



5th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026 — 8:00 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

- L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
A. And also with you.

Invocation

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Paul as an example of strength and courage. Help us to persevere in our trials. Give us the wisdom to pick out the truth in all the information that surrounds us.
Amen.

Hymn: ***Beautiful Savior***

Beautiful Savior
King of creation
Son of God and Son of Man
Truly I'd love thee
Truly I'd serve thee
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown

Fair are the meadows
Fair are the woodlands
Robed in the flow'rs of blooming spring
Jesus is fairer

Jesus is purer
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing

Fair is the sunshine
Fair is the moonlight
Bright the sparkling stars on high
Jesus shines brighter
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky

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Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: 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.

A: Amen.

L: 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,

**A: 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.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives
you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children
of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.

A: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy

L: 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.

A: Lord, have mercy.

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

A: Lord, have mercy.

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

A: Amen.

This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

A: 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 for 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 of our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Scripture Deuteronomy 19:15-20

“A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. And the rest shall hear and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil among you.”

2 Corinthians 13:1

“Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.”

John 14:1-6

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Sermon — *“The Church Litigated”* Pastor David Kaiser

Apostle’s Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

Hymn: ***Lord Jesus Think On Me***

Lord Jesus, think on me

And purge away my sin
From selfish passions set me free
And make me pure within

Lord Jesus, think on me
By anxious thoughts oppressed
Let me your loving servant be
And taste your promised rest

Lord, Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out your chosen way

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Words Of Institution

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb Of God

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.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:
Adoration

Confession
Thanksgiving
Supplication

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: ***What A Friend We Have In Jesus***

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do your friends despise, forsake you
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In his arms he'll take and shield you
You will find a solace there

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Sermon Notes

The Church Litigated

⇒ How do we know if something is true or not?

⇒ What is truth?

⇒ What is your source of truth?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Pam Morbeck, Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman, Logan Hodak