## +The Divine Service+

The Third Sunday of Easter | April 14, 2024 | 8AM



The Risen Jesus Appears to his Disciples, Duccio

#### Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

ST. PAUL is a liturgical, confessional congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 150 years, Christ's holy Word has been preached and his blessed Sacraments have been administered here. If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome. We are delighted to have you join us. Please sign the guest registry in the narthex and introduce yourself to one of the pastors today. They would be happy to speak with you.

### Holy Communion.

WE CONFESS the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. The Sacrament is offered to baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Christian faith, and who are members of our congregation or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If it has been over a year since the last time you communed, or if you are a visitor today, please speak to one of our pastors before receiving Holy Communion. Thank you.

### Prayer Before Worship.

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

Ps. 26:8

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Ps. 84:10

O LORD, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.



#### Processional Hymn | 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

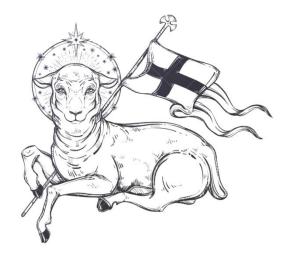
### **Confession and Absolution**

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,
- **and** You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.



### The Service of the Word

#### Introit

*Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b* 

In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

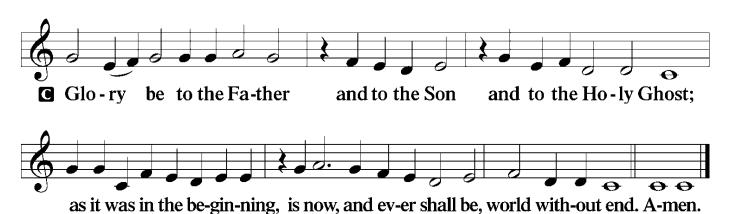
O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

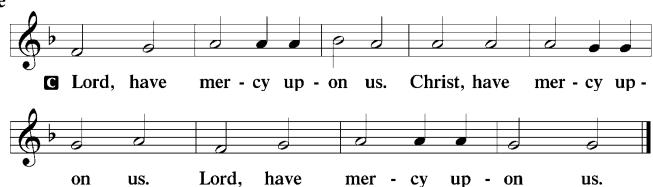
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.



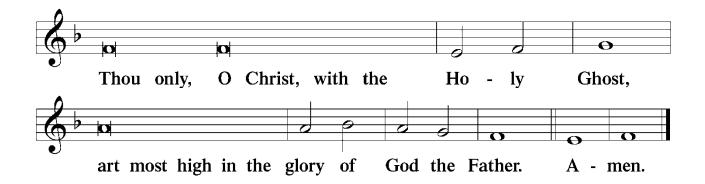
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Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187 O P Glory be to God on high: • and on earth peace, good - will toward we bless Thee, we wor-ship We praise Thee, Thee, men. we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Christ; Je - sus Lamb of God, O Lord God, Son the Father, of O 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. O O 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.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### **Old Testament Reading**

Acts 3:11-21

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** 1 John 3:1–7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

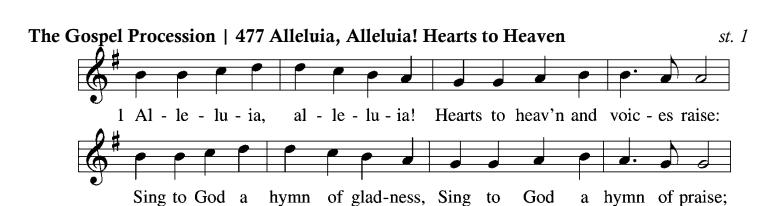
<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

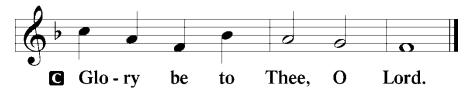






**Holy Gospel** *Luke 24:36–49* 

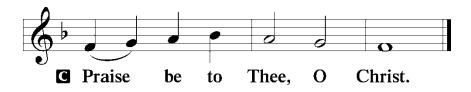
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nicene Creed

