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**YOUR  
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IS TRUTH.**

**JOHN 17:17**

10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 16, 2021  
Sermon: "Not of the World" John 17:11b-19



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -  
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 16, 2021

### **Servants of God's House Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu      **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

**Elders:** Tim Draube      **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

**Ushers:** Dallas Schulz Team

**Missionaries:** Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,  
Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortwright

**Reader:** Coleen Reich

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**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**AS WE GATHER** Some of the most memorable portraits of Jesus shared with us by the Gospel writers depict times when He prayed. We remember Him teaching the disciples to pray when He was on the mountain, sharing the heart of His teaching. We have the powerful portrait of Him praying in the Garden of Gethsemane the night He was betrayed. And in John's Gospel is recorded what is known as the High Priestly Prayer of our Lord. Jesus prayed for His people during His earthly ministry; He continues that praying for us. In his first epistle, John writes that "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). There is holy conversation in heaven just as sure as there is holy conversation on earth when we pray!

**HOLY COMMUNION** The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**      **O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Worship Service**

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

**The Ringing of the Bells**

**The Wave of Fellowship**

## The Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

## Opening Sentences *Psalm 6:9; 54:1–2; 102:1–2*

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD;

**C: let my cry come to You!**

P: Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress!

**C: Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!**

P: O God, save me, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might.

**C: O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

P: The LORD has heard my plea;

**C: the LORD accepts my prayer.**

## Opening Song “Here I am To Worship”

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
(And) You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to

me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor

(chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,  
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (chorus twice)  
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## Nicene Creed

### First Lesson Acts 1:1-11 (Ascension of Jesus)

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or

seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

## **The Epistle**    1 John 5:9–15 (The testimony about the Son of God)

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

<sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life;

whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

## **Holy Gospel**    John 17:11b–19    (Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)

<sup>11b</sup>... Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

<sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are

not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep 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 in the truth; your word is truth.

<sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

## **Children's Message**

## **The Song of Instruction      “Thy Word”**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)  
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)  
I will not forget Your love for me and yet, my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.

Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat last line)  
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## **The Word      “Not of the World” John 17:11b-19**

### **WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING**

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul's members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

*Luke 16: 11—If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth (money), who will entrust to you the true riches?*

## **Offertory      “Seek Ye First”**

### **The Prayer of the Church**

**P:** For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Isaac Swearingen, Noah Swearingen, Fauna Tuttle, Marlene Mertens, Tracy Seibold, Sandra Bock, Kathleen Heibel, Susan Horst, Bonnie Knutson, Lindley Rugu, Lionell Rugu, Lainey Rugu, Ashley Searls, Jennifer Marks, Marlis Hilden, Jacie Moore, McKenna Sulzbach and Sherry Williams. Lord in Your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### **Invitation with Confession and Absolution**

**P:** Concerning the Lord's Supper, Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11:27–29  
“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.”

**P:** Let us humble ourselves before God and confess our sins to Him, praying for His gracious forgiveness.

- C: O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put You first. We have used Your holy name in ways that do not honor You and have not been constant in prayer and devotion. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty with others at all times. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have coveted that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained 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.**

**INVITATIONAL SONG** ("Praise Team):

**He said come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior now  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

**DISTRIBUTION** "I Will Rise"

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."  
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won;  
He is risen from the dead. And I will rise when He calls my name;  
No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings;  
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise,

There's a day that drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,  
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.  
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won;  
He is risen from the dead. And I will rise when He calls my name;  
No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings;  
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise,

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

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I will rise when He calls my name;

No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings;

Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise, I will rise.

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **The Benediction**

## **The Going Out Song "Our God"**

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.

There's no one like You, none like You.

Into darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.

There's no one like You, none like You.

Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger. God, You are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, awesome in power. Our God, our God.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?

And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?

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And if our God is with us, then what could stand against? (repeat chorus)

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## **St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**

**Worship Services:** Traditional (6 p.m. Saturday & 8:15 a.m. Sunday)  
Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m. Sunday)

**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.

**Youth & Adult Bible Classes** 9:30 a.m.

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# **“Not of the World”**

Text: John 17:11b-19

Date: 05/16/21

## **Verse to Remember:**

“They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.” John 17:16

## **Points to Ponder:**

1. The High Priestly Prayer (John 17)

vv. 1-5 \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 6-19 \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 20-26 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is happening in our world today?

3. “Not of This world.” What does this mean?

4. What should we do? What should we not do?

5. When is our time to leave...