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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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**PRESERVICE PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing, have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE:** (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

**HYMN 192:1-5: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious Sun.  
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

2 The Foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;  
But, lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3 This is a sight that gladdens; What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God's own Son In love for me hath won.

4 Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn;  
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.  
Grim Death with all his might Cannot my soul affright;  
He is a pow'rless form, Howe'er he rave and storm.

5 The world against me rageth, Its fury I disdain;  
Though bitter war it wageth, Its work is all in vain.  
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.  
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

**THE NEW TESTAMENY LESSON:** Acts2:14a, 36-47

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them.

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your

children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” <sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

<sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (NKJV)

### **THE EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like silver or gold*, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. <sup>20</sup> He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you <sup>21</sup> who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (NKJV)

### **THE APOSTLES CREED** (The Lutheran Hymnal p. 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

### **HYMN 190:** Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Again

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n again; Christ has broken death's strong chain.  
Hark, the angels shout for joy, Singing evermore on high: Hallelujah!

2 He who gave for us His life, Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb today. We, too, sing for joy and say: Hallelujah!

3 He who bore all pain and loss Comfortless upon the cross  
Lives in glory now on high, Pleads for us and hears our cry: Hallelujah!

4 He whose path no records tell Hath descended into hell;  
He the strong man armed hath bound And in highest heav'n is crowned.  
Hallelujah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave Is exalted now to save;  
Now through Christendom it rings That the Lamb is King of kings.  
Hallelujah!

6 Now He bids us tell abroad How the lost may be restored,  
How the penitent forgiven, How we, too, may enter heaven. Hallelujah!

7 Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today Thy people feed;  
Take our sins and guilt away That we all may sing for aye: Hallelujah!

**THE SERMON:** Luke 24:13-35

Theme: Resurrection Enlightenment

- I. The Failing of a Worldly Perspective.
- II. Scriptural Perspective for Current Events
- III. They Reached Their Goal!

**SERMON TEXT:** Luke 24:13-35

Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And they talked together of all these things which had happened. <sup>15</sup> So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

<sup>17</sup> And He said to them, “What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?”

<sup>18</sup> Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?”

<sup>19</sup> And He said to them, “What things?”

So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup> But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. <sup>23</sup> When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. <sup>24</sup> And certain of those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found *it* just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.”

<sup>25</sup> Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

<sup>28</sup> Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. <sup>29</sup> But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

<sup>32</sup> And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread. (NKJV)

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

### **PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER**

The offering of thankful hearts will now be received.

### **HYMN 205: The Day of Resurrection**

1 The day of resurrection, Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath bro't us over With hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth her song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,-- Our joy that hath no end.

### **BENEDICTION**

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN 207:2: Like the Golden Sun Ascending**

2 Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us,  
Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise  
And hast opened Paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.

### CALENDAR

**TODAY:** Bible class follows the service.

**WEDNESDAY:** Ladies Aid meets at 4:00 p.m. Hostess is Deb Berg -

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 9:30 a.m. Bible Class follows the service.  
A potluck meal will be served at 11:30. The quarterly voters meeting is  
scheduled for 12:30. Sermon text: 1 Peter 2:19-25.

SUNDAY, MAY 7: worship at 9:30. Pastor emeritus Paul Fleischer will serve as a guest speaker. Teacher Lane Fischer will serve as guest organist.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 16 worship – 13; No Bible Class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,340.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,485.00	
Needed for Year:	\$21,440.00	
Received for Year:	\$17,365.00	

April Cleaning: T. Barthels

CLC NEWS: Seminary graduate Jonah Albrecht has been called to the joint parish of Redemption Lutheran of Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran of Tacoma, WA . Teacher graduate Stephan Krause has been called to Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.