

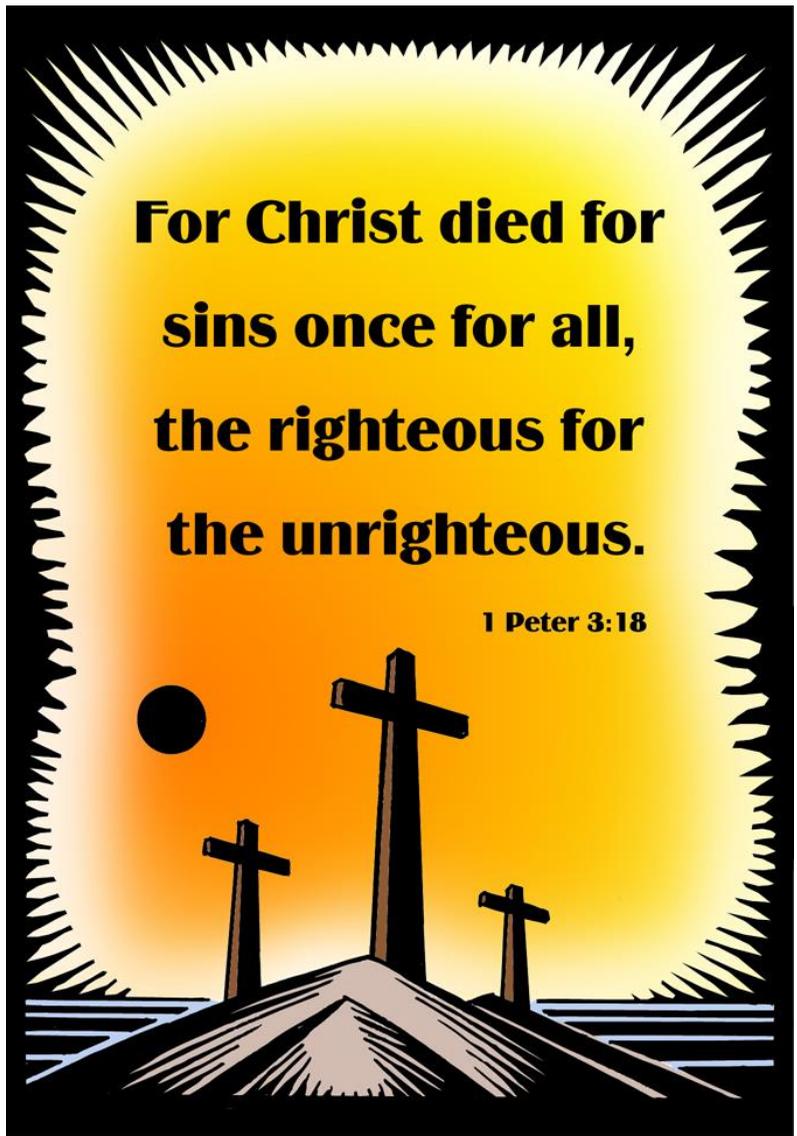
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**For Christ died for
sins once for all,
the righteous for
the unrighteous.**

1 Peter 3:18

May 16 & 17, 2020

...Growing In Christ

To Reach, Teach, and Care.

A Lutheran High School Association Member!

Hymn 816

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 3 All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Invocation and Psalmody

Psalm 66:16-20

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

C Amen.

P Come and hear, all you who fear God,

C and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

P I cried to him with my mouth,

C and high praise was on my tongue.

P If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

C the Lord would not have listened.

P But truly God has listened;

C he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

P Blessed be God,

C because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Confession and Absolution

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. 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.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of

truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Hymn 490

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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Sermon

Prayer

P Let us pray. Dear Jesus, the righteous and holy Son of God. Thank You for coming into this world to offer Yourself up to death for us unrighteous sinners. Raise up in us a spirit of joy and gratitude for Your gifts of faith, forgiveness, and salvation so that we will be encouraged to give others the reason for the hope that is within us. Help us to also show our love for You through a spirit of obedience to Your Word. Bless us with Your promises to be at peace in Your care.