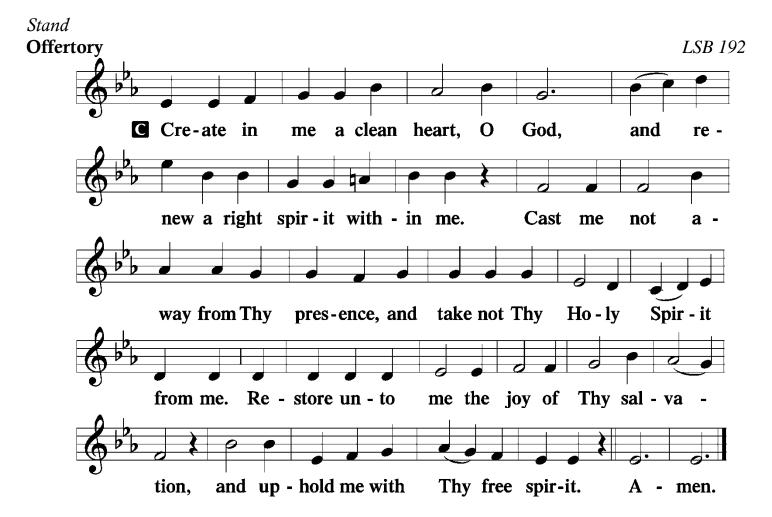
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### Hymn of the Day | TLH 207 Like the Golden Sun Ascending (see insert)

#### Sermon

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

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



Sit
The Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

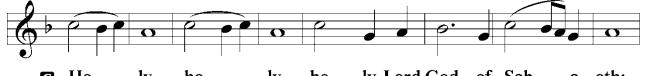
## The Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194



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:





**□** 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 cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

#### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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 LSB 197





**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 | 878 Abide with Me

Distribution Hymn | 585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

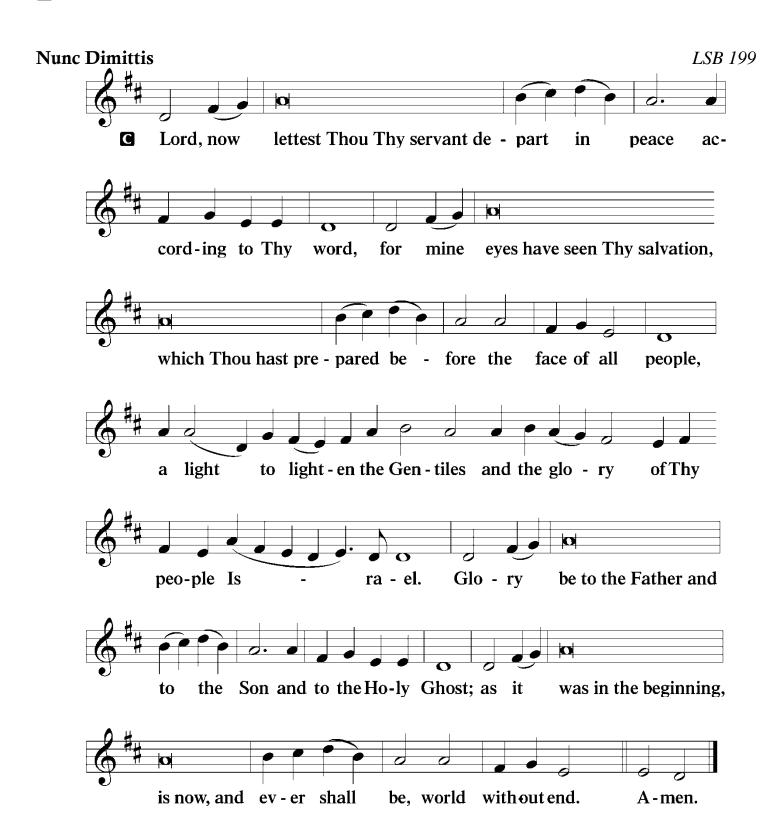
Distribution Hymn | 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Stand

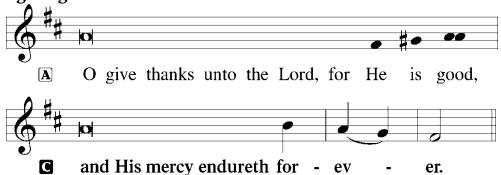
The Dismissal

**P** The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.





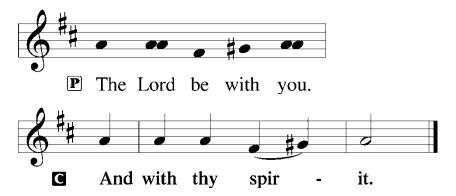


#### **Post-Communion Collect**

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.



