



Munster, Indiana 2024

# Welcome

divine service IV



## WORSHIP FOLDER

LCMS

**March 16 and March 17**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

### **Members and Guests:**

*Please silence cell phones*

**Before the service begins**, some people choose to pray and meditate in the sanctuary, while others choose to catch up with their church family and friends in the narthex. Please respect both options by keeping food, drink, and conversation in the narthex, so the joyful noise of Christian conversation can coexist with the contemplative silence and sacred music prior to the service.

Our sanctuary is equipped with receivers for **hearing assistance**. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use one. We also have **large print hymnals** available in the narthex.

We appreciate **infants and young children in worship** and encourage parents to keep their children in the pew despite occasional distracting behavior as they learn and grow. Feel free to borrow a book or Quiet Bag from the racks by the sanctuary doors. If, however, you decide you need a quiet place, you may use our Quiet Room located in the rear left of the sanctuary.

### **Holy Communion:**

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices closed communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to one of the pastors about exceptions to this general practice. This practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply believe our communing together is also a public profession of what we as a congregation teach and confess.

### **Prelude** "Christ the Life of All the Living" (J.C. Bach)

*(Those who wish may bookmark hymns prior to the service. The hymns for this service are: 903, 756, 811, 624, 423, and 685).*

### **Welcome & Ringing of the Bell**

### **Hymn—903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made**

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## **+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

### **Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## Confession of Sins

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Concerning confession and absolution we believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.*

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## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### Introit (Spoken by Pastor/Congregation)

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,  
**from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**  
I love the LORD, because he has heard  
**my voice and my pleas for mercy.**  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
**therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**  
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs  
of Sheol laid hold on me;  
**I suffered distress and anguish.**  
Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
**"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**  
For you have delivered my soul from death,  
**my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,  
**from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34*

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual *(spoken together)*

**[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## Epistle: *Hebrews 5:1 - 10*

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The congregation is seated for the first two Scripture readings. The pastor will indicate when to sit and when to stand throughout the service, but those who prefer to remain seated may do so. Whether you use the insert, the pew Bible, or simply prefer to listen to God's Word, please also "hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it."*

*Here the writer to the Hebrews tells us about the unique position of the Christ. He is the only begotten Son of God and He is appointed by His Father to be a priest forever after the order Melchizedek. Melchizedek was king of Salem and a priest of God most high in the time of Abraham.*

## Holy Gospel: Mark 10: 32 - 45

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Jesus teaches His disciples in the way of the cross, telling them again that He will be condemned and put to death "and after three days he will rise." But the twelve do not understand.*

## Nicene Creed

**C** **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.

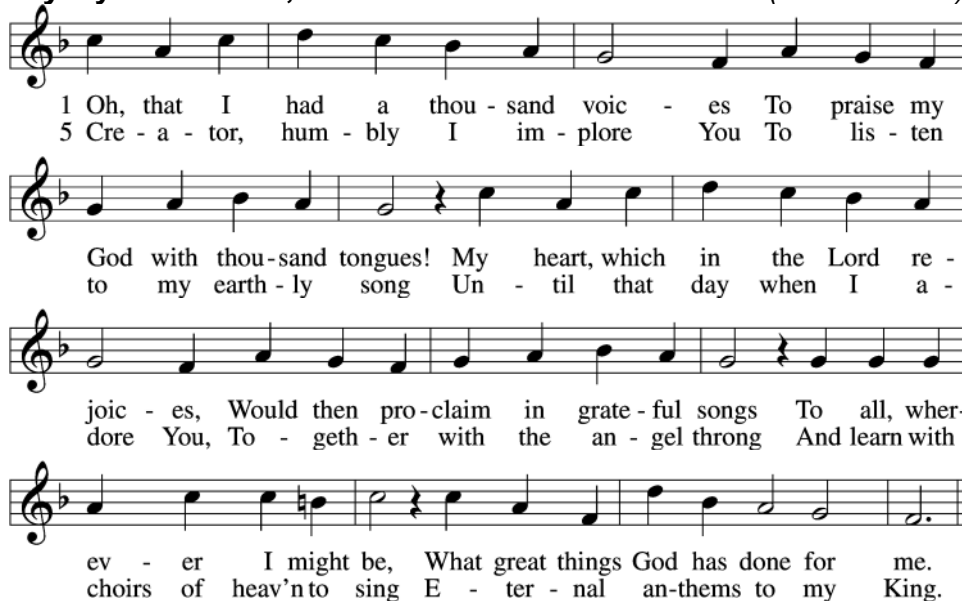
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is  
 worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*At the 9:30 service, as the sermon hymn begins, children ages preschool through 4th grade are welcome to be dismissed for Sunday School. Pickup is at the end of the worship service.*

## Sermon Hymn—756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

**Sermon:** Pastor Donald Stock

## Offertory Hymn 811 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices (stanzas 1 & 5)



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten

God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
 to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -

joic - es, Would then pro-claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -  
 dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with

ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
 choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an-thems to my King.

