

## **PRELUDE**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C    Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**C    have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**





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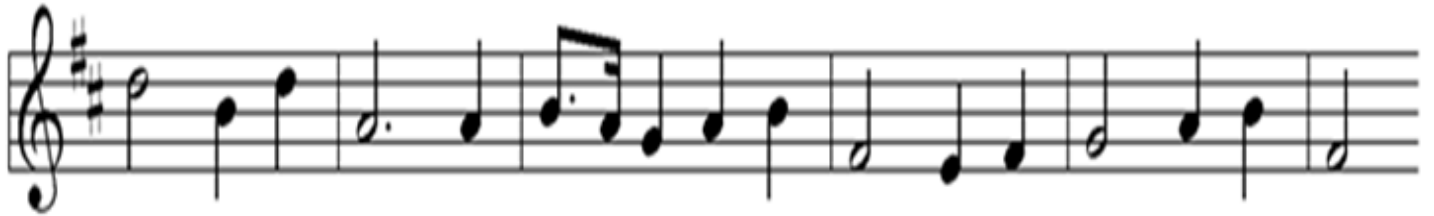
Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



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**

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

# **HOLY BAPTISM OF JOSEPHINE LOUISE GARRETT**

## **PRESENTATION**

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

***Sponsors: I present Josephine Louise Garrett to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.***

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

***Parents: I do.***

P As you support *Josephine* in receiving the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy

scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help *Josephine* grow in the Christian faith and life?

***Parents: I do.***

P Do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

***Parents: I do.***

P People of God, do you promise to support *Josephine* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

***C We do.***

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH (CREED)**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

***C I renounce them.***

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***C I renounce them.***

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

***C I renounce them.***

P Do you believe in God the Father?

***C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***C 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 into hell, 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.***

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***C 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.*

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *And also with you.*

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

**P** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people of Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

## **BAPTISM**

P *Josephine*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

## **WELCOME**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P Sustain *Josephine* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

***C Amen***

## **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

P *Josephine*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

***Parents & Sponsors: Amen***

## **GIVING OF THE LIGHT**

*A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

### **❖ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

*C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.*

### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not

be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ <sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 16**

*(Refrain: In your presence there is fullness of joy.)*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above

all other.”

**C <sup>2</sup> All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**C <sup>4</sup> I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips. *(Refrain)***

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**C <sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

**C <sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. *(Refrain)***

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**C <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. *(Refrain)*

*(Refrain: In your presence there is fullness of joy.)*

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested

by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

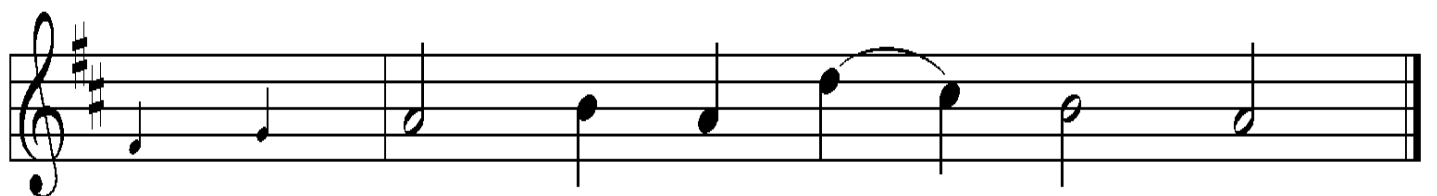


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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

### **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

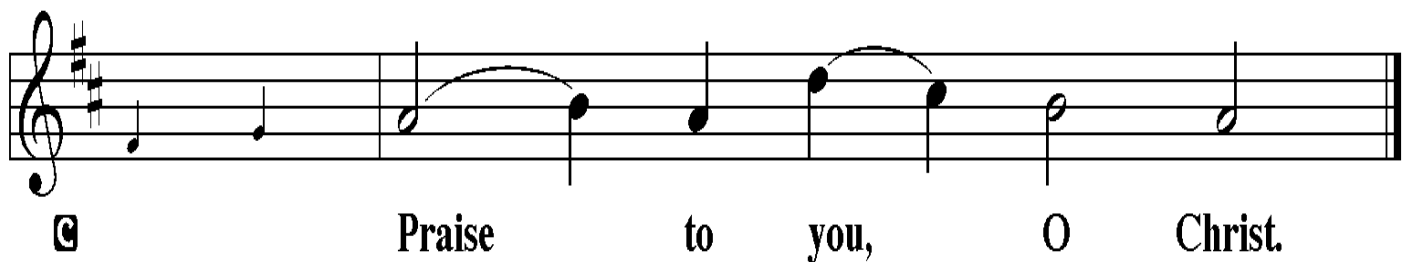


**C** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you

believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.



## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**      *Pastor Timothy Holt*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*LBW 144 “Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing”*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. *(We pray especially for Alexis, Brenda, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Leroy, Wilma Buchta, Amy DeKemper, Elizabeth Hansen, Alice June Harker, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Zach Leinenbach, Barb Mehringer, Logan Musgrave, Bob Nugent, Susan Potts, Christine Probst, Doris Salmon, Annette Schepers, JoAnn Schnarr, Jim Seitz,*

*Kaine Seitz, Patricia Sendelweck, Bob Shelton, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)*  
Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially*

*for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman,  
and Cooper Uebelhor.)* Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers  
to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

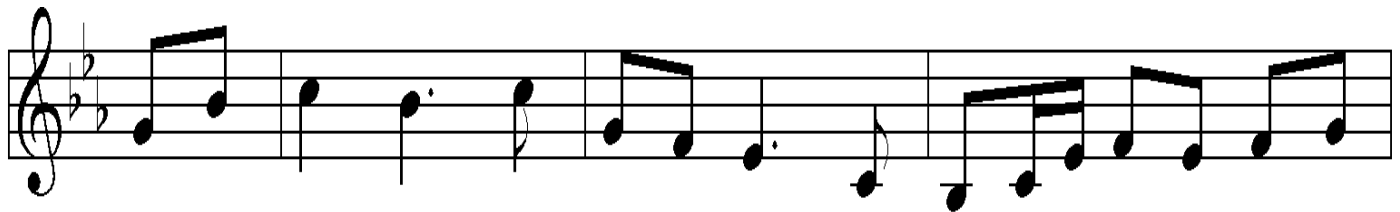
The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

### **OFFERTORY**

### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**



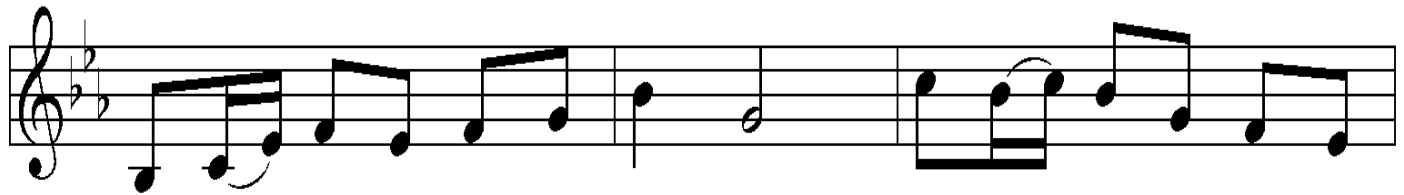
**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles- ing. Gath- er a har- vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.*

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

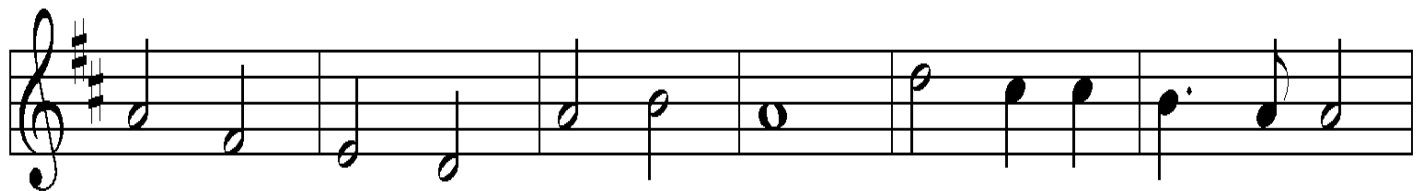
**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

