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## **Prayer Corner**

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## **Preparing for Worship**

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord." Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

#### 924 Abide, O Dearest Jesus 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre-cious Light; 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us. boun-teous Lord: that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place. thus now and here - af - ter true peace and and iov af - ford. truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y vour night. in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word. let us 5 Abide with your protection 6 Abide, O faithful Savior, among us, Lord, our strength, among us with your love; lest world and Satan fell us grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above. and overcome at length. Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632, Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, Text and tune: Public domain

#### Stand

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## Confession

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Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

## **Declaration of Grace**

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

#### Amen.

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



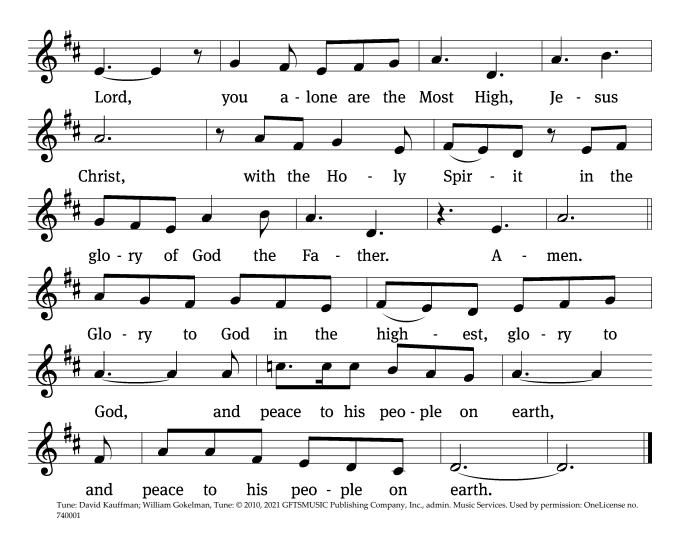
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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The Word

## Salutation

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Be seated

#### Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

## **First Reading**

In those days, as the number of disciples was increasing, a complaint arose from the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrew-speaking Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

<sup>2</sup>So the Twelve called together the whole group of disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup>Brothers, carefully select from among you seven men with good reputations, who are full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. We will put them in charge of this service. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word."

<sup>5</sup>This proposal pleased the entire group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas, a proselyte from Antioch.

<sup>6</sup>They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>The word of God kept on spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. Also a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Some men who were from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia) rose up and disputed with Stephen.

<sup>7:2</sup>Stephen said, "Gentlemen, brothers and fathers, listen!

<sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit! You are doing just what your fathers did. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who prophesied the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers—<sup>53</sup>you who received the law as transmitted by angels, but did not keep it."

<sup>54</sup>When they heard these things, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed up into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>He said, "Look, I see heaven opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

<sup>57</sup>But they screamed at the top of their voices, covered their ears, and rushed at him with one purpose in mind. <sup>58</sup>They threw him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses laid their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" <sup>60</sup>Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." After he said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

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## 446 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

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## Second Reading:

1 John 5:1–6

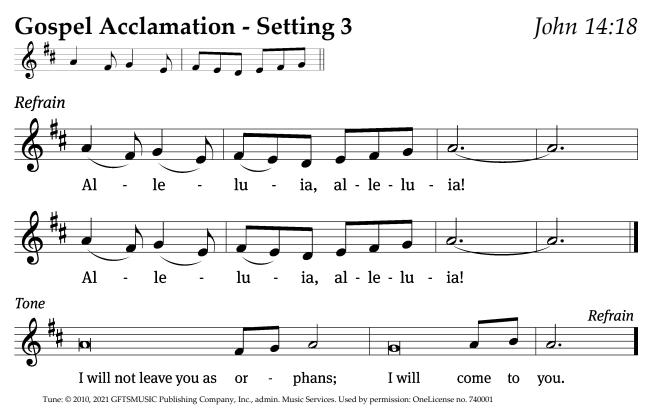
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the God who has given birth also loves one who has been

born of him. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep his commands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, this is love for God: that we keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Stand



## Gospel:

John 17:11b–19

"Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept those you gave me safe in your name. I protected them and not one of them was destroyed, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

