

**Offering**

**Organ Offertory**

**Offering Hymn No. 186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

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 your pres-ence, and take  
 not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
 your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

**Prayers of the Church**

*L:* God of grace,  
**C:** Hear our prayer.

**The 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.

**Benediction**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn No. 770 "Give Me Jesus"**

**Dismissal**

*L:* Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Postlude**

**First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC  
April 20 & 21, 2024**

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**Good Samaritan Village:** Ch. 3 - Sun. 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 11:00 a.m.

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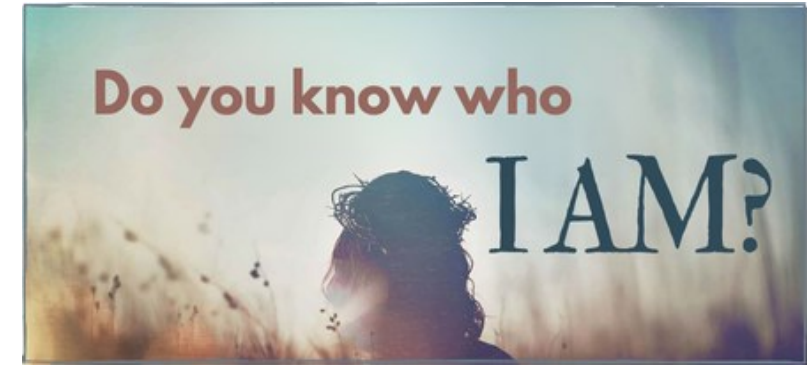
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**Welcome to Worship**



**4th Sunday after Easter – April 20 & 21, 2024  
 United We Live God's Will**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Peace**

*L:* The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*L:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C:** Amen.

*L:* Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

*We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.*

**C:** Amen

*L:* At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 338

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

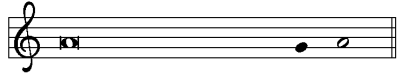
Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



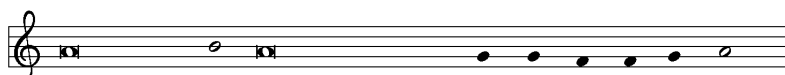
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity 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 de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Pages 149-150



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



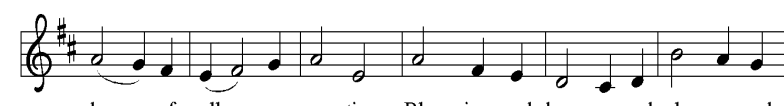
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

C: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12 – Page 887

Psalms Reading

Psalms 23 – See Insert

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24 – Pages 990-991

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

L: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 10:11-18 – Pages 872-873

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No. 796

“How Firm a Foundation”

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Chad Power

Hymn No. 807

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Apostles’ Creed

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C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.