

# **SIGHT IS VICTORIOUS OVER BLINDNESS**

Third Sunday of Easter

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

May 1, 2022

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

### PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Victorious Savior, open my eyes to your victory and what it means for me. Help me see truth of your resurrection, the hope it gives me, the comfort it proves in who my God is, and the end result it will bring someday for your people. Guide me today to praise you for who you are: the One who is worthy of all glory and honor and praise. In your name I pray. Amen.

#### FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

#### THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.

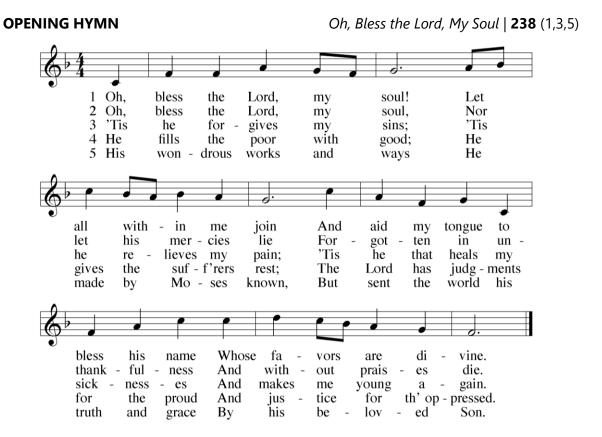


#### HOLY COMMUNION

Today St. Paul's will be celebrating Holy Communion. The Bible tells us that those who take the Lord's Supper together are to recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29), examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), and be united in faith with their fellow communicants (1 Cor. 10:17). For these reasons, it is our practice that only those who are members of St. Paul's or of a congregation within our fellowship join us at the Lord's Table. If you are interested in learning how you can partake of Holy Communion with us in the future, the pastor would be pleased to speak with you after the service.

## THE COMMON SERVICE

The Common Service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. As with all of our liturgies, its purpose is to focus us on the good news of forgiveness and to build us up in Christ.



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## INVOCATION

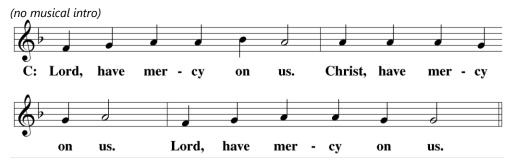
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



#### CONFESSION

- M: Beloved in 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.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY



## **ABSOLUTION**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



# **Prayer and Praise**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### **GLORY BE TO GOD**

(no musical intro)





### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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## The Word

FIRST LESSON Acts 9:1-22

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he might bring them to Jerusalem as prisoners.

<sup>3</sup>As he went on his way and was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

<sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

He replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you need to do."

<sup>7</sup>The men traveling with him stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone.

<sup>8</sup>They raised Saul up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. They took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he could not see, and he did not eat or drink.

<sup>10</sup>There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

<sup>11</sup>The Lord told him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. In fact, at this very moment he is praying. <sup>12</sup>In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he can regain his sight."

<sup>13</sup>Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and how much harm he did to your saints in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And he has authority here from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

<sup>15</sup>The Lord said to him, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup>Indeed, I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

<sup>17</sup>Ananias left and entered the house. Laying his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, whom you saw on your way here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>18</sup>Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. <sup>19</sup>And after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

<sup>21</sup>All who heard him were amazed and said, "Isn't this the one who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? Didn't he come here for this very purpose: to bring them as prisoners to the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup>But Saul continued to get stronger and kept confounding the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

**SECOND LESSON** Revelation 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup>And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels who were around the throne and around the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands upon thousands. <sup>12</sup>With a loud voice they were saying:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

<sup>13</sup>I also heard every creature that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.

<sup>14</sup>The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders bowed down and worshipped.

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GOSPEL John 21:1-14

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



<sup>1</sup>After this, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how he showed himself: <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing."

They replied, "We'll go with you."

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Early in the morning, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Jesus called to them, "Boys, don't you have any fish?"

"No!" they answered.

<sup>6</sup>He told them, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." So they cast the net out. Then they were not able to haul it in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup>The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard, "It is the Lord!" he tied his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the little boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about one hundred yards. <sup>9</sup>When they stepped out on land, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught."

<sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter climbed aboard and hauled the net to land, full of large fish, 153 of them. Yet even with so many, the net was not torn.

<sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come, eat breakfast."