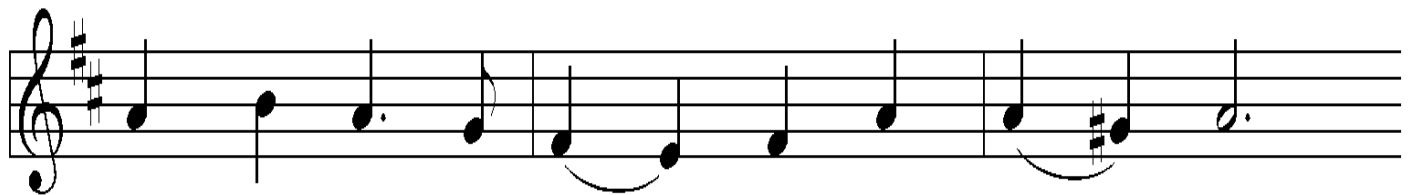
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and ever-living God, but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious

resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

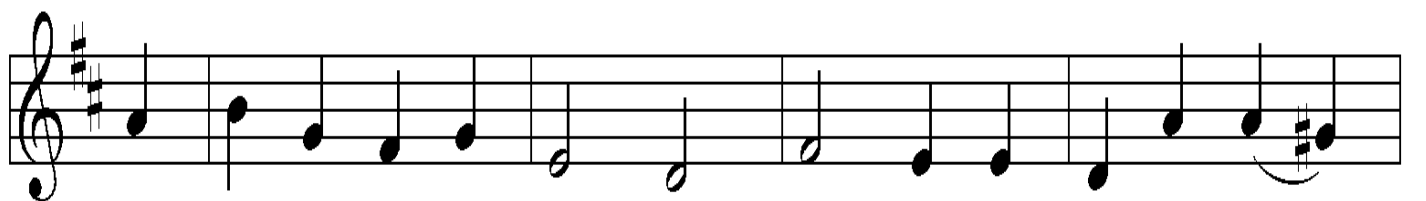
## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **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.**

## COMMUNION

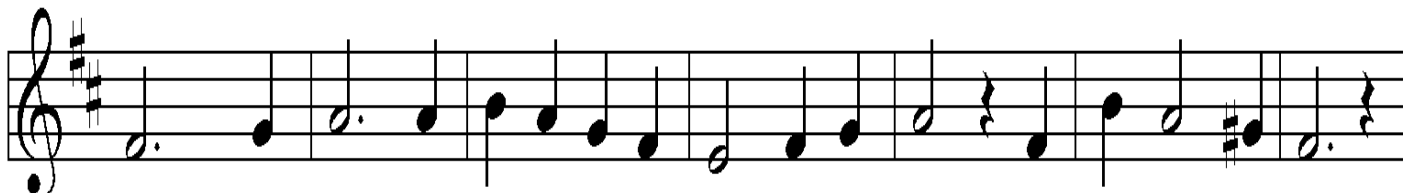
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD



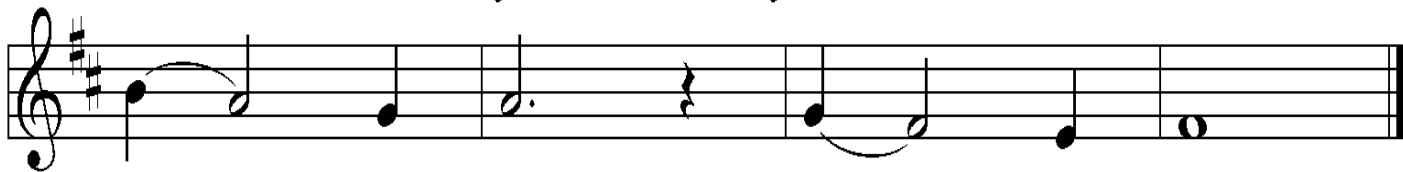
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**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, grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*WOV 701 "What Feast of Love"*

