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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESURRECTION REALITY: THE LIVING LORD PRODUCES ACTIVE FAITH

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

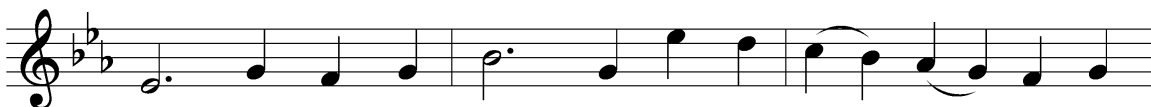
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1 This is my will, my one com - mand, that love should
 2 No great - er love can be than this: to choose to
 3 I call you now no long - er slaves; no slave knows
 4 You chose not me, but I chose you, that you should
 5 All that you ask my Fa - ther dear for my name's



dwelt a - mong you all. This is my will, that you should
 die to save one's friends. You are my friends if you o -
 all his mas - ter does. I call you friends, for all I
 go and bear much fruit. I chose you out that you in
 sake you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my one com -



love as I have shown that I love you.
 bey what I com - mand that you should do.
 hear my Fa - ther say you hear from me.
 me should bear much fruit that will a - bide.
 mand, that love should dwell in each, in all.

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Stand

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

C: Amen.

Confession

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

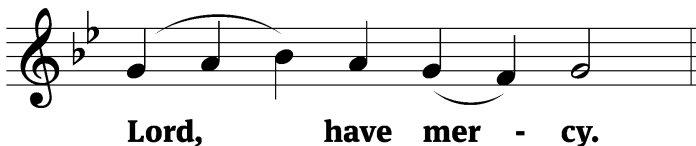
M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

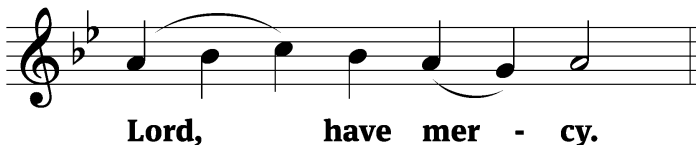
Lord, Have Mercy

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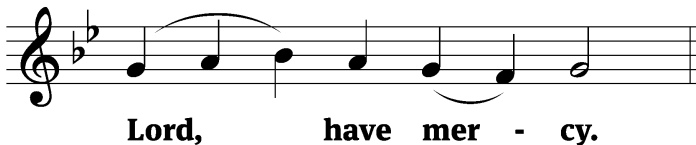
M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



M: 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.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176 (4-6 in bulletin)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we




wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and




peace to his peo - ple on earth.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -

lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
 with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men. A-men.
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his
 peo-ple on earth.

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The Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray. O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this

world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 4:32–37

The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them. There was not a needy person among them. For from time to time those who were owners of lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds received from what was sold, and laid it at the apostles' feet. It was distributed to each one according to what anyone needed. Joseph, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated "son of encouragement"), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him. He brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



63C Lord, You Are My Hope and Stay

Psalm 63C

Refrain



Lord, you are my hope and stay; I will ev - er sing your praise.

Tone



You, God, / are my God,
earnestly I / seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being / longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no / water.
I have seen you in the sanctu- / ary
and beheld your power and your / glory. **Refrain**

Because your love is bet- / ter than life,
my lips will glori- / fy you.
I will praise you as long / as I live,
and in your name I will lift / up my hands.

Because you / are my help,
I sing in the shadow / of your wings.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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Second Reading

1 John 3:18–24

Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth. This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:5



Refrain



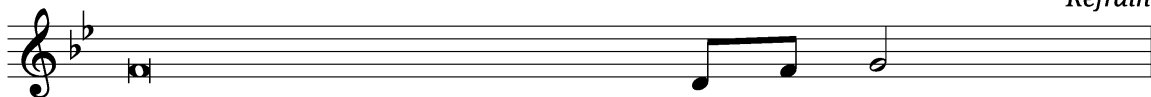
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Tone



I am the vine; you are the branch - es.

Refrain



If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.