Dear Jesus, grant wisdom to our local, state, and national leaders. Guide and protect us to achieve a healthy balance between vulnerable people being kept safe and rescuing the businesses of those who have been shut down. In time, if it be Your will, grant full restoration to our society and continuing protection for our citizens.

Dear Jesus, You have promised the help of the Holy Spirit to teach and strengthen us in every time of need. Grant a special measure of comfort from the Holy Spirit to Hilde Koepke who will undergo surgery this week. Grant to her a speedy recovery. Grant also the comfort of the Spirit to Jim Heling who has cancer. Keep him ever at peace in the promised victory You have prepared for all who trust in You.

Dear Jesus, bless also the couples of Ken and Sandy Chaffee who celebrate 40 years of marriage and Holly Hinz and Allan Soucek who observe their 30th anniversary. Fill them with Your love as that perfect gift that shapes their marital love. Strengthen all couples in Your blessing of marriage. In Your victorious name, dear Jesus, we pray.

C Amen.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and have given Your only-begotten Son to be our only way to life everlasting. As He comes to us in His Body and Blood, forgive us and strengthen us. Grant us faithfully to receive Him and by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives to live as Your redeemed children. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, and honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution and Common Dismissal

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn 589

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

- 1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor That I cling to You forever!
- 2 Oh, what blessing to be near You And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden You give words of peace and pardon.
- 3 Lord, Your words are waters living When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving; On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing!
- 4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.

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- ✦ Welcome to God's House, the place of His comforting promises in Christ Jesus!
- ✦ Offerings may be left at the door. Care Cards are not needed.
- ✦ At service end, either take your bulletin home or place it in the trash.
- ✦ Service videos are available at: <http://facebook.com/stpaulslutheransheboygan>
- ✦ Pastor K can sign up worshippers without a computer. Call him at 920.395.4141

The Preservice Music at the 9:30 service is played by Barbara Ramm on the cello. The piece is Largo (from Xerxes) by Handel. She is accompanied by Ron.

The Altar Flowers are given this weekend by Ken & Sandy Chaffee in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and God's blessings to both of you!

The Bulletin is sponsored this weekend by Holly Hinz & Allan Soucheck in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and God's blessings to both of you!

Attendance May 9 & 10: 5:30pm-20; 8:15am-5; 9:30-10; 10:45-18 = 53 Total

Offerings May 5-10: General Fund-\$9,389.35; Missions-\$1,077; Property-\$25;
Major Repairs-\$240; Roof-\$45; Music-\$5; LHS Fine Arts Center-\$10;
Morning Meditations-\$15

The Church Office is open 9am to 1pm Monday-Thursday. Although someone is usually here in the afternoon, we ask that you call ahead to come in or to schedule a home visit.

Spring POPS Concert 7pm Wednesday, May 20 “live streamed” on the LHS website. The content has all been pre-recorded. Sign-in begins at 6:45pm to view from the link on the homepage. Only for this initial showing will many parts be interactive during the performance, with several chats and surprises. So be sure to watch “LIVE” to see it all!

A Joint Ascension Day Service will again be held this year. It will take place at 6:30pm, May 21st, at Lutheran High in the parking lot and University Drive. Ushers will direct parking. The service can be heard over your car’s FM radio and the service can be downloaded onto a smart phone or tablet. Pastor Niles of Bethlehem will lead the service and Pastor Shive will preach. All attending will remain in their cars for the service.

Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of each sale to us if you give them a church bulletin or tell them you are ordering to support us. Curbside pick-up is available every day from Noon to 8pm. It’s a WIN/WIN deal; you get great food and we get a 10% donation from your purchase. Thank you!

Morning Meditations This week you can hear daily devotional messages sponsored by Trinity, Howards Grove on WHBL-1330AM or 101.5 FM at 7:25 or at about 10:50am. Check out the website Morning-Meditations.com for more items of interest.