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We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord’s day. Our God is the God of the living.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

Amen.

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

Merciful God,
we come before you, beloved but broken.
We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us.
We have not always called out injustice and abuse.
We have not always been kind to ourselves.
We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures.
Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love.
Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us.
Amen.

At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus’ name: you are ☩ forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN (ELW p. 627 verses 1, 2, 3 & 5) O Day Full of Grace

BELIEF

Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Oremos. Oh Dios, nuestro eterno redentor, por la presencia de tu Espíritu renuevas y diriges nuestros corazones. Mantén siempre en nuestra mente el fin de todas las cosas y el día del juicio. Inspírenos para una vida santa aquí, y llévenos al gozo de la resurrección, por medio de Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador y Señor. Amén.
Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

23 O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
24 O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
27a whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 17:1-9

R: Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

1 Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.  
2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.  
3 Examine my heart, visit me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.  
4 I have not regarded what others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. R  
5 My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;  
and my feet do not slip.  
6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.  
7 Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.  
8 Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,  
9 from the wicked who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies who surround me. R
SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus’ imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

1 As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. 2 Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. 4 He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. 5 Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

13 But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, 17 comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands

Glory to You, O, Lord.

The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; 30 then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

34 Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36 Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW p. 619) I Know That My redeemer Lives
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

The assembly shall kneel, as they are able

Loving Redeemer, by grace you have chosen us to live boldly as resurrection people. Strengthen us to stand firm and proclaim the good news to the world. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Maker of all, you bless us with the change of seasons. Create safe pathways as plants and animals prepare for winter, and make us good stewards of your bountiful creation. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Divine judge, your justice and mercy are revealed to us in your steadfast love. Grant rest and peace to faithful veterans, and give courage to government officials who lead, serve, and protect. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Listening God, your beloved people call to you and you answer them. Hear the cries of those who are poor and unemployed, those who seek refuge, those who suffer from addiction, and all who are sick, especially Suzanne, Diane, Shane, Norma, Linda, Jack, Raymond, Mary Louise, Steve, Khloe, Krys & Jamie, Elfren, Jimmy, Erna Mae, Alejandra, Carly, Meredene, Jerry, Kyle, Cody, and Norma, as well as those that we name out loud or in our hearts… Guard and keep them in your loving care. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Generous teacher, you look upon your children with a loving heart. Bless the ministries of those who work with, serve, teach, and lead children. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

As we sow Seeds of Hope, we pray for St. Paul’s – Karnes City and St. Paul’s – Nordheim as the congregations grow their ministries through the St. Paul’s Squared opportunity. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

With all churches in the Southwestern Texas Synod we pray for each other and also for ELCA member congregations such as those in the Allegheny Synod, and Hope Lutheran Church in Buckholt, TX. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God of the living, to you all are alive. We give thanks for those who have died in the faith. Give us joy in knowing that our Redeemer lives, and that we will be united with the faithful in a resurrection like his. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.
Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

(ELW p. 465)  As the Grains of Wheat

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

Lasset uns beten. Gott unser Schöpfer, Sie geben uns allem wir, sind alles, dass wir haben, alles, was wir, und alles bringen, dass wir brauchen. Ziehen Sie uns um Ihren Tisch mit Ihren allen Heiligen an auf der Erde und in Ihrem ewigen Haus. Lassen Sie uns essen und Ihre Versprechung des neuen Lebens trinken, dass wir Ihre Versprechung zur Welt sein könnten, gesprochen im Namen von Jesus.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on earth . . . .

Blest is he who comes in the nome - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . . of the Lord.
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.
By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God keeps adding places to the table. Come to the banquet that has no end!

assembly is seated. The

COMMUNION SONG

DISTRIBUTION – All are WELCOME at the table of the Lord.