None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and also the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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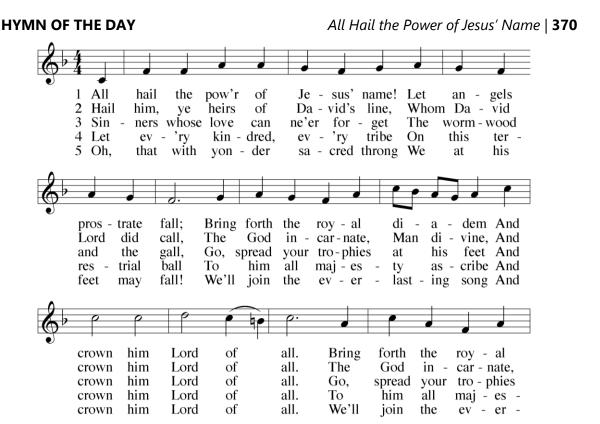
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

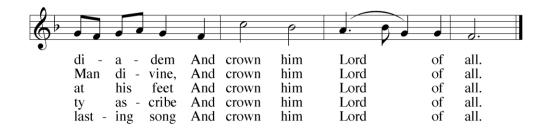
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was

incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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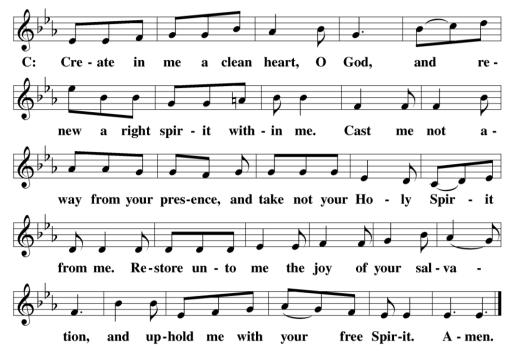
SERMON Revelation 5:11-14

## Worthy Is the Lamb...Who Was Slain

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## **CREATE IN ME**

(short musical intro)



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#### **OFFERING**

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6,7).

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The presiding minister will speak the Prayer of the Church on behalf of the congregation.

### 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 Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we also bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. See p.156 in the hymnal for preparation.

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

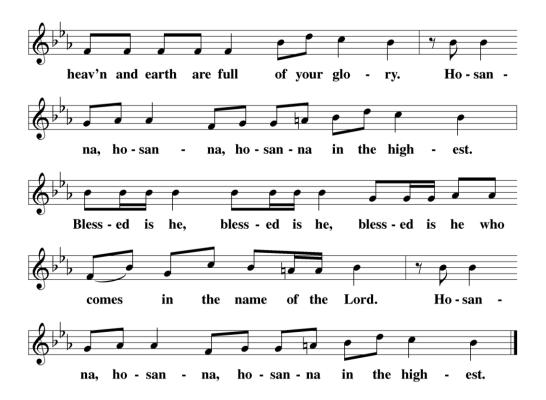


M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(no musical intro)





## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

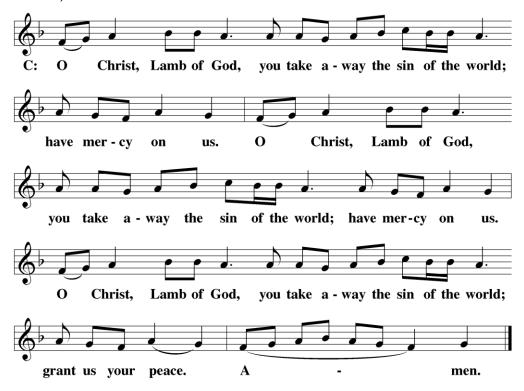
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

(no musical intro)



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### **DISTRIBUTION**

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16,17).

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## At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | 141



## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**



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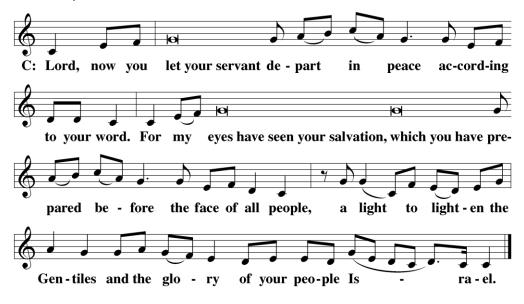


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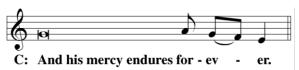
# Thanksgiving

## **SONG OF SIMEON**

(short musical intro)



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



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



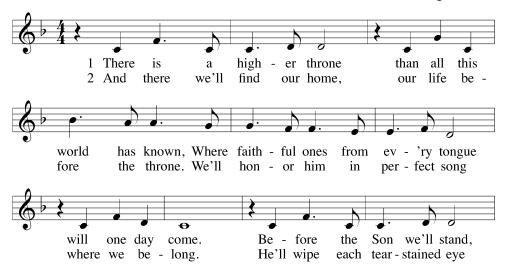
## **BLESSING**

M: 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.



## **CLOSING HYMN**

## There Is a Higher Throne | 727





## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### SISTER IN CHRIST NOW WITH CHRIST

Our sister in the faith, Joanne Kapanke, went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, April 26. We'll have a worship service to celebrate her victory on Saturday, May 7, at 11:00 am. There will be a visitation at Jandt-Fredrickson funeral home on Friday, May 6, from 4:00-6:00 pm, as well as an hour before the funeral the next day. God be praised for his work in Christ!