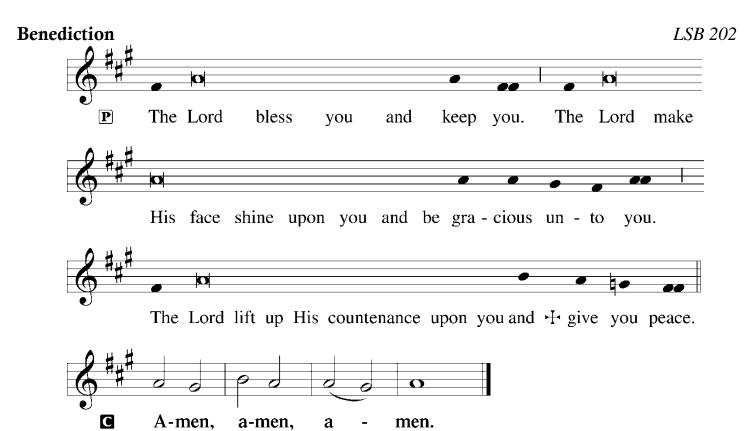
#### **Salutation**



Benedicamus LSB 202







Hymn to Depart | 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



## St. Peter's Sermon in Solomon's Portico

A Meditation on the Word of God / Acts 3:11-21

We get an entirely different St. Peter after Easter than before Easter. It is as if he is a completely different man. On Good Friday, we heard how the Rock became a chicken before a servant girl. How he denied the Lord Jesus there, even though he told the Lord, just a few hours before, **Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you**. Why did he deny? Because he was afraid. Fear destroys boldness, saps courage, and can make us give up even our deepest convictions.

And then on Easter evening, we find those ten disciples, again, afraid. Locked behind closed doors for fear of the Jews. Afraid that what their enemies did to Jesus, they might do also to them. And then, today, in one of his post-resurrection appearances, we find that they are afraid of even Jesus himself. Startled. Frightened. Thought they saw a ghost or a spirit. A bad conscience will do that to you. It will make you afraid of everything. A bad conscience will make you afraid of the devil and God and terrified by so little as a wind-driven leaf. You get the impression they cowered in fear every time they heard the wind in the trees.

But in our first reading today, we meet a different St. Peter. He is a man filled with boldness, and confidence, and the absence of fear. They teach us at the Seminary that it is rather harsh to preach the Law in the second person: "You are a sinner. You deserve death and hell." You should say "we," they teach. That makes it a little less threatening to the hearer.

St. Peter obviously did not get that lesson on preaching at the Seminary. He said, "You killed the Author of Life." "You denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you." "You delivered [him] over and denied [him] in the presence of Pilate, when [Pilate was about to] release him." He is looking right into the eyes of the men who delivered Jesus over to death and he's convicting them of murder. He is preaching the Law in its full sternness, not caring at all what may happen to him for it.

Is this the same individual, who when the rooster crowed, was revealed as a big chicken? What happened to him? Where did he get such boldness? Such confidence? Such a change of mind and heart? The coward has become the courageous. After Easter, Peter is a person who could sing stanza four of A Mighty Fortress, and mean it: "Take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife, though these all be gone, they yet have nothing won. The kingdom ours remaineth."

It is as if Peter thinks, "Preach the Word, in season and out of season, and let the chips fall where they may. Some will hear and believe. Others won't. And those who don't might stone me, and crucify me like they did to Jesus. But so, it does not matter. They have taken nothing away from me. And I have lost nothing." What happened to St. Peter? What changed?

Here is the simple message for today: where faith is, fear cannot abide. Jesus comes out of the grave on Easter. He comes back to his disciples, and to you and me, to give us such faith. Faith is a lively trust and confidence of the heart that is rooted and founded upon Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection from the dead. This faith, this trust of the heart, takes hold of the forgiveness of sins, and believes, that what Christ did there on the cross, he did for me, sinner that I am. This faith drives out fear and bestows a lively trust and confidence in Christ.