*Those wishing to make an offering can find the collection plate on the table in the narthex before and after the service. Donations can also be made securely online at our website.*

*God's rich blessings to Linda Rodriguez who celebrates her birthday this week.*

## Prayer of the Church

*EACH PETITION OF THE PRAYER ENDS WITH "LORD, IN YOUR MERCY..." TO WHICH ALL RESPOND "HEAR OUR PRAYER." THE PRAYERS CONCLUDE...*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*May God continue to bless Robert and Mary Ann Selent who celebrate 40 years of marriage on 3/17.*

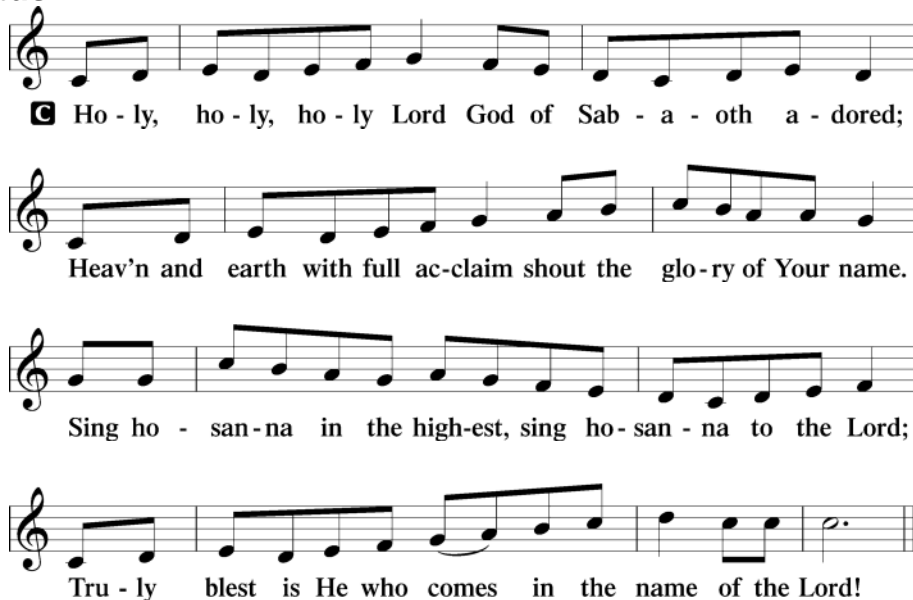
## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*The song of heaven.  
We unite our voices in  
this eternal chorus and  
confess the glory and  
majesty of our God  
with all the heavenly  
host! Here in this  
moment we are closer  
to heaven and to the  
Church Triumphant  
than anywhere else on  
earth, here we are  
joined in that happy  
throng and take our  
place among the  
faithful who have gone  
before us as we  
prepare to partake of a  
foretaste of the feast  
they are attending  
for eternity.*

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - 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!

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.


## Words of Institution

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## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*As we come forward to receive forgiveness, we remember also the "sin of the world" which is on constant, ongoing display, and remember that Jesus as the Lamb of God has taken it all upon Himself.*

*Those who are not communing today are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Please fold your arms with your hands on your shoulders to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.*

## Distribution

9:30 Junior Ringers "L'Angelus" (Rosene)  
Hymn—624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born  
Hymn—423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

## Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -  
For 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.

## Post-Communion Collect

- P** 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** Amen.

## Benedicamus & Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.  
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart—685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

### Postlude “My Song is Love Unknown” (Held)

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## Serving this Week:

**Preaching:** Rev. Donald Stock

**Organ:** Karen Foote

**Greeters:** Mike & Janet Hawkins (5:30),  
Andrew & Jen Braatz (8:00),  
Brad Rathert (9:30)

## Last Week at St. Paul's

**Attendance:** 265

**Communed:** 232

**Hartsfield/Cedarhurst:** 31

**Plate Offering:** \$23,326

**Online Offering:** \$6,986

**Total:** \$30,312

**Weekly Budget:** \$16,538

## This week at St. Paul's

**Sunday, March 17**

10:45 am New Member Class

5:00 pm High School Youth Night

6:00 pm CYVL Banquet

**Monday, March 18**

3:15 pm Jubilate Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Board of Education

6:30 pm Board of Evangelism

6:30 Board of Youth

7:00 pm Basketball Clinic

**Tuesday, March 19**

Cook's Night Off: Fundraiser at Chipotle in  
Munster from 4 to 8pm

9:30 am Cedarhurst Worship Service

10:45 am Hartsfield Worship Service

7:00 pm Board of Stewardship

7:00 pm Men's Basketball

7:00 pm Men's Dartball

**Wednesday, March 20**

6:45 am Men's Bible Study

8:30 am Chapel

10:00 am Bible Study

3:30 pm Lenten Service

4:45 pm Lenten Meal

6:30 pm Lenten Service

**Thursday, March 21**

10:00 am Bible Study

12:30 LWML Meeting

6:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Master's Ringers Rehearsal

**Friday, March 22**

Church Office Closed

Pastor Krebs on call (812) 498-2161

6:00 pm Middle School Dance

**Saturday, March 23**

8:00 am AA Meeting

10:30 am AA, Al-anon & Al-ateen

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

## Next Week's Readings:

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 118: 19-29 and Psalm 31: 9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47 and John 12:12-43