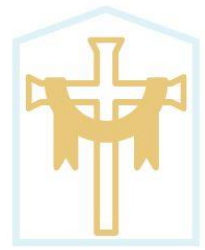


Munster, Indiana 2025

# Welcome



## WORSHIP FOLDER

LCMS

May 11 • May 12  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

### 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 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Gerike)

Today's worship service is **Divine Service I**, beginning on page 151 in the Lutheran Service Book. Those who wish may bookmark hymns prior to the service. The hymns for this service are: 725, 709, 895, 625, 740 and 937.

Congregants may wish to say or read the following prayer (which is found among others in the front cover of your hymnal) prior to the worship service: **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.**

### Welcome & Ringing of the Bell

### Hymn of Invocation—725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1	Chil - dren	of	the	heav'n - ly	Fa - ther	Safe - ly			
2	God	His	own	doth	tend	and	nour - ish;	In	His
3	Nei - ther	life	nor	death	shall	ev - er	From	the	
4	Though	He	giv - eth	or	He	tak - eth,	God	His	



in	His	bos - om	gath - er;	Nest - ling	bird	nor	star	in	
ho - ly	courts	they	flour - ish.	From	all	e - vil	things	He	
Lord	His	chil - dren	sev - er;	Un - to	them	His	grace	He	
chil - dren	ne'er	for - sak - eth;	His	the	lov - ing	pur - pose			



heav - en	Such	a	ref - uge	e'er	was	giv - en.			
spar - es	them;	In	His	might - y	arms	He	bears	them.	
show - eth,	And	their	sor - rows	all	He	know - eth.			
sole - ly	To	pre - serve	them	pure	and	ho - ly.			

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958  
Tune: Lofsånger och andeliga visor, 1873, Sweden

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## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*SILENCE FOR REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD AND FOR SELF-EXAMINATION.*

### Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### Absolution

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

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## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### Psalm 23 *(spoken together)*

- C** **The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*In earthly relationships, brokenness and sin are generally a two-way street requiring mutual forgiveness and reconciliation. In our relationship to God, Jesus mediates between us so that we can approach our heavenly Father in full confidence that He loves us and will forgive us for our sins.*

*The 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday". The stained glass window at the back of the left side of the sanctuary illustrates it well.*

## Kyrie

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

*Those who read music and wish to follow along will find the liturgy in the hymnal starting with the Kyrie on page 152.*

## Hymn of Praise

LSB 155

- C** **This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**
- This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**
- This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**  
**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**
- This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Jesus is both the Good Shepherd and “the Lamb who was slain”. As Shepherd and Lamb, Priest and Sacrifice, Host and Meal, Jesus switches places with us in order to be all-in-all for us.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 20: 17 - 35

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

8:00 Jubilate Choir "The King of Love" (arr. Schalk)

10:15 Gospel Lights Choir "Psalm 100:2" (Folkening)

6:30 (spoken together)

**C** **Christ has risen from the dead.**

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.**

*Matthew 28:7, Hebrews 2:7, Psalm 8:6*

## Second Reading: Revelation 7: 9 - 17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and

*The pastor will indicate when to sit and when to stand throughout the service, but those who prefer to remain seated may do so.*

*The Good Shepherd entrusts His flock to "under-shepherds" or "overseers", who tend God's people with His Word and Sacraments. "Pastor" is a word that just means "shepherd". St. Paul warns that wolves threaten the flock from the outside but also from the inside, when preachers and teachers of God's Word introduced false teaching. He thus admonishes the people to hold firmly to the doctrine he has taught them.*

*This reading also comes up on All Saints' Day, as the faithful approach the throne of the Lamb having made their robes white by the blood of the Lamb.*

worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.  
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel: John 10: 22 - 30

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

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

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

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

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

### Nicene Creed (back cover of hymnal or LSB 158)

### Sermon Hymn—709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**Sermon:** Pastor Peter Speckhard

*Luther defined the Christian Church as "sheep who hear their Shepherd's voice."*

## Offertory

8:00 and 6:30 Hymn—895 Now Thank We All Our God

10:15 Junior Ringers “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Eithun)

## Prayer of the Church

EACH PETITION OF THE PRAYER ENDS WITH “LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...” TO WHICH ALL RESPOND “HEAR OUR PRAYER.” THE LAST PETITION ENDS:

