

# EASTER



**Eastertide**



*At the “†” it is a laudable custom to cross yourself  
and at the “✦” to bow your head.*

*Prayer is encouraged before Holy Mass.*

*The psalm printed in the cover to the Order of Service, and the prayer book inserted behind the hymnal's front cover are given as special aids to assist your prayers and meditations.*

## THE PREPARATION

Bells

*(Rise when the Organ plays)*

Entering Procession Hymn - *The hymn number is on the back of today's cover.*

*It is a laudable custom to face the cross and bow when it passes.*

## GOD'S SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit - *Choir: The text is on the back of today's cover.*

*It is laudable to bow at the Name of the Holy Trinity, “Glory be to the Father ...”*

**ALL(sing):** Lord, have mercy on us; Christ, have mercy on us;  
Lord, have mercy on us.

P: Glory be to God on high.

**ALL(sing):** And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we ✦ worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, ✦ Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; ✦ receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For You only are holy; You only are the Lord. You only, ✦ O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, † are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

P: The Lord be with you.

**C(sing): And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray .....

**C: Amen.**

**(Be seated)**

### Old Testament Reading

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual - *Choir: The text is on the back of today's cover.*

### Epistle Reading

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**(Rise)**

Verse - *Choir: The text for this verse is on the back of today's cover.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C(sing): And with your spirit.**

P: The continuation of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior ✦ Jesus Christ according to ...

**C(sing): Glory be to You, O Lord.**

### Gospel Reading

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C(sing): Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**(Be seated)**

### Preaching Of The Gospel

### Easter Greeting

P: Christ is risen!

**C(sing): He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Chief Hymn - *The hymn number is on the back of today's cover.*

## Nicene Creed

**(Rise)**

P: I believe in one God,

**ALL: the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

I 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, being of one substance with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, ✦ was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who in unity with the Father and the Son is ✦ worshiped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayer Of The Church

P: (Each collect ends with: "Lord, in your mercy," after which the congregation replies: "Hear our prayer." So it continues until:)

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver us and preserve us through ✦ Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C(sing): Amen.**

**(Be seated)**

## Offering

# GOD'S SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*When the service includes incense, please stand when the thurifer recognizes the congregation and bow while being incensed.  
Remain standing.*

Offertory - *Choir: The text is on the back of today's cover.*

**(Rise)**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C(sing): And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C(sing): We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C(sing): It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God...

*(then the seasonal sentence, followed by:)*

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**(Kneel)**

**C(sing): ✦ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, † blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer *Pastor*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Pastor*

P: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C(sing): Amen.**

P: As our Savior has commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:

**ALL: 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.**

P: Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech You, from every evil past, present and to come; and graciously grant peace in our days that by Your compassionate aid, we may ever be free from all sin and sheltered from all turmoil, through ✦ Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**C(sing): Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord † be with you always.

**C(sing): Amen.**

P: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**C(sing): O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Your peace. Amen.**

**(Be seated)**

*Reception in the Lord's Supper indicates unity in confession and faith. If you have not communed at St. Paul's Altar previously, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until you have spoken to the pastor.*

# The DISTRIBUTION of Christ's body and blood

## Prayers During Holy Communion

### Before Approaching the Altar (You may kneel)

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who by the will of the Father with the Holy Spirit has given Life to the world through Your death; by this, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil, and enable me ever to abide in Your commandments, and allow me never to be separated from You; who lives and reigns with the same Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, living and reigning now and forever.

### Before Receiving the Body of Christ at the Altar (You may kneel)

I shall receive the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. † May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting!

### At the Altar before receiving the Blood of Christ (You may kneel)

What shall I give to the Lord for all the benefits that He has given to me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies. † May the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting!

### After Returning from the Altar (You may kneel.)

Let your Body which I have received and your Blood which I have drunk, O Lord, cleave to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me, whom You have refreshed with a pure and holy sacrament; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

I give You thanks, Lord God heavenly Father, that You have refreshed me with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. And I pray that this heavenly food may strengthen my faith that I may bear all crosses, sicknesses and trials with patience and trust; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Distribution Hymn - The hymn number is on the back of today's cover.

**(Rise)**

**C(sing): Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to Your Word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people. A Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your people Israel.**

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**C(sing): And His mercy endures forever.**

P: (Offers the Prayer of Thanksgiving)

**C(sing): Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C(sing): And with your spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C(sing): Thanks be to God.**

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(sing): Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### Silent Prayer

*Give thanks to God and bless His Name for, having given Himself to you in His Gospel preaching and Sacrament, our gracious God has forgiven you, comforted you and delivered you from all harm and danger. Pray that you remain in Christ just as He is in you.*

Retiring Procession Hymn - *The hymn number is on the back of today's cover.*

*It is a laudable custom to face the cross and bow when it passes.*

*After the service, please place this Order of Service at the end of the pew as you leave, the separate Cover is your memento.*

*Thank you.*





# **ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL-LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL-LUTHERAN CHURCH** *holds unreservedly to the teachings of the Evangelical-Lutheran Confessions contained in the 1580 Book of Concord. She understands this doctrine to be the correct interpretation of the Scriptures and a true exposition of the holy Christian Faith.*

**COMMUNION FELLOWSHIP** Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for repentant sinners to eat and to drink. Those who partake of this Sacrament show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught and confessed by the Pastor and the congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed.

**MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING** of churches that publicly believe, teach and confess the Evangelical-Lutheran Faith are invited to commune at St. Paul's. If you have not publicly confessed the Evangelical-Lutheran Faith, we ask that you please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper at St. Paul's until you have been instructed in and publicly assent to the teachings of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated every Sunday and Feast Day.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children ages 4-14 is offered every Sunday from September through May.

**PRIVATE ABSOLUTION** is available by appointment with the Pastor.

**PASTORAL COUNSELLING** based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. An appointment is necessary.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISIM** for both infants and adults may be arranged by contacting the Pastor for an appointment.

**COUPLES DESIRING MARRIAGE** should contact the Pastor before finalizing the wedding date. Biblical instruction in Holy Marriage is required. All marriages are conducted by the Pastor according to St. Paul's usual order.

**NEW MEMBERS** are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer or Profession of Faith. Please ask the Pastor for further details.

**THE SICK & SHUT-IN** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scripture and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Frey if you know of any member in need of pastoral visitation.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** is offered in a Sunday morning Bible Study during our Sunday School. All are welcomed, both member and visitor. Pastor Frey also offers *An Adult Instruction Class* in the Lutheran Faith upon request.