

Third Sunday of Easter
Commemoration of Ss. Philip and James
May 1, A.D. 2022



Jesus Christ Appears at the Shore of Lake Tiberias
James J. Tissot, 1836-1902

Mission Statement of St. Paul's & Salem Lutheran Churches

*A family of believers called by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
by preaching Christ Crucified through liturgy, life, and faithfulness,
and caring for our neighbors through the joyful spreading of the Gospel.*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord,
for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.* (Zechariah 2:13)

As we enter the space set aside for public worship, let us be considerate of those around us who may wish to pray or meditate in silence prior to the service. Pray that the Holy Spirit may open your heart and mind to the Word of God; pray for the preacher and those who proclaim God's Word.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, grant that we who have celebrated the Paschal solemnity may show forth its effects in our life and conversation, through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LITURGICAL DAY AND PARISH NOTICES

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ABSOLUTION *Please rise.*

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**
**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us
and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Please be seated.

BELL CHOIR PRELUDE *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* arr. L. Larson

**At the ringing of the bell, please rise and face the processional cross.*

ENTRANCE RITE

INTROIT

Alleluia! Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands!

Sing forth the honor of his name! Alleluia!

Make his praise glorious! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (Psalm 66:1-2)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 525

Blessing and Honor

1 Blessing and honor and
glory and pow'r,
Wisdom and riches and
strength evermore,
Offer to him who our
battle has won,
Whose are the Kingdom,
the crown, and the throne;
Whose are the Kingdom,
the crown, and the throne!

2 Let all the heavens resound
with his name;
Let all the earth sing
his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream,
forest, and flow'r
Echo his praises and
tell of his pow'r;
Echo his praises and
tell of his pow'r.

3 Ever ascending the song
and the joy,
Ever descending the love
from on high;
Blessing and honor and
glory and praise
This is the theme of the
hymns that we raise;
This is the theme of the
hymns that we raise.

4 Give we the glory and
praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the
harp and the psalm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb
who was slain,
Dying in weakness and
rising to reign;
Dying in weakness and
rising to reign!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy!

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy!

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 mercy!

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy!

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength,

and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God

and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might

be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain

has begun his reign.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

COLLECT

O God, our Father, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen

Please be seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts of the Apostles 5

PSALM 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up*
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,*
and you restored | me to health.**

You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;*
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

**Sing to the LORD, you ser- | vants of his;*
give thanks for the remembrance | of his holiness.**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling | of an eye,*
his favor | for a lifetime.

**Weeping may | spend the night,*
but joy comes | in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never | be disturbed.*

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."

**Then you | hid your face,*
and I was | filled with fear.**

I cried to | you, O LORD;*

I pleaded with | the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?*

Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;*

O LORD, | be my helper."

You have turned my wailing | into dancing;*

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;*

O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- | er.

Amen

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 5

Please rise.

VERSE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
*Christ is risen, crea | tor of all;**
he has shown pity | on all people.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL W/ACCLAMATIONS

St. John 21

SERMON

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Please rise.

*HYMN OF THE DAY 352

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

(vs. 1-3 all, 4 women, 5 men, 6-8 all)

1 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!

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule his Church in love.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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.

6 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!

7 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.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

NICENE CREED

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

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Dear brothers and sisters, filled with Easter joy, let us pray earnestly to our Father in Heaven, so that he who graciously listened to the prayers and supplications of his beloved Son, may now be pleased to hear our humble prayers.

For your holy catholic Church, especially the congregations of Salem and St. Paul's, fill her with all truth and peace. Where she is corrupt, purify her; where she is in error, direct her; where in anything she is amiss, reform her; where she is right, strengthen her; where she is in need, provide for her; where she is divided, reunite her, in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the shepherds of our souls, especially Pr. Hoffman and Deacon Campbell that they may have the strength to govern wisely the flock entrusted to them by Him who is the Good Shepherd, in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the world, that it may truly know the peace given by Jesus Christ, in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who struggle with doubts, including ourselves, that our hearts may be filled with trust and confidence in Jesus' promise of salvation, in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the little ones among us: widows and orphans, mothers and their children, and prisoners and their families, in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For blessings upon all farmers in their labors, for temperate weather and fruitful crops, for water to quench our thirst, in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the saints and martyrs of every time and every place, especially on this day St. Philip and St. James that they may know the blessed rest of everlasting peace and the glory of the Resurrection, in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you know our life is subject to suffering and need. Hear those who cry to you and receive the prayers of those who believe in you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Please be seated.