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Gospel

John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit. “You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

469 Welcome, Happy Morning

CW 469 (p.10-11 in bulletin)



1 “Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say;
2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,
4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan’s chain;



“Hell to - day is van - quished; heav’n is won to - day!”
God from heav’n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture’s fall,
plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.
all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
of the Fa - ther's God - head you, the on - ly Son,
Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;
Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.
this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.
as in E - den's gar - den when the world be - gan.

Refrain



“Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say;



“Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!”

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Sermon

John 15:1-8

“Remain in Jesus!”

Stand

Nicene Creed

C: 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 truly 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.

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy during this season, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

C: Amen.

Be seated

Offering

During the offering, the organist/pianist will play offertory music and ushers will collect our offerings by passing an offering plate. Feel free to continue to offer your gifts to the LORD online if you prefer. Our members consider it a joy to support our ministry at Trinity so that we can offer the gospel here. If you are a guest with us this morning, please do not feel you have to give a gift.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

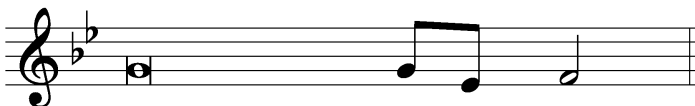
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M: The Lord be with you.



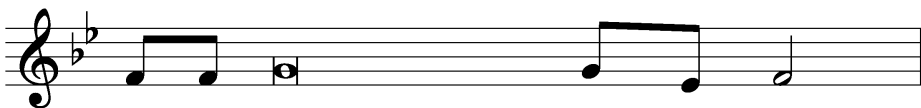
And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

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



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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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, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious 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

CW 184



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

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.

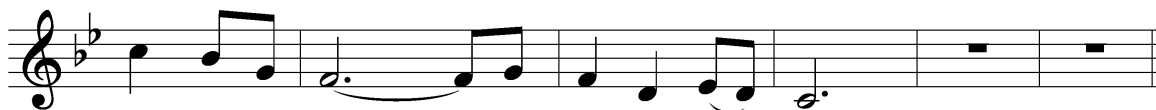
C: Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Distribution

The Lord's Supper is a priceless medicine for the soul. We do everything we can to encourage its proper use. We also recognize from Scripture (1 Corinthians 11:23-32) that this medicine is a prescription item. Used at the wrong time or place for the wrong reasons by someone who does not understand it correctly, the Lord's Supper can cause immeasurable spiritual harm. For that reason we, like the pharmacist, do not dispense it over the counter.

We ask that if you are not a member of another WELS or ELS church or if you have not received the Lord's Supper here before, to please wait until you have had an opportunity to talk about Holy Communion with a pastor. We follow this practice as an act of love; love for you and your soul.

595 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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661 Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord

CW 661



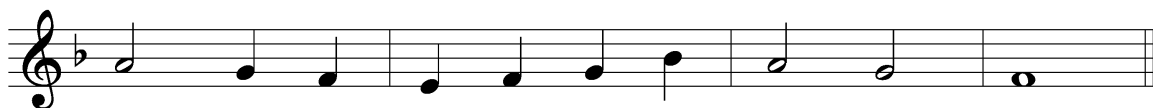
1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
 has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
 gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,
 He gave his life for great - est and for least,
 Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,
 Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - fresh - ed we give our thanks to God.
 him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.
 gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
 in this great feast of love be with us now.

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Stand

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
 C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

If you remain in me
and I in you
you will bear much fruit

454 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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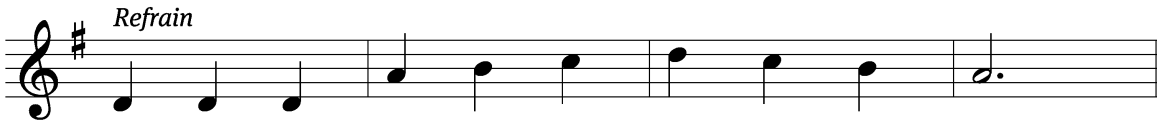
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread, giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth, Christ to the



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Announcements

Ushers this week: Al Frank, Andrew Delikat, Isaac Reis

Ushers next week: Gary Hansen, Steve Umphrey, Jsaon Kruschel

Worship Preview: Next week we will continue our Easter celebration as we continue in the worship series, “Resurrection Reality”. Many people ask what is real in this life and we can even question it from time to time. Throughout the Easter season we will see that the Resurrection is real and we will see the huge difference it makes in our lives. Next Sunday we will focus on “The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding.” The Resurrection proves that Jesus is our Good Shepherd who was willing to lay down his life for his sheep.

