

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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## Ascension of our Lord

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***Welcome!** We are glad you're here and hope to see you again soon! Please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church. If you don't have a church home, are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), or are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, please speak to the Pastor, Elder, Usher, or the church office.*

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**Communion Guidance:** Visitors wanting to commune should speak to the pastor or an elder prior to the service. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are always welcome to commune.

Hymns are found in the Lutheran Service Book in the pews. We're using Divine Service, Setting 1 on page 151 in the front section of the hymnal.

(♪ denotes responses that are to be sung. **P** = Pastor; **C** = Congregation)

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### Opening Hymn 493: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 2 The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 To them the shining angels cry,  
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
“This is the Savior,” thus they say;  
“This is His glorious triumph day!”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 “You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Stand**     *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the {†} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Introit**

*Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

**P** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**C** **The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”**

**P** The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

**C** **“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”**

**P** The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

♪ **Kyrie**

*LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

♪ **This is the Feast**

*LSB 155*

**C** **Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. Refrain**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Refrain**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**Final Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**♪ Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.** *Please sit*

**First Reading**

*Acts 1:1–11*

<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.”

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God. *Please Stand*

## ♪ **C** Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:44–53*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,

the twenty-fourth chapter.

♪ **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**     *Please Sit*

**Hymn 491: Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels**

1 Up through endless ranks of angels,  
    Cries of triumph in His ears,  
    To His heav'nly throne ascending,  
    Having vanquished all their fears,  
Christ looks down upon His faithful,  
    Leaving them in happy tears.

2 Death-destroying, life-restoring,  
    Proven equal to our need,  
Now for us before the Father  
    As our brother intercede;

Flesh that for our world was wounded,  
Living, for the wounded plead!

3 To our lives of wanton wand'ring  
Send Your Spirit, promised guide;  
Through our lives of fear and failure  
With Your pow'r and love abide;  
Welcome us, as You were welcomed,  
To an endless Eastertide.

△ 4 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Oh, to see the Father's face!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!

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## Sermon

**Apostles' Creed**    *Please Stand*

**☒ 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.

### Prayer of the Church:

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

**C** Responds: **Hear our prayer** after each petition.

**C** Responds: **Amen** after final petition.

Offering: *Please sit*

♪ Offertory: *Please stand*

LSB 159

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on  
the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of  
the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all  
His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the  
midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪ Preface

LSB 160

**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.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary...praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus

LSB 161

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth,.....To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 162*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My {†} body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My {†} blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ,.....So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **Lord’s Prayer**

*LSB 162*

**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.**

♪ **Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

♪ **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 163*

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace. *Please sit*

**Distribution**

**Hymn 680: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise**

1 Thine the amen Thine the praise  
Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally  
Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing  
Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly Thine the yes  
Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be

Then the ringing and the singing  
Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise  
Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night  
No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree  
Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy  
Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only  
Thee.

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## **Hymn 525: Crown Him with many Crowns**

1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
Yet of that rose the stem,

The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

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♪ Post -Communion Canticle Please Stand LSB 164

**☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

♪ **Post-Communion Collect**

LSB 166

**P** Let us pray.....one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

♪ **Benediction**

LSB 166

**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. *Please sit*

**Departing Hymn 494: See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph**

1 See, the Lord ascends in triumph;  
Conqu'ring King in royal state,  
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,  
To His heav'nly palace gate.  
Hark! The choirs of angel voices  
Joyful alleluias sing,  
And the portals high are lifted  
To receive their heav'nly King.

2 Who is this that comes in glory  
With the trump of jubilee?  
Lord of battles, God of armies,  
He has gained the victory.  
He who on the cross did suffer,  
He who from the grave arose,  
He has vanquished sin and Satan;  
He by death has crushed His foes.

3 While He lifts His hands in blessing,  
He is parted from His friends;  
While their eager eyes behold Him,  
He upon the clouds ascends.  
He who walked with God and pleased Him,  
Preaching truth and doom to come,

He, our Enoch, is translated  
To His everlasting home.

4 Now our heav'nly Aaron enters  
With His blood within the veil;  
Joshua now is come to Canaan,  
And the kings before Him quail.  
Now He plants the tribes of Israel  
In their promised resting place;  
Now our great Elijah offers  
Double portion of His grace.

5 He has raised our human nature  
On the clouds to God's right hand;  
There we sit in heav'nly places,  
There with Him in glory stand.  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;  
Man with God is on the throne.  
By our mighty Lord's ascension  
We by faith behold our own.

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### **Serving Today:**

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Elder: Bob Frerking

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Ushers: Lyndon Wiegand, Larry Huls

**Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or ill at home:** Rachel Krause (recovering at home); Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise, Chuck Baker, Lilly Baker, (cancer); Duane Delozier; Pat Nave; Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). **\*\*Please contact the**

**church by Thursday morning** with additions or corrections to this prayer list.

**No Adult Bible Study or Children's Sunday School May 17. Both will be held on May 24.** After May 24, children's Sunday School will break until Sept 13. Adult Bible Study will continue through the summer.

**Happening this week:**

**Thursday, May 14** 7:00 pm Ascension Day Divine Worship Service

**Sunday, May 17** 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week  
9:00 am Divine Service with recognition of graduating seniors. Reception to follow.

**Tuesday, May 19** 6pm – 8pm Game night at church fellowship hall

**High School Graduates: Recognition May 17<sup>th</sup>**