*ORGAN OFFERTORY

Christ, Redeemer of All

J. Redford

Please rise.

*OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The peace of the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blesséd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER RESPONSES

**Christ has died; Christ has Risen Christ will come again...
Amen, come Lord Jesus... Amen, come Holy Spirit.**

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER CONCLUSION

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed!
Therefore let us keep the feast!**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us!
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us!
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace!**

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION *Please be seated.*

Holy Communion is administered continuously at the Chancel Rail by intinction. You may kneel or stand as you are able. The host will be placed in your hands; you yourself then dip the host in the cup. Feel free to remain at the Chancel Rail as long as you desire, departing by the side aisle when you are finished praying. People in line fill the vacant places at the Chancel Rail.

A COMMUNION PRAYER

We do not presume to come to this, Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body, and our lives washed through His most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He among us. Amen

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
 In praise of love that still abounds:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
 Repeat their song of glory here:
 "Christ has triumphed!
 Christ has triumphed!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
 Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Now still he comes to give us life
 And by his presence stills all strife.
 Christ has triumphed! He is living!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
 Set heart and will on things above
 That we conquer
 through your triumph;
 Grant grace sufficient for life's day
 That by our lives we truly say:
 Christ has triumphed! He is living!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring
 And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Be to the Father and our Lord,
 To Spirit blest, most holy God,
 All the glory, never ending!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Please rise.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

M. Sedio



The Bulletin is sponsored to the glory of the Lord in honor of the birthday of granddaughter Hadley by Donna Fralick.

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle is sponsored to the glory of the Lord in honor of their daughter-in-law Kimberly Ramberger's birthday on April 30 and granddaughter Hadley Fralick's 5th birthday on May 3 by Deb & Mike Ramberger.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of the Lord in loving memory of Charles & Margaret Sierer by Bob & Pat Newton.

Coffee Hour today is provided by Leonice & Bob Kessler.



WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S

Welcome to St. Paul's on this Third Sunday of Easter. If you are visiting with us today, please sign the visitor's book located on the lectern in the narthex.

All Baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are invited to receive the Sacrament. The Lutheran Church teaches that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present in the Supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine and are there distributed and received.^(AC X) Those persons who do not believe in Jesus' real presence, who do not understand this doctrine, or who have not confessed their sins and received Holy Absolution should, for their own well-being, refrain from receiving Communion. They may however still approach the Chancel Rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing both arms upon their breast.

Our Lord Jesus loved the little ones and said, "Let the children come unto me and do not hinder them." We love children too and welcome them among us. We believe children should be a full part of the worshiping community in order that they might learn how to behave and participate. **If, however, they should become boisterous, please take them to the room at the bottom of the landing. Once composesures have been regained, please rejoin us.**

PRAYER LIST

Mary Miller, Cindy Snyder (Angie Bixler's mother), Jeanne Troutman, Fred Olinger, Rosa Hoffman, Emily Snyder, Mary Gessner, Doug Bailey, Audrey Mace, Ruthanna Malehorn, Doug Snyder (Verna Deibler's neighbor), Edwin Adorno (Rosa Hoffman's cousin), Sheila Conner (Pr. Hoffman's friend), Timothy Boyce (Katy Olinger's son), Alex Rissinger (friend of Wiebners), Jeff Daniel's (Kelly Klinger's father), Lois Troutman (friend of Slemmers), Brooke Jury (Jeanne Troutman's friend), Anita Schaar (Deneice Chubb's sister), Hadley Grace Tabela (Schlegel's great-granddaughter), Norma Graeff, (friend of Mary Warfel), and Caroline Ramberger (Mike & Deb's granddaughter).

Shut-In and Nursing Home Members: Peg Bellis, Pearl Chubb, Glenn & Joan Feidt, Ev Hamilton, Regina Heiliger, Alice Higgins, Cindy Keefer, Dorothy Neubaum, Geraldine Spotts, and Anna Stoneroad.

Military Service: Kelsey Dorman, Sam Hoon, Phillip Koppenhaver, Keaton Leshko, Ian Murray, Lauren Elizabeth Schlegel, and Nick Varner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Classes resume today.



