

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2026**

*Welcome to*

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Lakewood, Colorado**

**A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests.** It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States, in Canada, and throughout the continent of Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All our churches confess that the Bible is the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come and worship with us again. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!

**To Our Guests Seeking an Altar at Which to Commune:** We believe that those who partake of the Lord's Supper together are giving expression to the close-knit bond of fellowship God has created among them in *all* that the Bible teaches. For this reason we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us, by membership here or at another CLC church, to come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith but an expression of ours. If you have the desire to commune with us in the future, please speak with the Pastor at your convenience. We'd love to have you!



## **SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

*based on Worship Supplement 2000 (pp. 12-21)*

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Hymn**

LSB 901 – "*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*"

### **The Invocation**

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

### **Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness**

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: **Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the subsequent staves contain the melody for the following lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

## First Lesson – Acts 17:1-12

1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.” 4 And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading

women, joined Paul and Silas. 5 But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. 6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. 7 Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus." 8 And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. 9 So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. 10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.

### **Easter Acclamation**

P: The Lord is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord:

**C: And all the families of the nations shall bow before Him.**

P: The Lord is risen indeed!

**C: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," says the Lord. "No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

P: Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

**C: God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

P: "I am the Vine, you are the branches," says the Lord. "Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from Me you can do nothing."

**C: "This is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us."**

P: "By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

**C: "I go to prepare a place for you," says the Lord.**

P: "I will come again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."

**C: The Lord is risen indeed!**

### **Second Lesson – 1 Peter 2:4-10**

4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The

stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we 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!

### **Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed**

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 of the world to come. Amen.

### **Hymn of the Day**

LSB 708 – *"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"*

## Sermon, based on John 14:1-12

### *"The Departure that Brings Comfort"*

1. Comfort that lasts.
2. Comfort sure.
3. Comfort to share.

1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. 12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

### Offertory



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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

### Offering of Thankful Hearts

### Special Petitions / Prayer of the Church

## The 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 of the Day

LSB 628 – "Your Table I Approach"

P: The Lord be with you.

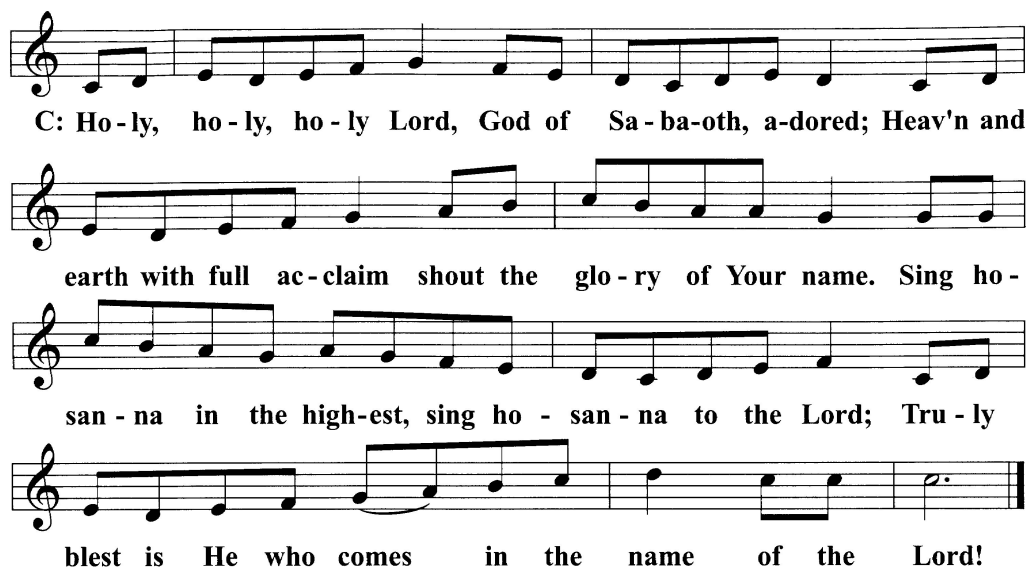
C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and we praise You especially for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by His sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by His resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*



C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-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!

## Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me. In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

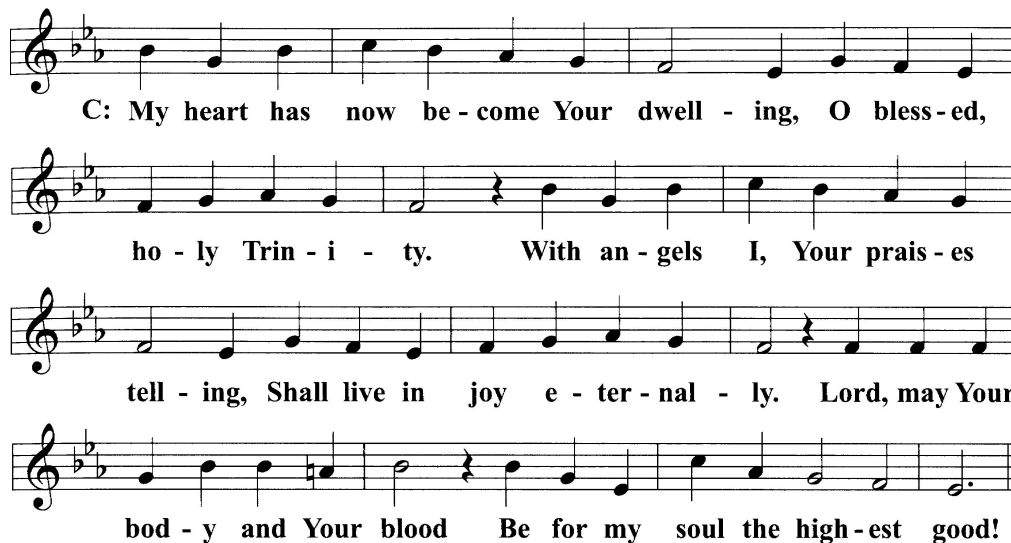
## Distribution of the Sacrament

### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 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: A  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For  
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
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.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## Benediction

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

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

## Closing Hymn

LSB 526 – "You Are the Way; through You Alone"

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## This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/3) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class  
Sun (5/10) 9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class

## Extended Calendar

- West-Central Delegate Conference: Tues-Thurs, May 19-21 (hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne)
- Annual Front Range Mission Festival: Sunday, June 14, 2:00 pm (hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland).
- 37<sup>th</sup> CLC Delegates Convention, Eau Claire, WI: Thurs-Sun, June 25-28

## In Our Prayers

- The family of Tim Wheaton who was called home to heaven last Monday, April 27. A victory service was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne last Thursday. We pray the family may find their source of comfort in the Lord Jesus who has delivered us from the clutches of death and made heaven a reality for all who anchor their hopes in Him. We thank the Lord for His wonderful reminder: *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."* John 11:25-26. Cards of condolence may be sent to: Trudy Wheaton, 3904 Campfire Trail, Cheyenne, WY 82001-7528.
- Scott and Carly Mess, whom the Lord blessed with the gift of a son, *Theodore Karl Mess*, on Saturday, April 25. We thank the Lord for this wonderful gift to Scott and Carly.
- Prayers of thanks to God for blessing Ruth Greening with successful back surgery. Ruth is recovering from the surgery at St. Anthony's Medical Center in Lakewood.
- We also ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members: Lance Clark, Ethel Eastridge, Mark Hartmeister, Pat Newton, Doug Tiefel, Jerry Wamboldt, and Julie Ann Zamora.

**Travel Alert:** Sunday, May 17 (two weeks from today) is the date for the 2026 Colfax Marathon. Please take note, as you may need to leave for church earlier than usual due to road closures.

**The West-Central Delegate Conference** will take place Tuesday through Thursday, May 19-21, hosted by Redeemer in Cheyenne. Ed Chiappetti, Mike Sprengeler, and Pastor Schuetze plan to represent St. Paul at this conference.

**The Annual Front Range Mission Festival** is scheduled for Sunday, June 14, at 2:00 pm, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland. The guest speaker will be Missionary Bruce Naumann. See the poster on the narthex bulletin board for details.

**Call News:** Pastor Jim Naumann of Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND, has accepted the vacancy call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND. <> ILC Education Program Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has accepted the vacancy call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

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