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## THE SHEPHERD LEADS...

### US TO SAFETY

May 8, 10, and 11, 2025

*On this Mother's Day weekend we join with godly Christian mothers all over the world,  
praying for our children and grandchildren,  
those who are our children by birth  
and our children by a common faith in Jesus.*

*We pray our children learn to recognize the voice of our Good Shepherd.*

*We pray our children find joy in following our Good Shepherd.*

*We pray our children will be safe forever in the hands of our Good Shepherd.*



#### WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S – CONNECTION CARD

*Thank you for joining us in worship. Please complete a Connection Card, sharing any questions or prayer requests you might have. You can fill out the card online and find other resources by scanning the QR Code.*

**CHILDCARE EVERY SUNDAY 7:45 – 10:45 am** in east wing of the church.

**SUNDAY KIDS CLUB FOR 3K – GRADE 5** ends for the school year on May 18 and will resume in September.  
Register online at [stpaulmuskego.org/kidsclub](http://stpaulmuskego.org/kidsclub).

**ACCESSIBILITY** A hearing loop system and large-print worship folders are available.

**QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE?** Visit the Welcome Center in the lobby where a greeter will be happy to assist you.

#### BELLS AND WELCOME

**MUSIC MEDITATION** (Sunday)

**Cry Out and Shout, Arr. Kurt Nystedt**  
**El Cielo Canta Alegria, Pablo Sosa**  
Wisconsin Lutheran High School A Capella Choir

**OPENING HYMN RED 147** (Thursday and Saturday)

**Like the Golden Sun Ascending**

**Like the golden sun ascending, Breaking through the gloom of night,  
On the earth its glory spending So that darkness takes to flight,  
Thus my Jesus from the grave And death's dismal, dreadful cave  
Rose triumphant Easter morning At the early purple dawning.**

**Thanks to you, O Christ victorious! Thanks to you, O Lord of Life!  
Death has now no power o'er us, You have conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because you did arise And have opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.**

**You have died for my transgression; All my sins on you were laid.  
You have won for me salvation; On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet you in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.**

M The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M On this Mother's Day weekend, we remember the wise words of the king's mother in Proverbs 31: "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

C **Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.**

M Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

C **Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise" (10, 11, 28, 30).**

M We give thanks this day for mothers who nurtured and cared for us in the past.

C **We give thanks this day for mothers who are caring for the next generation.**

M We give thanks for the godly women the Lord will bring into the lives of our children and grandchildren who will bless generations yet to come.

C **We arise and call them blessed. The women who fear the LORD are to be praised. Amen.**

M Yet sin mars every relationship. That is especially clear in the home. We fail to give each other the honor and love God demands. We take for granted the loving care that others provide. Acts of kindness are ruined by bitterness and resentment. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask God to forgive us.

All **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*Thursday and Saturday only.*

HYMN OF PRAISE RED 506, vv. 1-2 (*Thursday and Saturday*)

**Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,  
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
A home that is not wholly his --  
How sad and poor and dark it is!**

**Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall**

**Oh, blest that house where faith you find  
And all within have set their mind  
To trust their God and serve him still  
And do in all his holy will.**

ANTHEMS (*Sunday*)

**Be Still and Know that I'm God**, Dale A. Witte  
**Where Peace Has Always Been**, John Michael Trotta  
*Wisconsin Lutheran High School A Capella Choir*

FIRST LESSON

**Acts 13:15-16a, 26-39**, Bible page 1105

*Paul points out that Jesus' death and resurrection both fulfilled the Scripture. They prove not only that we are forgiven, but that God's promises are trustworthy and true.*

SECOND LESSON

**Revelation 7:9-17**, Bible page 1241

*The risen Lord Jesus gives John a vision of the reunion we shall enjoy before God's heavenly throne.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY RED 550, vv. 1-2**

Behold a host, arrayed in white,  
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright;  
With palms they stand. Who is this band  
Before the throne of light?  
These are the saints of glorious fame,  
Who from the great affliction came  
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood  
Are cleansed from guilt and blame.  
Now gathered in the holy place,  
Their voices they in worship raise.  
Their anthems swell Where God does dwell  
Mid angels' songs of praise.

**Behold a Host, Arrayed in White**

Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;  
But now, how glorious they appear!  
Those martyrs stand, A priestly band,  
God's throne forever near.  
So oft in troubled days gone by,  
In anguish they would weep and sigh;  
At home above The God of love  
Fore'er their tears shall dry.  
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,  
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;  
The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board  
Himself is host and guest.

**SERMON**

**John 10:27-30, Bible page 1076**

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

**HYMN RESPONSE RED 272**

**Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.  
Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**DISMISSAL OF ONLINE WORSHIPERS** (*Sunday 9:30 am*)

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

### Our Communion Practice

*The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith. We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. If you are not a member of our Lutheran denomination, please speak with one of the pastors before joining us at the altar. Thank you.*

*Non-alcoholic wine (light-colored wine in tray) and gluten-free wafers (at Communion rail) are available.*

### MUSIC MEDITATION (Sunday)

**Come By Here, Kyle Pederson**  
Wiscosin Lutheran High School A Capella Choir

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN RED 152

### I Know that My Redeemer Lives

**I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save.  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives to bless me with his love;  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.**

He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with his eye.  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives, all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end.  
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

#### CLOSING PRAYER

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

#### BLESSING

M 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.

C **Amen.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We celebrate Mother's Day with donuts to enjoy after the Sunday services.*

*We would like to thank the Wisconsin Lutheran High School A Capella Choir for beautifying our Sunday services. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Lisa Uttech.*