### **Announcements**

#### St. Paul

Gently Used/Bake Sale. Our Ladies Aid Society will again be putting on a Gently Used and Bake Sale. It will be held Friday, April 19 from 8-4PM and Saturday, April 20 from 8-11AM. The congregation is invited to bring clean, gently used items to the Church fellowship hall after late service on April 14th (no TV's please!) until no later than Thursday, April 18th at noon. We will also be having a bake sale and invite anyone to contribute baked products to a good cause! The money generated from these salesare used to help with ongoing costs of upkeep, maintenance, beautification and spreading cheer here at St. Paul. We greatly appreciate all donations of time, talent, and treasure! Ladies Aid members please note we may begin sorting through the week of the 14th and will start marking items on Thursday the 18th at 5pm with the meeting to follow at 7PM. Please mark your calendars. Thank you!

<u>Help the poor!</u> Nazareth Lutheran Church is a small, growing congregation of Spanish-speaking immigrants in the heart of Baltimore, Md. They are a self-funded congregation but rely on mission dollars from generous donors across the synod for survival. St. Paul has made Nazareth an official mission of our congregation for the year. Remember them in your charitable giving. Proceeds support the spread of the Gospel. Donation box is in the narthex.

**Confirmation** of our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be <u>Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup></u> in the late service. Examination of our confirmands will take place the Sunday before, 4/28 during the late service. Pastor requests that all 8<sup>th</sup> graders be present for an examination prep-day from 8-12PM in the fellowship hall Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We rejoice with our nine confirmands at St. Paul this year: Chase Baker, Jase Ehlerding, Avree Fisher, Khloe Fuelling, Kaylee Kolter, Jonathan Miller, Clayton Minnich, Max Nussbaum, and Ella Sovine. God bless these young Christians.

#### Youth

<u>Sunday, April 14; 2-6 p.m. – Bowling & More at Georgetown.</u> We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at <u>2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14</u> to carpool to Georgetown Entertainment. There we shall bowl. We shall also enjoy the 4D Dark Ride Theater (whatever that is) and the Augmented Rock Wall and the Spin-Zone Bumper Cars. Oh, and there will be food. All of it will be included for \$10 per youth. We plan to be back at Bingen by 6 p.m. Parents, as always, we need drivers, who get to play and eat for free. Please let Pastor Brock know if you're willing.

#### Wyneken

<u>Food donations sought</u>. The Wyneken PTL Food & Beverage Committee is seeking donations for snacks for the teacher lounge! Here are just a few ideas.

- Individual snacks- individual trail mix/ nuts- individual candy k cups- granola bars- water
- soda. Let's show our appreciation to the Wyneken teachers & staff and help them finish the year strong!! Please place in the narthex in the box labeled "Wyneken PTL."

The Wyneken Wrestling Team is sponsoring a **Cornhole Tournament** at Zion Friedheim Lutheran Family Life Center **Saturday April 20** @ **11:30am**. Planning for a great day of food and fun supporting our wrestling team with prizes for the top 2 places, First Place \$100 and Second Place \$50. Single Elimination Team winning first 2 out of 3 games moves on to the next round. Opportunity to "Buy Back In" will be available. Registration Fee is \$40 per team and can be submitted the day of the tournament. Anyone interested Please RSVP by April 10 to Shane McBride 260-223-1149 or Corbin Bultemeier 260-223-7352. Come join the fun and help support our kids. All ages welcome. All proceeds will be utilized for wrestling equipment and towards the purchase of new wrestling mats. Concessions will be available.

Wyneken Annual **Spring Association Meeting**. The annual spring association meeting will be held at **7pm on Tuesday, April 30th** in the St. John Bingen Parish Hall. Members encouraged to pick up a copy of the agenda and proposed Wyneken budget following the service today.

<u>A new SCRIP Coordinator is needed</u>. Please prayerfully consider serving in this volunteer capacity. If interested, contact Mr. Gavrun at <a href="mailto:principal@wyneken.org">principal@wyneken.org</a> or 260-639-6177.