### REPENTANCE FUELING (BIBLE STUDY) CONTINUES

Sunday School and Bible Study: A Prayer Lesson: The Lord's Prayer Midweek Bible Study (Tues. 7pm; Wed. 9am): The Book of Ruth

#### **NEW MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**

This week we'll begin a new midweek Bible study. We'll be covering the Old Testament book of Ruth. Come learn about King David's grandma and the great picture she and her husband give us about our Kinsman Redeemer, Jesus.

#### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Our students, parents, and congregation members want to send out a special thank you to our teachers who help educate, guide, comfort, support, and advocate for our St. Paul's students. Your willingness and steadfastness to serve the Lord through our school and children is genuinely appreciated. Thank you for all you do for the children and families!

## MICHAELA (JOHNSON) ZABELL'S GRADUATION

To thank the congregation of St. Paul's for the prayers, support and encouragement of our daughter, Michaela Zabell, we invite you to a Graduation Celebration on Sunday, May 15th, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at our home, 204 18th Avenue North, Bangor. Michaela is graduating from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN with Bachelor of Science degrees in Elementary Education and Parish Music. We, along with Isaiah & Michaela, are looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 15th. A luncheon will be served. No gifts, please. (Graduation and call placement ceremonies will be livestreamed at Livestream.com/MLC-streams on Sat., May 14.)

--Michael & Marilyn Johnson

### **HOST AN MLC STUDENT**

The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony will be playing at First Lutheran in La Crosse on Sunday, May 15, during First's morning worship services. They'll be arriving at the First Lutheran parking lot on Saturday, May 14, at about 9:00 pm. If you're able to pick up and host some of these college students for the night and bring them to church the next morning by 7:00 am, please contact Tina Johnson at 608-317-1471 (call or text).

### SCHOOL PLAY DRESS REHEARSAL

The Teachers and the students would like to invite anyone who would like to attend the dress rehearsal for the play "Summer Camp" on Monday, May 23, at 10:00 am, in the school gym.

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT**

If you or someone you know is grieving, please attend the next Grief Support meeting on Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran in Barre Mills. The topic for discussion will be "Coping with what others say." Attend for comfort from God's Word and encouragement from fellow Christians.

### SPECIAL MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY

Luther High School's Operating Budget goes well beyond the normal operating budget. It allows Luther High School, through its dedicated faculty, to share the Gospel of our Savior each and every day. Our students are reminded of the grace we have all received in Christ. That is the Operating Budget, that is why Luther exists, and that is why we need your prayers and support. From March 1 through July 1, 2022, every gift given to the Operating Budget will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$60,000! This special opportunity will allow the ministry and mission of Luther High School to continue to provide quality Christ-centered education each and every day.

#### **WELS TASTE OF MISSIONS**

Taste of Missions is June 11, 2022! Join in person at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI, OR online to get a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world. Look forward to a fun day of worship, ethnic food offerings, and family-friendly fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Find all the details and register at tasteofmissions.com.

#### **CAMP WHITEWATER**

Registration for Camp Whitewater is now open! Each year this camp is held at Whitewater State Park, near St. Charles, MN. There are 2 separate weeks of camp. The dates for camp this year are July 12-17 and July 19-24. Go to campwhitewater.org to download all the forms needed to register. The cost for camp this year remains at \$160.

### **LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Luther High School is looking for a full-time custodian. Primary duties are to perform routine custodial duties as required, to include sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, cleaning walls, floors, carpets, using cleaning equipment and expendable cleaning supplies. Secondary duties include stripping and waxing floors, hallway painting as needed, assisting with other projects. Job duties may be performed in all buildings or facilities. Compensation is \$14-\$17/hour based on experience, with benefits. Applications are available in the Luther High School office and online at lutherhigh.org. Candidates may submit their application and resume to the Luther High School office. Questions and requests regarding application can be directed via email at johndona@luther.k12.wi.us or phone at 608-386-4753.

## **OFFERING SUMMARY** (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2022 Weekly Budget: \$10,069.73 Budget to Date: \$171,185.41 Received Last Week: \$8,777.66 Rec'd to Date: \$149,048.23

#### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 21

Sunday Bible Study: 43

Sunday School: 7

Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 23

## **CALENDAR**

TODAY	8:00 am 9:10 am 9:15 am 10:00 am	Worship with Communion Sunday School Bible Study Worship with Communion
MONDAY	5:00 pm	Bible Information Class
TUESDAY	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Mornings with Mommy Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study (same as Tues.) Public School Catechism Class Education Committee Meeting Council Meeting
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am 9:10 am 9:15 am <b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Sunday School Bible Study <b>Worship with Examination</b>

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Presiding Minister Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth Harriet Langrehr

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