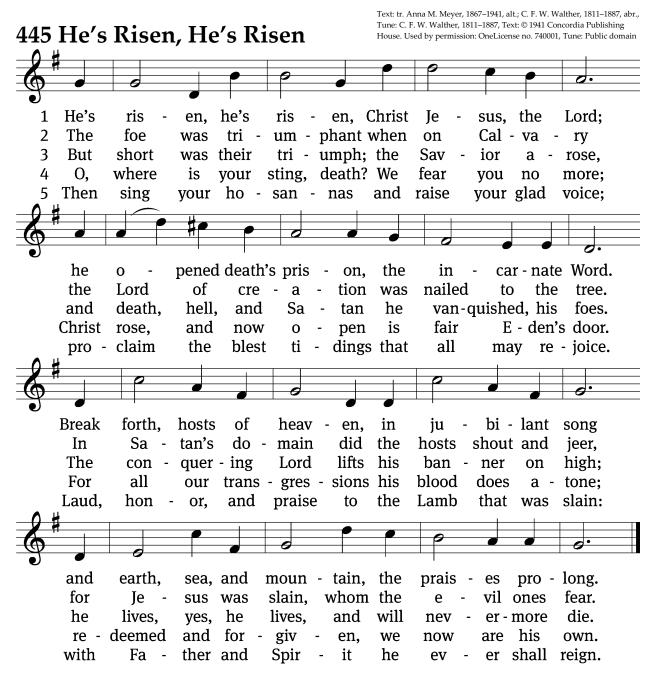
<sup>13</sup>"But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so

that they may be filled with my joy. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

<sup>17</sup>"Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated* 



## Sermon

#### Stand

**Apostles' Creed** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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. *Be seated* 

## Prayer of the Church

Eternal God, in the beauty of Eden you created a man and a woman and brought them together in marriage. You enabled them to be fruitful and increase in number and so you established the family. Help us to see in your creating wisdom your love for parents and children.

# Move us to be thankful for mothers and fathers and for all the blessings you bring to our homes.

Today we remember the mothers who loved us even before we were born, who endured the trauma of childbirth, and who cared for us when we could not care for ourselves. On this day and on other days cause us to recall the hours they spent and the sacrifices they made so that we could be content and carefree as we grew up.

#### Lead us to express our thanks and return the love our mothers showed to us.

We cannot thank you enough for mothers and fathers, too, who brought us to Holy Baptism, taught us simple prayers at mealtime, and read us Bible stories at bedtime. Forgive us for resenting their correction and ignoring their guidance as they desired to keep us on the narrow path of life with Christ.

#### Never let us forget the Christian training they gave to us.

We remember with compassion the mothers who were not always able to reflect your love in our lives. Help us understand the pressures they carried and the sadness they experienced. Take away unhappy memories and rid us of resentment.

#### Lead us to forgive them as you have forgiven us.

We confess our failures to hold our parents in love. For the naughtiness of childhood, the flare-ups of youth, the overconfidence of adulthood, and for all the words and actions spoken in haste and to hurt, we ask you and our parents for pardon.

#### Give us courage to make up for past sins when we can.

As their minds and bodies age, help us to support our parents as well as we can. Give us patience to accept their struggles for independence and strength to deal with their weaknesses. Enable us to keep them mindful of Jesus and his promises of a perfect life in heaven.

#### As they brought us to your Word, so lead us to keep them close to your Word.

Keep in your care all the mothers of our world. Comfort mothers who have been separated from their children. Give strength to mothers who care for children who are sick or troubled. Encourage mothers in societies where mothering is disrespected or discouraged. We pray especially for those who long to be mothers but have not been so blessed.

## We pray you to preserve and protect the blessed task of motherhood.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

#### Silent prayer.

So many women have influenced our lives. Lead us to think about their wisdom, compassion, patience, and encouragement and give us opportunities to say thank you when we can. Help us imitate their care for us as we work and play with children and young adults.

#### Strengthen us to love others as Jesus loved us. Amen.

## Offering

If you are not a member of our church, we do not want you to feel obligated to give an



offering. We gather offerings in church because the Bible teaches that giving is an act of worship. Our offerings include not only our financial gifts, but our hymns and prayers.



Please help us by taking a moment to fill out a Worship Card.