- P** O Lord, You promised to raise up a shepherd to deliver Your sheep from all their enemies. We give You thanks for giving us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd. Grant us to hear His voice, know Him by faith and follow where He leads, that He may deliver us into Your arms forever; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### Preface

LSB 160

- 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 unto 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, 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 singing:

### Sanctus

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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 on all members of our congregation celebrating birthdays this week: Laurie Yothment, Jacob LaBadie, Velesha Holliday, Rosemary Baer, Michael Pieters, Ethan Erickson, Emma Progler, Cheryl Thielemann, Jorianna Hazel, Jonathan Trotter, John Bachmann, David Doehring, Chele Deardorff, Andrew Braatz, Christian Boblink, Jeanette Siukola, Emily Pals, Sophia Lagunas, Chris Pardek, David Vogel, Molly Winnick and Mark Kufahl.

And to those who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week: Roland and Kathryn Camp and Philip and Melissa Bodamer who celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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

LSB 162

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution

8:00 Jubilate Choir "Alleluia, Alleluia" (Governor)

10:15 Gospel Lights Choir "Thank You God" (Lovelace)

Hymn—625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Hymn—740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

*As we come forward to receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, 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.*

*After returning to the pew, congregants may wish to say the following prayer of Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:*

**Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.**

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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

**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.

**Prayer for St. Paul's**

**C** Dear God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as You have been faithful through all generations, please continue to bless this congregation by the power of the Holy Spirit. Bless the work of our school as we teach Your Word to the next generation. Bless our town and region through all the changes of this world. Bless our members who cannot be present with us today. And especially bless our proclamation of the Gospel to those who don't know You, that many more people in our area would be drawn into Your family here at St. Paul's. We pray in the Name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

**Benediction**

**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—937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace**

1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,

Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
The Gen - tles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and

va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

*Text (sts. 1-2): James Quinn, 1919-2010; (st. 3): Henry V. Gerike, 1948, Tune: American*

**Announcements**

**Postlude "Air" (Handel)**

**Serving us this Week:**

**Preaching:** Rev. Peter Speckhard  
**Organ:** Mrs. Karen Foote  
**Choirs:** Jubilate Choir, grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (8:00),  
Junior Ringers, grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and  
Gospel Lights Choir, grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> (10:15)  
**Reader:** Mark Bockelman (10:15)  
**Greeters:** Paulette Pearson (8:00),  
Brad Rathert (10:15) and Amy Burian (6:30)

Altar flowers today are dedicated  
**In memory of**  
Norma Riddle by Jeff, Rob and  
Candy McLaughlin

**Last Week at St. Paul's:**

**Attendance :**323  
**Communed:**293  
**Hartsfield/Cedarhurst:**25  
**Plate Offering:** \$8,612  
**Online Offering:** \$6,143  
**Total:** \$14,755  
**Weekly Budget:** \$18,077

**This Week at St. Paul's:**

**Sunday, May 11:**  
9:15 am Sunday School PreK- 4th Grade  
9:15 am Middle School Bible Study  
9:15 am High School Bible Study  
9:15 am Adult Bible Study-Proverbs 31

**Monday, May 12:**  
3:30 pm Girls on the Run  
7:00 pm Basketball Clinic  
7:30 pm Parish Planning Committee

**Tuesday, May 13:**  
8:30 am Garden Crew  
9:30 am Cedarhurst Worship Service  
10:30 am Hartsfield Worship Service  
1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study  
3:30 pm Student Council  
7:00 pm Men's Basketball

**Wednesday, May 14:**  
8:30 am Chapel Service  
6:00 pm Sip n Stitch  
**Thursday, May 15:**  
10:00 am Bible Study  
12:30 pm LWML Meeting  
3:30 pm Girls on the Run  
6:25 pm Trail Life/Amer. Heritage Girls Mtg  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, May 16:**  
**Church Office Closed**  
Pastor Krebs on call (812) 498-2161  
1:00 pm Second Grade Family History  
Celebration Day

**Saturday, May 17:**  
Girls on the Run 5K  
8:00 am AA  
10:30 am AA, Al-anon & Al-ateen

**Next Week's Readings:**

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148,  
Revelation 21:1-7, John 16:12-22  
John 13:31-35