Registration Forms for Vacation Bible School are available on the Narthex Bulletin Board. VBS will be held Monday, June 6 through Friday, June 10 beginning at 6 PM. The theme is *Jerusalem Marketplace*, where we will step back in time to where Jesus walked to the cross. Help us spread the word to children in the community.

Newsletter Items: The next *Epistle* will cover the months of June and July. Newsletter items are due to the Church office by Tuesday, May 10th. Items can be emailed to: stpaulselc@stpaulsmillersurg.com or brought into the Church Office.



Coffee Hour Hosts are available for the remainder of this month. Please sign up on the Narthex Bulletin Board.

Sponsorships for bulletins and the sanctuary lamp candle through August are available on the Narthex Bulletin Board.

KID'S PAGE



The disciples tried and tried to catch some fish. When they obeyed Jesus, they caught so many fish their nets almost broke!

JOHN 21:1-6

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

9:00 AM	Holy Communion
~10 :15 AM	Coffee Hour
	Chime Choir Rehearsal
~10:30 AM	Christian Education Hour
4:00 PM	Candlelight Holy Communion
5:00 PM	Cub/Boy Scouts

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

7:00 PM	Parish Program Staff Meeting
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WEDNESDAY

5:15 PM	Catechetical Class
5:45 PM	Bell Choir
6:15 PM	Alleluia Choir
	Adult Choir

THURSDAY

9:00 AM	Sewing Circle
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FRIDAY

3:30 PM	Youth Unplugged (Augsburg Room)
4:00 – 5:30 PM	Action Against Hunger Meal

SUNDAY, MAY 8 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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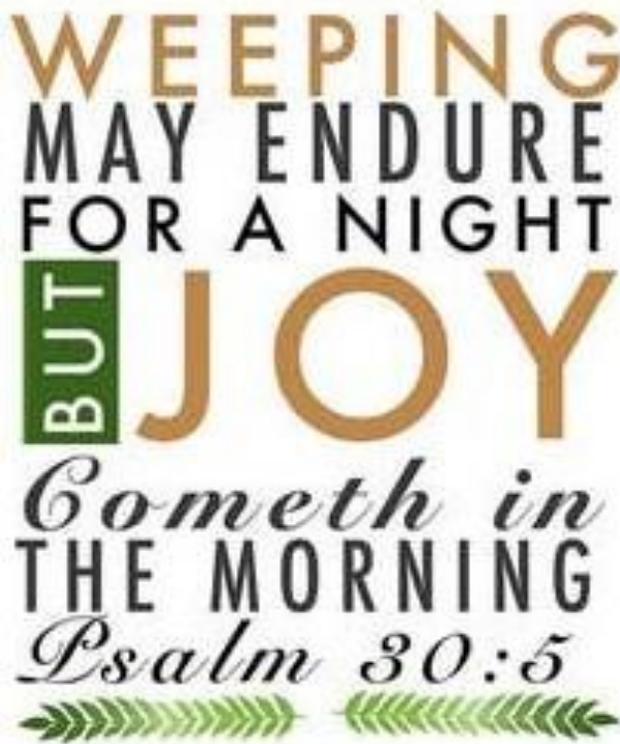
TODAY'S SERVANTS

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 Crucifer
 Torch Bearers

Banner Bearer
Audio/Video Technician

Brian Baker

Kierstyn Long
Jamison Wack
Braden Klinger
 Jase Wack
Michael Ramberger



Geranium Orders

*Geraniums will be used to decorate our Church for Pentecost, June 5.
If you would like to order a geranium plant, fill in the information below
and give your order and payment of \$14.00 for each pot to the Church Office.*

Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church.

Orders must be received by Sunday, May 8th

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Sun.	Exodus 18:1-12	1 John 2:7-17	St. Mark 16:9-20
Mon.	Exodus 18:13-27	1 Peter 5:1-14	St. Matthew 3:1-6
Tues.	Exodus 19:1-16	Colossians 1:1-14	St. Matthew 3:7-12
Wed.	Exodus 19:16-25	Colossians 1:15-23	St. Matthew 3:13-17
Thurs.	Exodus 20:1-21	Colossians 1:24-2:7	St. Matthew 4:1-11
Fri.	Exodus 24:1-18	Colossians 2:8-23	St. Matthew 4:12-17
Sat.	Exodus 25:1-22	Colossians 3:1-17	St. Matthew 4:18-25



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