<u>Openings for Infants</u>. The Wyneken Childcare Program would like to thank members of St. Paul, St. John, and Zion Friedheim for their continued prayers and support. We now have openings in our infant room as well as limited availability in the one year old classroom as well as in the two year old/three year old classroom. If you are in need of care, please contact us to see if we can help! Contact Jen Conrad or Janine Albert at 260-639-6064. Thank you

<u>Teacher sought</u>. The Wyneken Memorial Lutheran school board of education seeks a middle school language arts teacher to begin in the 2024-2025 school year. Individuals who are experienced, have LCMS synodical and theological training, as well as an Indiana teaching license are preferred. Those interested in this teaching position are asked to submit a resume and cover letter to Principal Andrew Gavrun. For additional information, please contact Mr. Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

<u>Praise Be to God & Congratulations!</u> We celebrate with Ms. Tricia Day (Grade 5 teacher) for 10 years of service, Mrs. Machelle Bradburry (bookkeeper) with 10 years of service, Mr. Chad Baumann (maintenance) with 5 years of service, and Mrs. Margie Edwards (teacher aide) with 5 years of service. Praise be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for devoted teachers and staff members who serve at Wyneken!

Buy Nelson's Chicken to Support 6<sup>th</sup> Grade D.C. Trip. Support Wyneken's Class of 2026 Washington D.C trip by purchasing delicious half chickens provided by Nelson's Catering & Fundraising. Reach out to a current 6th grade student to purchase your pre-sale tickets now through April 30th! 1 half chicken=\$10.00. Pick up your hot- off- the grill order Sunday, May 12t, 10 am-12:30 pm at Bingen, Preble, or Friedheim.

#### LWML

The **LWML Spring Rally** will be held at St John Flatrock on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 27</u>. Registration begins at 8:45 and the speakers at 9:00. Pastor Donald and Sandy Sauls from Compassionate Ministries will be our guest speakers. The In-gathering will be for the food

pantry at Compassionate. Ministries: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, beans (canned or dried), canned vegetables and fruit, tomato products, noodles, canned tuna, canned chili, Hamburger and Tuna Helpers, Jello, pudding, cake mixes, soup, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, and paper towels.

#### Seminary—CTS—Ft. Wayne

**Easter Evening Prayer** at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. The Schola Cantorum and Kantorei of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne (CTSFW) will present Bach Cantata 67 for the Easter season, "Hold in Remembrance Jesus Christ," in a service of Evening Prayer on Sunday, **April 14, 4PM** in Kramer Chapel on the Seminary campus. The choirs, directed by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra and joined by soloists Dr. Charles Brown (Concordia University Chicago), Ashlee Bickley, Emily Bird, and Jonathan Busarow. Music by Heinrich Schutz and Carl Schalk will also be included, as well as congregational hymns and canticles. For more info <a href="https://www.ctsfw/edu/events">www.ctsfw/edu/events</a>.

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 14 8AM The Third Sunday of Easter—Divine Service

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

10:15AM Third Sunday of Easter—Matins

11:30AM Confirmation

2PM—Bowling and More—youth event 4PM—Evening Prayer, CTS Kramer Chapel

Wednesday, April 17 7PM Divine Service

7PM Choir

Thursday, April 18 7PM Ladies Aid

Friday, April 19 8AM-4PM Gently Used/Bake Sale Saturday, April 20 8AM-11AM Gently Used/Bake Sale

11:30AM Cornhole Tournament—Freid. Fellowship hall

Sunday, April 21 8AM The Fourth Sunday of Easter—Matins

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## **Prayer of the Church**

- +Sick and Recovering: Gene Bulmahn, Ted Buuck, Mike Hoffman.
- +Wyneken: our teachers, Julie Smith, students, staff, and childcare.
- +**The Homebound**: Marge Merriman; Laurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling (all at Woodcrest); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Assisted living facility—Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays:** Cheryl Reinking, Mike Hoffman, Kingston Huff, Jamie Miller, Arlema Ehlerding, Tim Korte, Tom Korte, Paula Werling.

## Acolytes 4/14

8AM Jase Ehlerding

10:15AM Derick Vogel

### Attendance

Wed. 4/3 12

Sun. 4/7 Early 115

Sun. 4/7 Late 92

## Stewardship

Offering: \$7,911.55 Online: \$625.02 Total: \$8,536.57

vs. weekly goal: +\$1,048.57 vs. YTD: +\$1,619.75



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