#### Stand

## Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

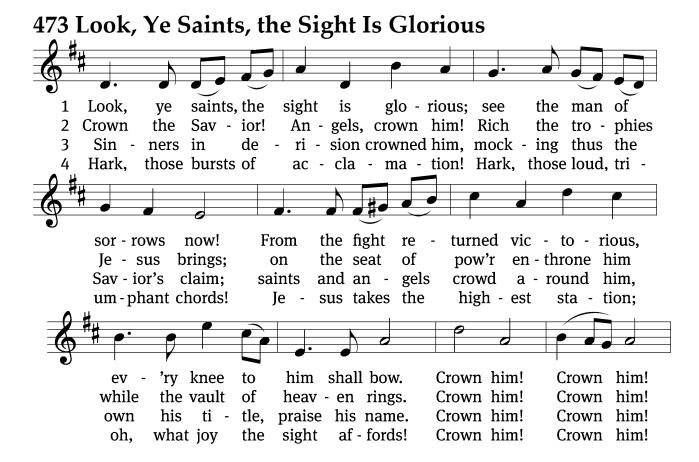
#### Amen.

#### 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.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.** 



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#### Preacher- Pastor Joel McKenney Organist- Leon Raether

#### Our Gifts to the Lord

May 5: \$8,771

**USHER TEAMS FOR MAY**— Mike D. Team-( Jeff R., Harold N., Robert K., Tim W.) 9AM James S. Team-(David S., Justin J., Dennis H., Josh G., Larry J.)

**ALTAR GUILD FOR MAY** — Char B., Mary H., Andrea M. **Online Giving**: use the **Vanco Faith** app **entry code**: **GQL5LW** or text the amount of your offering to **920-247-2627**.

## SCHEDULE

Sunday 5/12 9:00am- Worship 10:00am- Fellowship/Sunday School Wednesday 5/15 10:00am- Bible Study 6:00pm- Catechism Examination Service Thursday 5/16 9:00am- Quilters 6:00pm- WOSP @ Moe's Saturday 5/18 4:00pm- Worship LS Sunday 5/19 9:00am- Worship LS 10:00am- Fellowship/Bible Study

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BAKE SALE**: KAN will be having a bake sale during Graduation/Recognition Night on May 22 at church. If anyone wants to donate baked goods, they can drop them off at the school Tuesday or Wednesday during the school day.

**FOOD PANTRY:** St. Paul's donated 94 # of food to the Food Pantry in February and 44# of food in March.

**GRADUATES**: Any member of St. Paul's that is graduating from 8th grade, high school, tech school, college or beyond please call the school office with that information.

**WOSP MEETING**— Will be 6:00pm Thursday May 16 at Moe's. Supper will cost \$5. Children Welcome. Sign up at the back of the church or call Cheryl Daul @ (920) 255-4603. If you have never come before, this is a perfect opportunity! Please come!

**RECOGNITION FOR MISS JENSEN & MRS. VERTZ** —Mrs. Vertz and Miss Jensen are ending their time of service among us. We pray that God be with both of them as they continue to serve the Lord. During these last weeks of school, take a moment to thank them for their service to our students and families. One good opportunity to do so would be at our Graduation Service/Recognition Night on May 22. Our congregation is planning a recognition on June 23 for Miss Jensen, so watch for more information.

**LWMS -** Time to sign up to go to the convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on June 27-30. All information can be found at the website: 61.lwms.org or ask Charlene Beyer for a paper copy. Tom's Christian Tours has 9 spots left if you want a bus trip there.

**SUMMER CARE** — We are offering Summer Care for ages 3 and up in 2024 from June 3rd- August 16th within the hours of 7:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please contact Kayla 920-471-8356 with any questions.

**NOW HIRING**— Little Sprouts is looking to add additional staff to our Summer care and Childcare programs. Flexible hours M-F 7:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please contact Kayla 920-471-8356 for additional info.

**COLLEGE STUDENT RETREAT** — This summer, from May 29th to June 2nd, Camp Croix (WELS campground in Danbury, WI) will host our second annual Light of the World Retreat for college-aged Christians. This year our capacity tripled, and we are able to host 80 college students! College-aged members (anywhere between entering college/18yo to exiting college/22-23yo), are invited to this fellowship opportunity. More detailed information about the Light of the World Retreat can be found at: campcroix.org/college-retreat.