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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 1, 2011

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THIS SUNDAY in the 10:30 service we rejoice as Jordan Berrios, Garrett Corkins, Zachary Daly, Rochelle Dressel, Mackenzie Farber, Shelby Prader, and Lesley Wasser confess their faith in Jesus Christ, which was created in their hearts by the Holy Spirit through Baptism. As a congregation we pray that these young men and women will continue in their faith and so receive the crown of eternal life Jesus promises to all who believe in Him!

WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

**8:00am**  
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

**SONG: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"**

1. Alleluia alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise: Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross a victim, For the world's salvation bled. Jesus Christ the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

2. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat; See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat; Once He died, and once was buried; Now He lives forevermore, Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.

3. Alleluia alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity! Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

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INVOCATION

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

P. Loved by the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord;

C. WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

P. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C. AND YOU FORGAVE THE INIQUITY OF MY SIN.

**CONFESSION: (Spoken together)**

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor sinful being.

ABSOLUTION

**INTROIT: (Adapted from Psalm 105)**

P. Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

C. MAKE KNOWN AMONG THE NATIONS WHAT HE HAS DONE.

P. Sing to him, sing praise to him;

C. TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL ACTS.

P. Glory in his holy name;

C. LET THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO SEEK THE LORD REJOICE.

P. Look to the Lord and his strength;

C. SEEK HIS FACE ALWAYS.

P. Remember the wonders he has done.

C. HE REMEMBERS HIS COVENANT FOREVER, THE WORD HE COMMANDED , FOR A THOUSAND GENERATIONS.

P. He brings out his people with rejoicing,

C. HIS CHOSEN ONES WITH JOY. PRAISE THE LORD!

**SONG: "I Believe in Jesus" (Jn 6:69)**

1. I believe in Jesus, I believe He is the Son of God; I believe He died and rose again, I believe He paid for us all. And I believe He's here now, standing in our midst; Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.

2. I believe in You, Lord, I believe You are the Son of God; I believe You died and rose again, I believe You paid for us all. And I believe that You're here now, standing in our midst; Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.

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

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd... 22 “Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him: ”I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, 27 because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ 29 “Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 1:3-9

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**TRIPLE HALLELUJAH:** (*Sung, TLH p. 20*)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

P. The Gospel according to John, chapter 20;

C. GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD. (*Sung, TLH p. 21*)

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” 24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” 28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” 30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P. (*Following the Gospel*)...This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST. (*Sung*)

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** (*Spoken together*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN: #210 “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”**

**SERMON: 1 Peter 2:2,3 "Have You Grown Up?"**

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed on the back of the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)*

**SONG: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

*(Psalm 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.)*

**Chorus:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me; Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Verse:** Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, take not Thy Holy Spirit from me;

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

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**THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP**

*(Please sign book at end of pew.)*

**PRAYERS**

**CALL TO THANKS AND PRAISE**

**HYMN OF ADORATION:** *(Sung, TLH p. 26)*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *(Spoken together)*

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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE:** *(Sung, TLH p. 28)*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

**THOSE DESIRING COMMUNION:** *The Bible teaches under the bread and wine of Communion Jesus gives His real body and blood to assure us of forgiveness. (Mt 26:26-28) It also teaches in receiving this meal together, we are by that act professing a unity of faith with the church at whose altar we commune. (1 Cor 10: 16-21) While Communion is meant as a blessing, we can however misuse it to our harm. Those who eat without repentance or recognizing the presence of Jesus' body and blood sin against the Lord. (1 Cor 11:27-29). Also, when fellowship at this meal is practiced with others who hold beliefs contrary to God's Word, the church is weakened and the truth God tells us to guard is compromised. (Ro 16:17, 2 Thess 3:14) In an effort to avoid these sins and follow God's Word, before communing anyone we first seek to teach them about Christ's meal, and have them make a public profession of their agreement with us in the faith. As a matter of loving spiritual care then, not judgment, we invite to commune with us today confirmed members in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) who have received instruction, and by current membership in one of these sister churches confess a unity of faith with us here at St. Paul's.*

**NON-ALCOHOLIC COMMUNION WINE:** *Out of consideration for those who have difficulty with alcohol a few glasses in the center ring of each Communion tray contain non-alcoholic white wine.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

**HYMN OF THANKS:** *(Sung, TLH p. 29)*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN: #201 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" vs. 1,3,5**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE**

**PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF MAY:**

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service

**1 Peter 2:2,3**

**"Have You Grown Up?"**

*2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

1. Why do we baptize and teach our children about Christ?
  
2. Why should we crave the pure Word of God?
  
3. What makes the Word of God more than just words written on a page?
  
4. If we have no craving for God's Word, what might that show about us?
  
5. Jesus gave up his life so we could \_\_\_\_\_.
  
6. What does Jesus expect to happen with us spiritually?
  
7. When do we reach full spiritual maturity?
  
8. Confirmation Day is meant to be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  
9. How might we feel about having to grow spiritually our whole life?
  
10. What starts to happen as we "taste" the goodness of the Lord Jesus Christ?