This meal gives you strength for your journey of faith & life. Go forward as the body of Christ in your family, community and the world. Children or anyone choosing not to commune, but wishing to be blessed, may indicate this by folding their arms across their chest. Anyone who is unable to come forward may indicate to an usher that you wish to receive communion where you are seated.
TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God our host,
for inviting us here to taste the future
when you will feed all the hungry at your table.
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit,
you are Christ’s message of love for this troubled world,
written by the same Sender.
May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father,
who loved us and through grace gave us
eternal comfort and good hope,
comfort your hearts and strengthen them
in every good work and word.
Amen.

SENDING SONG (ELW p. 547)  Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.
Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY (ELW p. 884)  Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
For Prayerful Consideration

**Ill, Injured or Otherwise Struggling:** Suzanne Dietzel, Diane Dziuk, Shane Edens, Norma Foreman, Linda Henning, Jack Hockey, Evelyn Hoffman, Raymond Jenkins, Mary Louise Jonas, Steve Kelly, Frances Kempe, Khloe Martinez, Krys & Jamie Michael, Elfen Moczygemba, Jimmy Moore, Erna Mae Pfeil, Alejandra, Carly Rosenboon, Meredith Shockome, Casey Stagg, Jerry Vajdos, Cody Zaiontz, and Norma Zamzow

**For those in the military:** Nick Adams, Anthony Alvarez, Allen Bowles, Justin Chandler, Justin Elkins, Rodney Foreman, Jamaica Goodhue, Jacob Jones, Felipe Leal, Jr., Garrett Peterson, Jon Wayne Schulz, James Skinner, Chris Sustaita, Kassie Thompson, John Vasquez, and Delmiro Villanueva

**Birthdays:** Holly Polasek, Dottie Myers (Nov 13), Logan Polasek (Nov 16)

Welcome!

We have all come to St. Paul’s by different paths, and from various walks of life. Through worship, study, prayer and fellowship we each seek to deepen our faith, comfort and encourage one another and dedicate our lives more fully to sharing Christ in our homes, our community and the world. All are welcome at St. Paul’s. We are eager to know you, and we invite you to get to know us. If you are unable to hear, require a bulletin, or need any other assistance, please signal an usher.

Announcements
Opportunities to Learn, Worship, Pray, and Serve

Quilting

The Quilting Group meets each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to join in this fun project!
“Jesus ascends, now what?”

Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, November 12 with a study of Acts 1. We’ll meet at St. Paul’s Nordheim at 6:00 p.m. A light supper will be served. There is no charge! All are WELCOME!

Deck The Halls!

Sunday, December 1 immediately following the Worship Service, we’ll join together as a congregation... younger and older, folks of all shapes and sizes... and decorate the church for Christmas.

Many hands make light the load...working together, we can transform the sanctuary in about 1 hour or less.
Thanksgiving Service
A Community Worship Celebration for Karnes County

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019
7 PM
at
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
590 St. Hwy. 72 West Kenedy, TX 78119
(830)583-2285

Join us as we gather together to give thanks and praise to God this Thanksgiving Season.

All in Karnes County are welcome to come and participate in this service.
The offering will go to support the Karnes County Christian Thrift Center

A dessert reception will follow the service.
CHRISTMAS VESPERS 2019: ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL

Titled “All Earth is Hopeful,” this year’s Vespers service of word and music will feature the TLU Choir, TLU Treble Choir, Kantorei Chamber Choir, and the TLU Symphonic Winds and Percussion. This year’s program is a reminder of Advent as a time of quiet reflection, prayerful waiting, and hopeful anticipation of the birth of Christ. San Antonio actress, Sam Carter Gilliam, will perform short monologues between the musical numbers which weave a story and lend context to the music being performed.

Christmas Vespers will be held in TLU's Jackson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Tickets for each Vespers service are free but required.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Friday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Jackson Auditorium
- Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Jackson Auditorium
- Sunday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. in Jackson Auditorium
- Sunday, Dec. 15, at 4 p.m. at St. Martin’s Lutheran Church, Austin (no tickets required)

TICKET RESERVATION

Tickets will be available for reservation online and in the TLU Bookstore beginning Nov. 1. All Vespers services at TLU are free and open to the public, but tickets are required due to limited seating. vespers@tlu.edu