Miller
Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Don Claeys

Opening Prayer: Lord, we thank You for the Gospel message of salvation and the eternal life it brings us. Use that Gospel in our hearts this morning. Let it dwell in us richly, strengthening our faith and helping us to serve as effective ambassadors for our Savior. Show us the opportunities You provide for sharing Your life-giving Word with family, friends, and acquaintances and from there in ever-widening circles to the ends of the earth as we work together with our fellow Christians. Seeing these opportunities bless us with zeal, courage, and love for souls to act on them. Bless us in our worship together on this Mission Festival Sunday. Amen.

Hymn 502 (printed on page 8)

Saints of God, the Dawn is Brightening
From The Lutheran Hymnal

Welcome & Trinitarian Invocation

Confession and Absolution

P Dear fellow-redeemed, let us come before our Lord with an open and truthful heart and confess all of our sins before God with the confident trust that for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, He will grant us forgiveness.

All Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor sinner, confess before You all of my sins. I know that because of them I do not deserve anything but punishment here in this life and forever in eternity. But I come to You this day truly sorry for my sins and confidently expecting Your mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your Son Jesus Christ who paid the ransom price for the whole world. For His sake, O Father, grant me forgiveness for all of my sins.

P On the basis of this, your heartfelt confession of sins, I, as a called servant of our Lord, announce the gracious forgiving love of God unto all of you for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn 793:1-2 (maroon hymnal)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, You have saved us through the redeeming work of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Now You call us to be witnesses of this Good News. Inspire our witness that all may know the power of Jesus' forgiveness and the hope of His resurrection. We pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C (says) Amen.

Responsive Psalm Reading

From Psalm 66

P Shout with joy to God, all the earth!:

C Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

P Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!:
C So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.
P All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you:
C They sing praise to your name.
P Come and see what God has done:
C How awesome his works in man’s behalf!
P Praise our God, O peoples:
C Let the sound of his praise be heard.
P He has preserved our lives:
C And kept our feet from slipping.

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

14 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Song by the Choir & Children

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Text: Graham Kendrick

Second Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Confession of Faith

Martin Luther’s Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed

I believe that I cannot by my own reasoning or effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, nor come to Him; But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

The Sermon

Text: Jonah 1:8-9

8 So they asked him, “Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?” 9 He answered, “I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land.”

"A Reluctant Missionary: A Study of Jonah"

1. A Purpose: A Call from the LORD
2. A Message: The Word of God

(Preaching: Pastor Timothy Wheaton)

Offertory

Create in Me

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

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offerings received at this service, unless otherwise designated, will be contributed to the General Fund of the Church of the Lutheran Confession to help support the work of spreading the Gospel in our domestic and foreign missions and the operation of our school in Eau Claire, Wisconsin: Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary.

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn 826 (maroon hymnal)

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

Prayer of the Church

P Almighty God, grant to Your Church the gift of Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder Your Word from being freely preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people so that we may serve You in steadfast faith and confess Your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C 
A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: 924 (maroon hymnal)

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (4/23)	9:30 am	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Front Range Mission Festival Worship Service
	12:00 noon	Lasagna Dinner
Sun (4/30)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Call News: The CLC Call Committee on Graduates met on Wednesday evening and issued these calls: seminary graduate Jonah Albrecht to the dual parish of Redemption Lutheran of Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran of Tacoma, WA; teacher graduate Stephen Krause to Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE. We thank the Lord for His gifts to His Church and pray for the ministries of our graduates. <> Mrs. Chris Gerbitz has accepted the call to be teacher in the school of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church in Middleton, WI.

CLC Youth Camp Registration is open until May 31. The camp will take place from June 11-17, 2023 at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN for students entering Grades 6-12. Visit this website for more information and to register your camper: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp> or email Amber Casto and Sam Rademacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com with any questions.

Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (W. Columbia, SC) will be hosting **Christ's Explorers Camp** July 20-23 in Sevierville, TN. The camp is open to students entering Grades 3-9. Cost: \$100 per camper. This year's theme is "Guiding Lights" with the theme passage being Psalm 119:105. The devotions and Bible studies will focus on how Jesus and His Word help us to overcome the darkness and confusion of the sinful world around us. Slots still available! You may register at christsexplorerscamp.com.

Blessings Upon All who came to share this special occasion with us from our sister churches, Prince of Peace, Loveland and Redeemer, Cheyenne. What a privilege to gather with our fellow Christians from various locales for worship and fellowship. You are cordially invited to remain for the lasagna dinner to be served in the downstairs fellowship hall after the service. The Lord grant you a safe trip home afterwards.

In Our Prayers: The family of Hope Redlin, wife of retired pastor, Dale Redlin, who was called into the heavenly presence of the Lord last Wednesday. Her funeral service will be held tomorrow at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN. Hope was the mother of Julie (Redlin) Reim. Julie is the wife of Pastor David Reim who was originally scheduled to serve as our guest speaker today. (Our thanks to Pastor Wheaton for presenting the message from God's Word in Dave's stead.)

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 24 - April 29, '23

Mon John 14:1-6 On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus indicated that He was going to the Father and that He wanted to bring His disciples to the Father's house also. Although the way of suffering lay before Him then, He stands before us now as the Way to the Father, the Truth, and the Life (v6)!

Tues John 20:19-23 Jesus' victory over death means peace with God to His people (vv19,21). He sends out His disciples to bring peace and joy to many others and bestows the Holy Spirit upon them. The work of the Holy Spirit, whether it is received or whether it is rejected, is all about forgiveness (v23).

Wed Ephesians 2:4-10 God, in His great mercy, has not only raised up Christ, but has also made us alive together with Christ. In connection with Christ Jesus, He has seated us in the heavenly places, and brings us to His Father's house of many mansions. As we journey to that home, we walk the paths which He has prepared for us beforehand. This is His doing and His gift!

