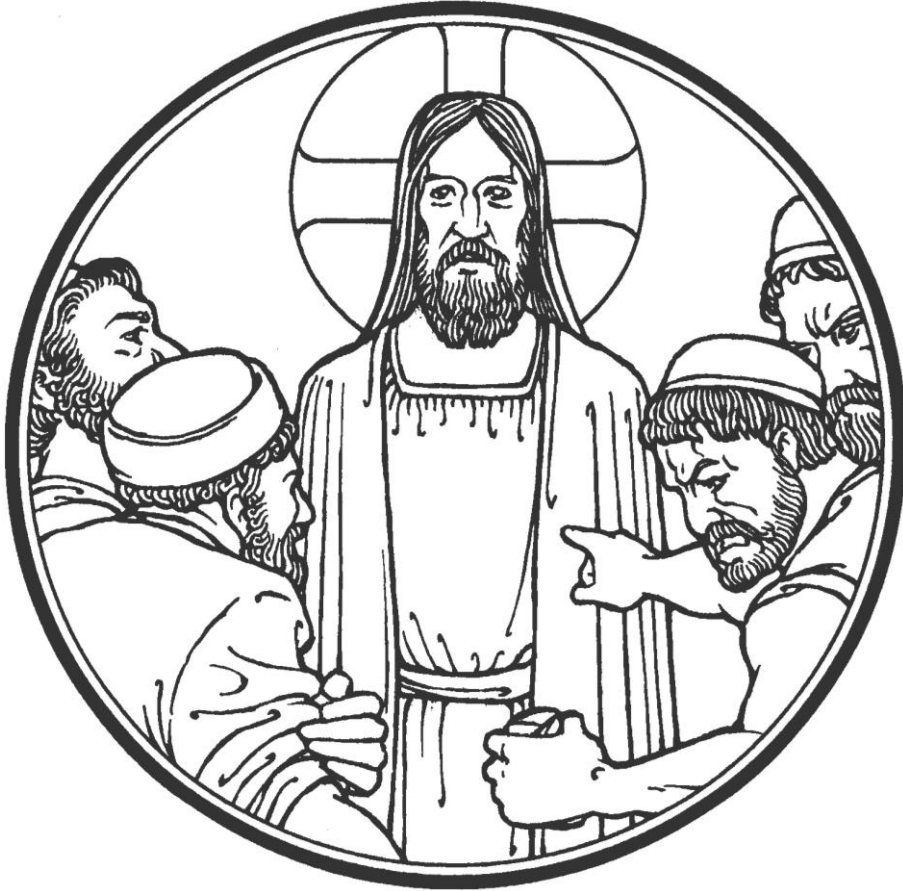


Judica



*Vindicate Me, O God, and defend My cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver Me! For You are the God in whom I take refuge.*

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

9:30 a.m.

This Morning's Hymns

430 420 423 428 433 425 666

During Lent the service begins with the sung Litany (pew booklet) and the Collect of the Day being prayed at the end. This replaces the regular Preparatory Rite, Introit, and Kyrie.

✠ THE LITANY ✠

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

P Let us pray. We beseech Thee, Almighty God: mercifully to look upon Thy people; that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost: ever one God, world without end.



C A - men.

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

430

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Sit

Old Testament

Genesis 22:1–14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from Heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c



Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

Teach me to do Your will, for You | are my God!

You delivered me from my | enemies;*
You rescued me from the man of | violence.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

Brethren: ¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 129:1–4



“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth” —*

let Israel | now say—

“**Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,***

yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.

The plowers plowed up- | on my back;*

they made long their | furrows.”

The LORD is | righteous;*

He has cut the cords of the | wicked.

Holy Gospel

John 8:42–59

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John:

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: ⁴²Jesus said to the Jews, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of My own accord, but He sent Me. ⁴³Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear My Word. ⁴⁴You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer

from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁶Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the Words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His Word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Stand

Nicene Creed

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 *worshipped 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 ✠ of the world to come.

Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

Christ, the Life of All the Living

420

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, 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,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

The 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.

The Words of Our Lord

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Our Lord Jesus Christ declares that the bread and wine in the Holy Communion are His body and blood, and are given to the faithful to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and the assurance of salvation (Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:14-20). St. Paul writes to the church at Corinth: **“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.”** The Holy Communion is received worthily by those who are baptized in the Name of the Triune God, repent of all sin, are instructed in the Christian faith, trust our Lord’s words **“given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,”** and set aside any and all refusal to love and forgive others as God has loved and forgiven them. In so doing, they proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes again.

Because Holy Scripture warns against eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ in an unworthy manner, and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed at this altar, first-time visitors, those who are not baptized and instructed in the Christian faith, those who are in doubt or hold a confession different from that of St. Paul Lutheran Church and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are kindly asked to speak with the pastor before communing. If you are not communing at the Lord’s Table today, but would still like to receive a blessing from the pastor, please cross your arms against your chest in the form of an “X” upon kneeling at the communion rail.

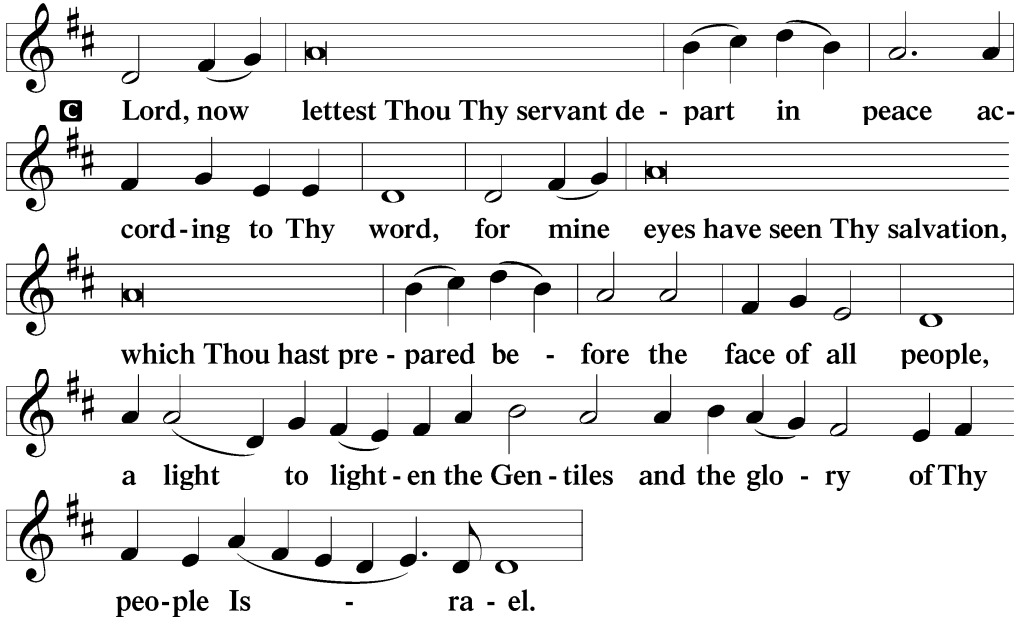
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Distribution Hymns

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary	423
Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow	428
Glory Be to Jesus	433
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	425

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.

