

5:00 & 8:00

# FORGIVING

## CHALLENGE



# CONFESSION

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## APRIL 27/28, 2024 – DIVINE 4

### WELCOME & THEME

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

*stand*

### OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

LSB 469

### INVOCATION

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]*

### OPENING PRAYER

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

*sit*

### THE FOUNDATION

**P** The Bible, we hold, is God’s Word from cover to cover;

**C** it makes me wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;

**P** it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us how to live;

**C** I need to read, listen, and learn from this foundation of truth laid forth by God.

### HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and He revealed Himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

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<sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered Him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” <sup>16</sup>He said to Him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” and he said to Him, “Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. <sup>18</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” <sup>19</sup>(This He said to show by what kind of death He was to glorify God.) And after saying this He said to him, “Follow Me.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Children’s Message(Sunday only) in A202 for children aged 3 through second grade. (Parents: Please keep your phone near you on **vibrate** so that we can contact you quietly if needed.)*

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small!”  
 Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.”  
 Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
 sin had left a crimson stain—He washed it white as snow.

## SERMON

FORGIVING CHALLENGE: *Confession*

## RESPONSE VERSES

“Jesus Paid It All”

vv. 2-4

Lord, now indeed i find Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,  
 can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
 sin had left a crimson stain—He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim—  
 I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
 sin had left a crimson stain—He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,  
 “Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
 sin had left a crimson stain—He washed it white as snow.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Like Peter, you and I are judged guilty. But hear this good news. The death sentence goes to Jesus on your behalf. He comes to you again and again and again, asking, (*insert your name*), “Do you love Me?”

**C** Yes, Lord, I love You.

**P** Then drop your pretense. Stop blaming others... Do you love Me?

**C** Yes, Lord, You know that I love You.

**P** Stop minimizing your sin, rationalizing, and hiding... Do you love Me?

**C** I have nothing to say, Lord. I’m hurting. You know that I love You.

**P** I forgive you. I love you. Believe it. Let it go and follow Me.

**C** Amen.

OFFERING (*See page 7 for offering information.*)

*stand*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:* **P** Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.  
**C** His steadfast love endures forever.

*The prayer concludes:*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray,  
**C** 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.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION ✠

### APOSTLES' CREED

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(We come to the altar at peace with one another.)*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

*sit*

DISTRIBUTION/HYMNS *(See page 7 for communion information.)*

- LSB 613 “To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All”  
 LSB 487 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”  
 LSB 467 “Awake, My Heart with Gladness”



*stand*

**BENEDICTION**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord lift His countenance upon you  
 and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

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- P** We enter to worship;  
**C** we exit to witness.

✠ TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY ✠

## REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION:

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord's Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ's body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you've had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. *If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.*

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God's Word, especially the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*
4. *Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess, and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

## REGARDING THANK OFFERINGS:

*To our guests* – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

*Offerings can be given in the following ways* –

- Place in the offering plate as it is passed down the pew.
- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit.
- Drop off or mail to the church office.
- Go to [oursaviorbett.org](https://oursaviorbett.org) and click on "Give."
- Give offerings/donate from your smart phone.
- Scan the QR code to access the online giving page.



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## THE FORGIVING CHALLENGE



**PHASE 1:  
SIN**  
APRIL 21



**PHASE 2:  
CONFESSION**  
APRIL 28



**PHASE 3:  
ABSOLUTION**  
MAY 5



**PHASE 4:  
RESTORATION**  
MAY 12



**PHASE 5:  
SANCTIFICATION**  
MAY 19

### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND:

Preacher.....Pastor Keith Pötter  
 Liturgist.....Pastor Gary Timm  
 Organist..... Jean Baker  
 Acolyte..... Sophia Miller (5:00)/Owen Stuenkel (8:00)  
 Children's Message (8:00) ..... Jen Lindauer  
 Projectionist..... Eric Zabel (5:00)/Andy Stuenkel (8:00)  
 Livestream (8:00) .....Christian Youngman