Thur Psalm 23:1-3 The Good Shepherd laid down His life for us and took it up again to lead each of us, His sheep, supplying all our needs. He feeds us in the pastures of His word, and daily renews our life by the refreshment of His word of forgiveness. He put His name upon us and leads us on all the pathways of our life!

Fri Psalm 23:4-6 Not even death can separate us from our Great Shepherd, and there is no adversary that He cannot overcome. In the midst of all that would oppose us, He prepares us a banquet table, a cup overflowing. Others may look back and see their sins catching up to them, but we see His goodness and mercy. Others see so dimly into the future, but His sheep are going to the house of the Lord forever.

Sat Colossians 3:1-4 The apostle reminds us that before God we died with Christ, and were raised with Him. Therefore we should look to Him who is above for our life, seek the things above, and set our minds on the things above, not on the temporary things of this earth. With Christ comes a glorious future!

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John 4 : 35
 Mary Maxwell, 1849, ab.

Regent Square
 Henry Smart, 1867

1 Saints of God, the dawn is bright-'ning, To - ken of our
 2 Now, O Lord, ful - fil Thy plea - sure, Breathe up - on Thy
 3 Soon shall end the time of weep - ing, Soon the reap - ing

com - ing Lord; O'er the earth the field is whit - 'ning;
 cho - sen band, And with Pen - te - cos - tal mea - sure
 time will come, Heav'n and earth to - geth - er keep - ing

Loud - er rings the Mas - ter's word: Pray for reap - ers,
 Send forth reap - ers o'er our land, Faith - ful reap - ers,
 God's e - ter - nal Har - vest - home. Saints and an - gels,

Pray for reap - ers, In the har - vest of the Lord!
 Faith - ful reap - ers, Gath - ring sheaves for Thy right hand.
 Saints and an - gels, Shout the world's great Har - vest - home. A - men.

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Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word

Rom. 10: 15

Walte, walte nah und fern

Jonathan F. Bahnmeier, 1827, ab.

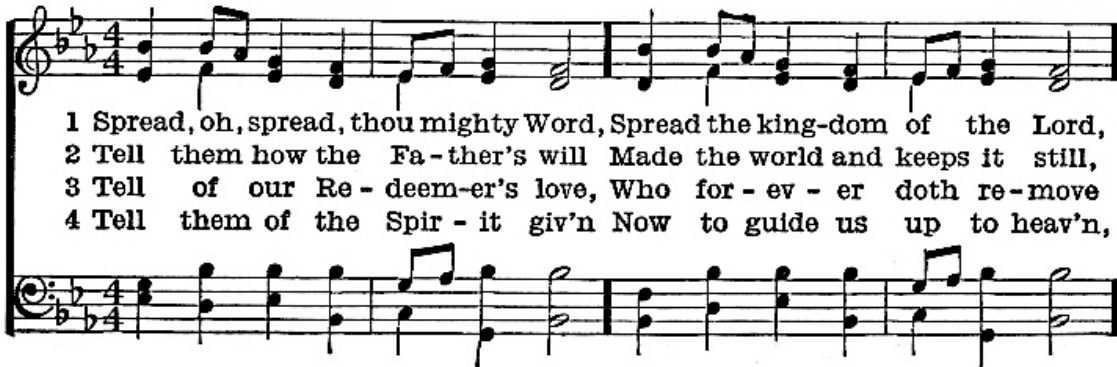
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.

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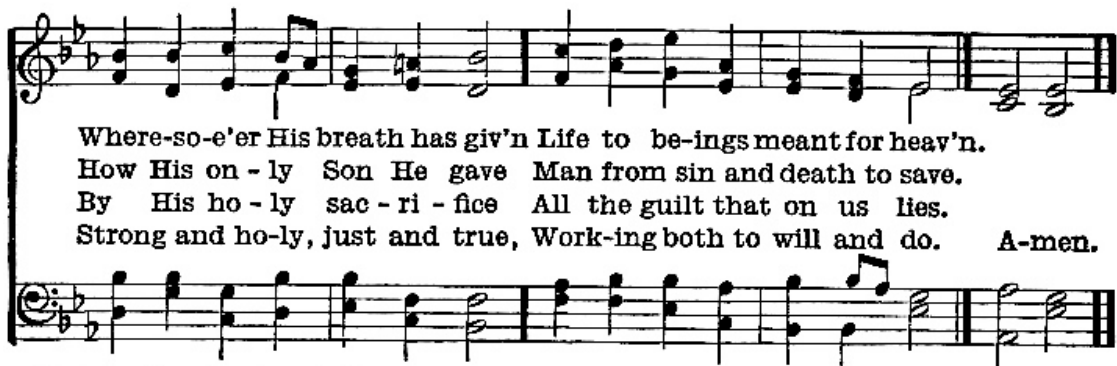
Höchster Priester

"Musikalischer Christenschatz"

Basel, 1745



1 Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word, Spread the king-dom of the Lord,
 2 Tell them how the Fa-ther's will Made the world and keeps it still,
 3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's love, Who for-ev-er doth re-move
 4 Tell them of the Spir-it giv'n Now to guide us up to heav'n,



Where-so-e'er His breath has giv'n Life to be-ings meant for heav'n.
 How His on-ly Son He gave Man from sin and death to save.
 By His ho-ly sac-ri-fice All the guilt that on us lies.
 Strong and ho-ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do. A-men.

5 Up! The ripening fields ye see.
 Mighty shall the harvest be;
 But the reapers still are few,
 Great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of Harvest, let there be
 Joy and strength to work for Thee
 Till the nations far and near
 See Thy light and learn Thy fear.



"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