C And His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your Only-Begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

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BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

		<u>Location</u>
Sunday, April 3		
9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
	Sunday School	Mueller Hall
Tuesday, April 5		
5:00pm	Sunday School Teacher Meeting	Videoconference
Wednesday, April 6		
7:00pm	Confirmation Class	Library
Thursday, April 7		
7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Divine Service	Sanctuary
Friday, April 8		
9:30am	LWML Bible Study	Library
Saturday, April 9		
8:30am	CPR Class	Irmer Hall
10:30am	Matins	Sanctuary

BIRTHDAYS

04/05 – Randy Parker	04/06 – Michelle Parcenka
04/07 – Liz Muñoz-Moreno	04/08 – Mary Howard

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY—SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

The St. Paul Lutheran Church Board of Directors has called for the Voters' Assembly to convene on Sunday, April 10, 2022, following the Divine Service. The meeting will take place in Irmer Hall. The single item for discussion will be the expenditure of monies for the repair of the narthex ceiling, installation of new lighting in the narthex, and other work necessary for narthex renovation and repair. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this special Voters' Assembly.

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATION NEEDED

Help make this year's Easter Sunday Egg Hunt a success by donating candy (suckers, starbursts, jellybeans, fruit snacks, etc.) and small prizes (balls, slime, coloring books w/crayons, cars, stuffed animals, etc.). Please do not donate chocolate candy. You may also give a monetary donation to help purchase these items. Contact Cymantha Makeley for more information.

SIGN UP FOR EASTER LILIES!

This year the lilies will be \$15.00 each. **The deadline for orders is April 10, 2022, Palm Sunday.** Please use the white pew envelopes under, "LILIES FOR EASTER." Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church (please write *Easter Lily* on the memo line). If you would like to include a Dedication or Memorial, please note that as well.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

We will be collecting money to support the work of Life Choices Women's Clinic. Baby bottle coin banks will be available on the narthex counter during the season of Lent. Once you've filled a bottle bring it back to church and exchange it for an empty one. The bottle drive will conclude on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. For more information about Life Choices, visit www.lcwcaz.org

WAR IN UKRAINE

As the situation in Ukraine continues, the church prays for peace and for those in harm's way. We also strive to provide for those affected. The Office of International Mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is working with several Lutheran church bodies and missionaries in Europe to help our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine, Lutheran refugees, and others affected by the violence. Visit www.lcms.org/ukraine for information, updates, and to offer financial support.

TIME TO RENEW ANNUAL LUTHERAN WITNESS

Lutheran Witness renewal for the new subscription year is July 2022. The price is \$16.00 for 11 issues (June/July is a combined edition). They are delivered to your home address. If you are interested in receiving the *Lutheran Witness* Magazine, please contact the church office. For payment, please use the pew envelopes, designate for *Lutheran Witness*. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church (please write *Lutheran Witness* on the memo line) and place it in the offering collection plate on Sunday. **The deadline to subscribe is April 24.**

EDUCATION & EDIFICATION

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Palm Sunday, The Life of the Church vs. Pop Culture, The Alleluia & Verse, The 175th Anniversary of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or email at info@stpaulutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Michael Moreno – recovering from surgery

Rose Tressler – health issues

Kevin Stamm – suffering from back pain

Jon Brant – health problems

Barbara Sand – recovering from a fall

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas, Judith Kuhajda

Jody Meredith – recovering from surgery

Suzanne Berna – recovering from pneumonia

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

Gary Armstrong – recovering from surgery

Doc Dalbey – dealing with back pain

FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Becky Koontz, stepdaughter of Mary Howard, diagnosed with a rare cancer growth near carotid artery.

Darlene Hulteen, sister of Vickie Hulteen, for safe travel as she returns home to Georgia.

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Family and friends of **Clavon Dixon**, husband of Julie Dixon.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan.

PSWD Missions

Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala.

Rev. Stephen Oliver, wife Maggie and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor, his wife, Joan, and children, Christian, Olivia, Nigel, Fiona & Siwan

Sunday School teachers & children

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and their advisors; for all who make and administer the laws in our land; for police officers, firefighters, emergency workers, and all who seek to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (*members, friends, or relatives*): **Joseph J. Yungkans, Juan Garcia, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Gilmore, Ethan Peterman, Julian Perez, Mike Nguyen, Jacob Wilson, Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Erich Dyjak**

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith, Arbutus Wood

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