Sunday School: Sunday School will continue next Sunday at 9:00 am. The Sunday School will look at the “Jesus Calms the Storm.”

Adult Bible Study: Adult Bible Study will continue next Sunday at 9:00 am as we look at the Keys and Confession.

Quarterly Voters’ Meeting: We will have a quarterly voters’ meeting next Sunday, April 28 after the service. A preliminary agenda will be sent out via email early in the week.

LWMS Spring Rally: All are invited as we gather at Peace Lutheran Church in Granger, IN for the LWMS Spring Rally! The event will be held Saturday, April 27 beginning at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. Our special speakers will be talking more about the 100 missions in 10 years campaign. Please RSVP to Robin Mock if you plan to attend., and also if you wish to carpool.

Meditations: It is that time of the year again to renew or have the opportunity to subscribe to the daily devotional book Meditations or the monthly magazine Forward in Christ. Both of these publications are produced by our church body with the devotions being written by various pastors all over our church body and the magazine articles being written by pastors, teachers, and members of the church body. The price for the subscriptions will depend on how many sign up. If you are interested in renewing or subscribing, please talk with Pastor Reis.

ML Drama Production: Michigan Lutheran’s Drama Department is back in action! For this year’s drama production, they will be presenting two one-act comedies: “Appropriate Audience Behavior” by Ian McWethy, and “The Rules of Comedy” by Peter Bloedel. Join ML for what will no doubt be an incredible, comedic ‘blow-out’. Performances will take place in the MLHS gym on Frida, April 26 at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, April 27th at 3:00 pm. Tickets will be \$2 for children 3-12 and \$5 for age 13-adult (MLHS students are free). Please email Josiah Willitz if you have any questions: jwillitz@michiganlutheran.org.

Invitation: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Sodus would like to invite you to help celebrate the retirement of Pastor Robert Duehlmeyer. He has been a faithful servant for 40 years (36 of which were in Sodus). There will be a special service at 10:00 am on Sunday June 16. They realize this is Father’s Day, but figured it was a great day to celebrate this milestone. There will be catered meal following worship. Please RSVP by Sunday June 2. There is no cost for anyone who would

like to join the celebration. If you wish to RSVP for this, it is requested that you tell Pastor Reis and he will forward the numbers to St. Paul's Sodus at the appropriate time.

Memory Book for Pastor Duehlmeier: St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sodus has invited individuals and congregations to send their best wishes to Pastor Duehlmeier and his family. The program committee is putting together a memory book for Pastor Duehlmeier and his wife, Mary. You are invited to send any well wishes or memories to us to be incorporated into that book. You are welcome to email them to dwoolingmacd@hotmail.com or mail them to Margie Dowling, 2234 Meadowbrook Rd., Benton Harbor, 49022, by Friday May 31.

Area Call Update: Pastor Hernandez Daylo, Jr., campus pastor and Spanish teacher at Michigan Lutheran High School has received a call to be a theology teacher at Divine Savior Academy in Doral, Florida. Mr. Garrett Buch, teacher and interim principal at St. Paul, Stevensville, has received a call to be upper grades teacher at St. Luke, Oakfield, WI. St. Paul, Sodus has called Pastor Daniel Burgess. St. Paul, Stevensville has called Mrs. Teresa Dohm to be their Early Childhood Ministry Director and Mr. David Stoltz to be principal and 7-8 grade teacher. Grace, St. Joseph has called Mr. Guy Gast to be an upper grade departmentalized teacher. Grace, St. Joseph has a vacancy at pastor. St. Paul's, Stevensville has a vacancy at pastor. St. Paul's, Sodus will be vacant at pastor in June and is in between calls. St. John's, Dowagiac will be vacant at pastor in June. Please keep all of these called workers and all the ministries in our area which are affected by vacancies at various positions in your prayers.