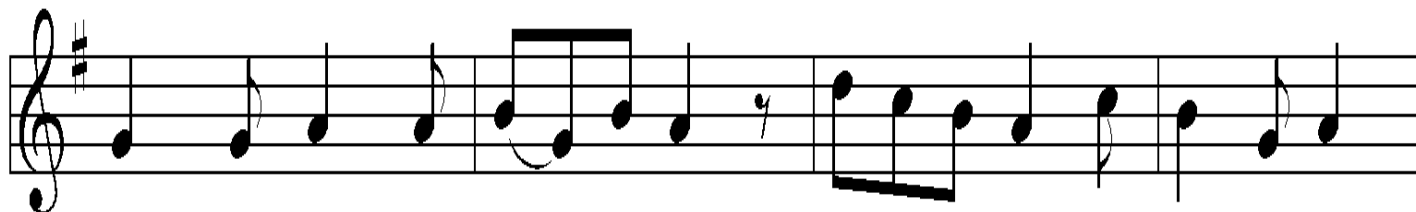
*WOV 710 "One Bread, One Body"*

*WOV 748 "Bind Us Together"*

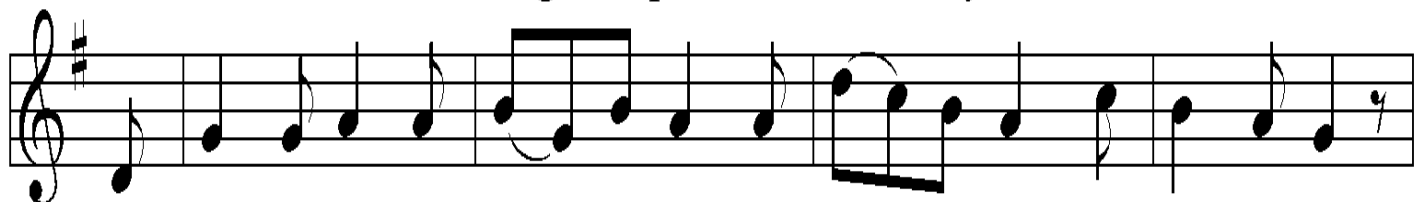
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



**☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy**



**with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray

**Gracious God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*LBW 147 "Hallelujah Jesus Lives"*

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Mission Statement:** *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,  
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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# THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

**Greeters:** Donna Rasche and family  
**Comm. Asst:** Tina Terwiske  
**Video:** Lori Keller  
**Organist:** Barbara Dell  
**Lay Reader:** Doug Wiseman  
**Audio:** Keith Keller  
**Acolytes:** Trace Weisheit  
**Altar Guild:** Brandi Dodd and Erin Kalb

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 324 SS:**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>

Sun. April 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>Baptism of Josephine Louise Garrett</i> <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>
Wed. April 15 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 PM	Archive Meeting
	6:30 PM	Handbells
Sun. April 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>

## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Today we rejoice baptism of Josephine Louise Garrett. She is the child of Olivia Garrett and Scott Stallwood. Josephine was born on June 24, 2021. She is the grandchild of Pat & Denise Garrett and Geoff & Shirley Stallwood. Sponsors are Audrey Gibson and Chad Gibson.*

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**BRIGHT FUTURE**

**SCHOLARSHIP** Scholarship applications for seniors are located at the visitors Center. Due on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

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St. Paul's will be doing the **SENIOR SPOTLIGHT** section again this year in the June newsletter. If you have a high school or college senior graduating in 2026, please submit a small article with a picture by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Pictures and articles can be submitted by hard copy or email. Please bring them to the church office or email them to:

[secretaryst.paul@frontier.com](mailto:secretaryst.paul@frontier.com)

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EVANSVILLE CLUSTER  
SPRING GATHERING*

*ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
DUBOIS CROSSROADS  
DUBOIS, INDIANA*

*SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026*

*THEME: I AM WORTHY*

*PHYSICAL OFFERING: ITEMS FOR  
COMMUNITY FOOD BANK*

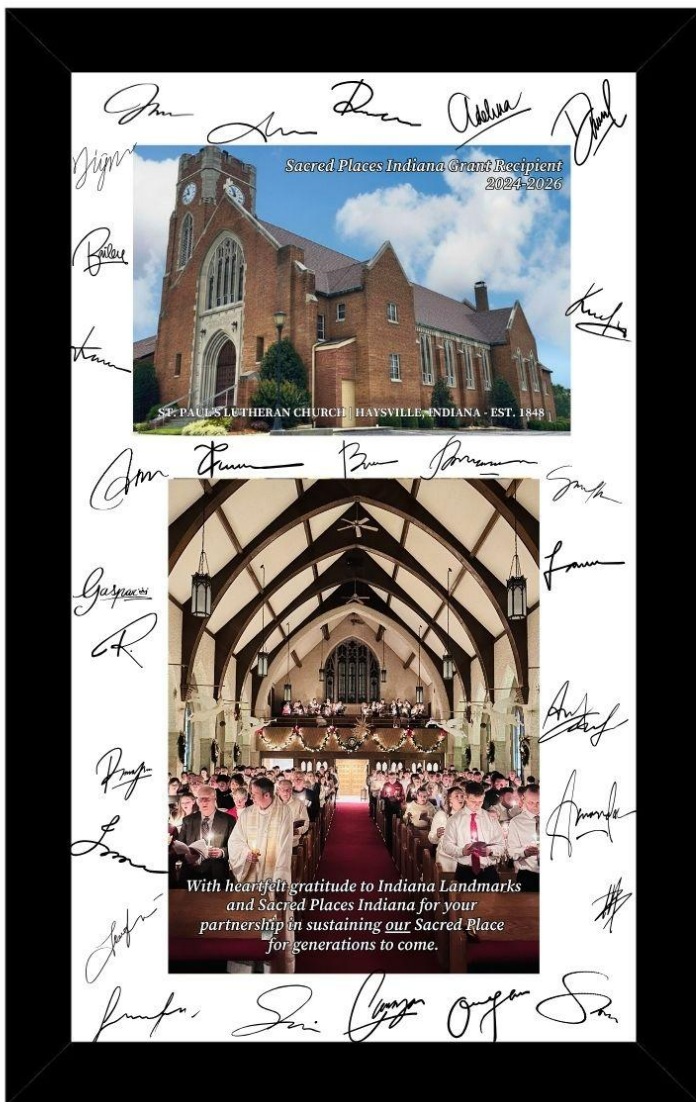
*REGISTRATION \$8.00*

*PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 20, 2026 TO*

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**ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS (OF ALL AGES!):**  
**THE SACRED PLACES GRANT IS**  
**NEARING COMPLETION - THANK YOU**  
**FOR HELPING US REACH OUR GOAL!**  
**PLEASE SIGN THE PHOTO MAT**  
**LOCATED IN THE LOBBY THAT WILL**  
**BE PRESENTED TO INDIANA**  
**LANDMARKS /SACRED PLACES**  
**INDIANA IN GRATITUDE FOR**  
**SUPPORTING ST. PAUL'S.**

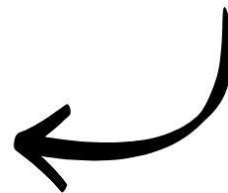


**PLEASE** only use the  
**black "Mr. Pen"**  
**pen to sign.**  
**Thank you!**

**All members** are  
**invited to sign their**  
**name!**

**This gift will soon be**  
**presented to the**  
**Sacred Places Indiana**  
**team during their final**  
**walk-through.**

**Example of how we**  
**hope the gift will look -**  
**only a lot more**  
**signatures!**



**THANK**  
**YOU!**

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**Chalk**  
**WALK**

May 16th at Thyen-Clark Cultural  
Center from 8:00 AM—2:00 PM  
<https://www.jasperarts.org/chalkwalk>



**In Service to Our Country**

Austin Breitwieser

AMC Luke Himself

Joshua Hoffman

Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland

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# **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*April + May 2026*

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Easter Egg Hunt: No Class

4/12

PreK-1st: Jesus the Good Shepherd

2nd -6th: John the Baptist

4/19

PreK-1st: Go and Tell

2nd -6th: Jesus Heals the Sick

4/26

PreK-1st: Go and Tell

2nd -6th: Zacchaeus

5/3

Backpack Buddies + End of Year Party

