



resurrection
REALity

Fifth Sunday of Easter
*The Living Lord Produces
Active Faith*

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

April 28, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME

Generally, our actions are shaped by our beliefs. People who eat low-carb diets do so, probably not because they hate pasta, but because they believe it healthiest. If a man buys stock in a company, it probably is because he believes in their business plan. Our beliefs shape our behavior. This is true of Christians’ belief in the resurrection. We believe that Christ’s resurrection means our resurrection to a glorious eternal life is guaranteed. That inevitably shapes how we will act now. However, it is not simply the facts of the resurrection that shape our behavior. It is the person of the resurrection. Jesus is not some wise, dead sage whose advice is contained in dusty books. Jesus lives! Therefore, through his Word, he is able to work on our minds and hearts, molding them to his perfect will. Here is a resurrection reality. Jesus fills us with his Spirit, not only so that we have faith, but also so that we produce the fruits of faith he seeks.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Organist.....Noah Helke

Acknowledgments

Setting Three from Christian Worship
Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.
Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House.
Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

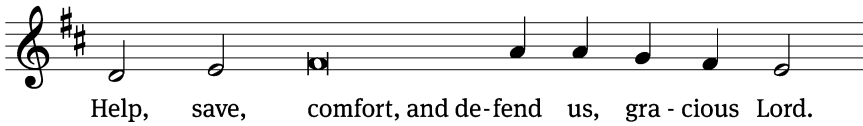
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

Tune: David Kauffman; William Gokelman

Tune: © 2021 GFTSMUSIC Publishing Company, Inc., admin. Music Services. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 727266

938 This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. Ref-5, Final Refrain

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: v. 4
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922–1980
 Tune: Richard W. Hillert, 1923–2010
 Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 727266
 Tune: © 1975, 1988 Richard W. Hillert. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 727266

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 4:32–37

In the early church, as the apostles preached the resurrection of Christ, the living Lord produced the fruits of unity and generosity.

The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them. There was not a needy person among them. For from time to time those who were owners of lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds received from what was sold, and laid it at the apostles' feet. It was distributed to each one according to what anyone needed. Joseph, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated "son of encouragement"), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him. He brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

63 In the Morning I Will Sing

Psalms 63

Second Reading

1 John 3:18–24

St. John encourages us to demonstrate living faith in loving words and actions.

Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth. This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

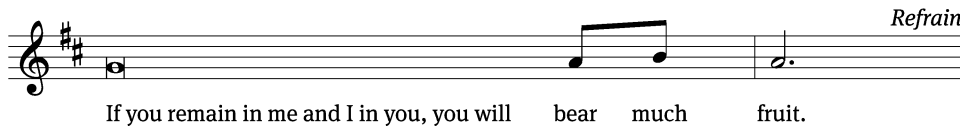
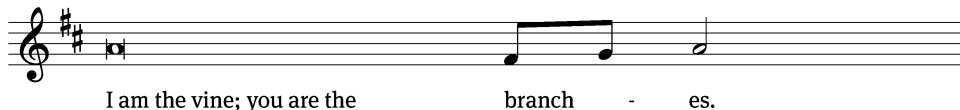
John 15:5



Refrain



Tone



Tune: © 2010, 2021 GFTSMUSIC Publishing Company, Inc., admin. Music Services. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 727266

Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus is the vine who gives us, his branches, the ability to produce fruits of faith.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit. “You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the

vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

469 Welcome, Happy Morning

CW 469

Sermon

Colossians 2:6-8: Connecting Christ to Campus

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.
Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offering

595 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595

Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

454 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

CW 454 sts. 1, Ref, 2-3

News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Elaine Stier in memory of Louis Stier. Thank you!

Thank You

Thank you Pastor Dan Lindner for sharing your message from God's Word with us and presenting on our WELS Campus Ministry Program as well as the challenges college students face today.

Martin Luther College Congregation Grant Program

MLC, our college which trains Christian teachers and prepares future pastors to attend the Seminary, has a program which matches gifts given to help with tuition for students from the congregation dollar for dollar. The maximum amount has been increased this year to \$1,450. We have one student from our congregation at MLC, Morgan Glowicki. What this means is that a gift from our congregation members of \$1,450 will be \$2,900 towards her 2024-2025 tuition. If you would like to participate in this program, gifts can be placed in the well in the gathering area. The deadline for the church to submit gifts is June 30.

New Mover Outreach

Every month our congregation sends a card to people who have recently moved to Jordan. We would like to make a personal contact with those people and deliver a bag of useful household items to them. If you would like to help in that delivery each month, please speak with Pastor Glowicki or Noah Helke.

Media Booth and Acolyte

We need volunteers for the media booth and acolytes. If you need the link for the sign-up genius, you can find it on our website slpjordan.com under the "member info" tab.

2024 Joint Ascension Service

The 2024 Ascension Service will be held at Friedens Lutheran Church, New Prague, on May 9th at 7 pm. There will be a joint potluck beginning at 5:30 p.m. All attendees are welcome to bring a dish to pass and/or a dessert. You are welcome to join the joint choir which meets to practice on Sundays, April 28th and May 5th at 4p.m. The practices will be at Friedens. If you are interested in playing brass, please let Pastor Glowicki know as soon as you can. You can text him at 763-244-9926. Friedens is at 28983 181st Ave, New Prague, MN 56071.

Theology on Tap

Do you want to study the Bible and fellowship with other Christians in a casual place away from church? Theology on Tap may be for you. The first meeting is May 23rd at 6:30 pm at Mana Brewing in Shakopee. Mana has a brick oven for pizza and other menu items if you want to order food. You can check out their menu at their website.

May Senior Fellowship

The May Senior Fellowship meets for breakfast at the Feed Mill at 9 am on May 2nd. Note the time change.

MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Woven 6 pm	2 Senior Coffee Fellowship 9 am @ Feed Mill	3	4
5 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am Confirmation	6 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	7	8	9 Festival of the Ascension 7 pm	10	11
12 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am Fellowship	13 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	14 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	20 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	21 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	22	23 Theology on Tap 6:30 pm Mana Brewing	24	25
26 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am WELS Connection	27 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm					

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
4/28	9 Am	Isak Carlstrom	1	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
5/5	9 AM	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
5/12	9 AM	(Need Volunteer)	3	(Need Volunteer)	-

May Altar Guild	May Cleaners
Jodi Bertrang/Melanie Sparby	-
May Counters	Spring Service Group Leader
-	Craig and Melanie Sparby
June Altar Guild	
Angela Ambroz/Nancy Stocker/Brenda Stocker	

Attendance	
Sunday	108
Monday	14
Total	122

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$10210	\$3834
Online Giving	\$1101	
Total	\$11311	\$3834



For more information, be sure to subscribe to St. Paul E-News and Like us on Facebook!

100 Sixth St. W
 Jordan MN
 952-492-6303
www.spljordan.com
office.spljordan@gmail.com