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St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH



May 17, 2026 | The Seventh Sunday of the Easter Season

Welcome to honored guests and St. Paul's family alike!

In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to be strengthened through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service.

Our worship is designed for your whole family. Find children's busy bags, a book that teaches young children about worship, children's bulletins, and children's worship note sheets on the cart near the central sanctuary doors.

God loves the sound of children in worship, and so do we! If you need to step out of worship for a moment, we have a **family room** located through the door in the back of the fellowship hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to talk with you about how we can serve you with the Gospel and make here your home!



Our congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. As a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to learn more about our church family or our church, school, and preschool can serve you, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Our Synod

St. Paul's belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), congregations united in faith and in desire to serve everyone we can with the truth of God's saving Word. To learn more, visit wels.net or ask a pastor.

Our worship

We gather for worship Sundays at 9:30 am and for children's and adult Bible study about ten minutes after worship.

Today's worship begins on page 4

Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

preacher | **Tim Rosenow**

accompanist | **Cindy Lendt**

ushers | **Dan Cerney and Newton Trimmer**

last Sunday's worship attendance | 111

presiding minister | **James Saatkamp**

worship streaming tech | **Josh Plum**

flowers | **Warrens 51st Anniversary**

freewill offering | \$2,745

Let's pray this week!

birthdays | **Don Bepalko** (5-17); **Cayson Davis** (5-17)

anniversaries | **Gary & Sheri Warren** (5-17 | 51 years!); **Bill & Traci Hoeltke** (5-22 | 44 years!)

homebound members | **Dave Brandt, Tom Colwell, Sharon Cummons, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo**

health | **Tom Colwell** (home hospice care); **Sharon Cummons** (recovering in assisted living); **Rick Freihofer** (injured in a motorcycle accident); **Kay-Lynn Johnston** (recovering from surgery); **Rick Robinson** (recovering in the hospital); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovery)

Serving in worship next week

Streaming | **Bill Hoeltke**

Ushers | **Bruce Salzman and Rick Freihofer**

This Week | May 17th – 23rd

TUE | Preschool Graduation 6:00 PM

WED | Isaiah Bible study 10:00 AM; 8th Grade Graduation 6:00 PM

THU | Field Day; Kindergarten Graduation 6:00 PM

FRI | Closing chapel 8:30 AM; Last Day of School

SAT | Women's Growth Group 10:00 AM

Upcoming Events

May 24 | Miss Lendt Farewell

June 1–4 | Soccer Camp

June 13 | Taste of Missions (Miss Lendt Commissioning)

June 14 | Ministry Plan Voter's Meeting

June 28 | Confirmation Sunday (Marina Siegler)

Our Easter worship series | What difference does it make?

Life is full of either/or moments. Some of them are of little long-term consequence. I will have either the chicken or the fish. Some of them matter more. I will accept the new job offer or keep my current job. One either/or moment is life-changing for every human being. Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose from the dead. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sin.

But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! It makes all the difference! He lives! The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of that fact.

Today's worship theme | He lives to give me eager expectation of glory

Without the resurrection of Jesus, my uncertainty can easily lead to anxiety. I am waiting for everything to turn out, and not knowing what will happen is so much harder if I think I cannot rely on anyone. It's been a long time since Jesus ascended into heaven. Sometimes I suffer. Has he forgotten about me?

He lives, and it makes a difference. I know how my life will turn out, and that uncertainty about the future helps with life's present difficulties. While I wait in the time between Christ's ascension and his return on Judgment Day, I know that God will work everything out for my good.

Our prayer before worship | that our anxiety becomes eager expectation

Risen and living Lord, accept our alleluias and increase our joy in knowing that you have risen from the grave! Comfort us with the assurance that our sins are forgiven and eternal life is sure. May the message of Easter lead us to tell the true good news of this season. Make our faith burn brightly as we face each day in the light of your glorious resurrection. Amen.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

CW 465

Christ was on our side all the way to death. Now, because he has been raised, we know he always will be!



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” saints on
2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, fought the
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O



earth and an - gels say. Raise your joys and
fight, the bat - tle won. Lo, our sun’s e -
burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
death, is now your sting? Once he died our



tri - umphs high; sing, O heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.
clipse is o’er; lo, he sets in blood no more.
bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led, foll’wing our exalted head.
Made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n! Praise to you by both be giv’n!
God has now fulfilled his Word; praise the resurrected Lord!

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P(residing Minister) | In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C(ongregation) | Amen.

Confession

CW 154

P | 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.

+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God’s house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today Pastor James will finish his two-week Bible Study called **Promise-filled Purpose Prevents Panicked Planning**. Sunday School for the children will be at the same time.

Isaiah Bible Study Summer Pause

Our final Wednesday morning Bible study will meet on May 20th, before taking a pause for a few months. While we won’t *quite* finish the book of Isaiah, please drop by **Wednesday at 10 AM** as we continue to hear God’s rich promises and prophecies in Isaiah.

Graduation Week Schedule

It’s the last week of school, which means that next week we have a busy schedule! Please make note of the following events that will help us wrap up the year:

- Tuesday, May 19 | Preschool Graduation 6 PM
- Wednesday, May 20 | 8th Grade Graduation 6 PM
- Thursday, May 21 | Field Day; Kindergarten Graduation 6 PM
- Friday, May 22 | Closing Chapel 8:30 AM

A Bittersweet Sendoff

In a short time, Miss Cindy Lendt will be leaving us to begin her work in east Asia as the Women’s Ministry Coordinator there. Next week Sunday, **May 24th** we will have a **special farewell for Miss Lendt** followed by a potluck lunch (with a signup in the gathering area). Please join us to wish her well and send her off with the Lord’s blessings.

Council of Ministry Notes

This Tuesday the church council meet for their monthly meeting. Here are a few summary notes about the discussions and decisions:

- A master site planning committee is being recruited. This group will plan out, anticipate, and prioritize major improvements to our campus.
- Much discussion focused on the upcoming ministry plan and budget. The CoM is seeking to use the gifts God has blessed us with to propose a realistic budget with ambitious hopes for God’s blessings on our ministry here.
- Along with our pastors and male teachers, our congregational representative at the South Atlantic District Convention in June will be Matthew Draeger.
- Thank you to all those who continue to offer Youth Rally support; our group will be able to attend and have some fun activities along the way!

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

CW 471

Previewing our future glory, we focus on our triumphant, living Savior, who is always on our side.



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 heart and will on things a - bove that we
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer thro' your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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P | 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.

P | 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

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.

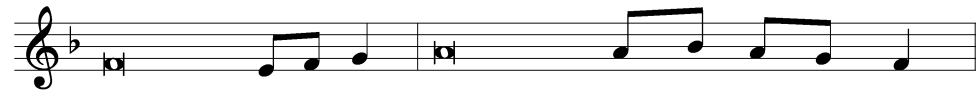
C | **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C | **Amen.**

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



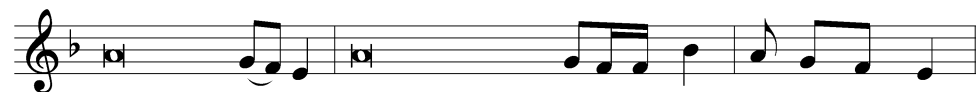
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



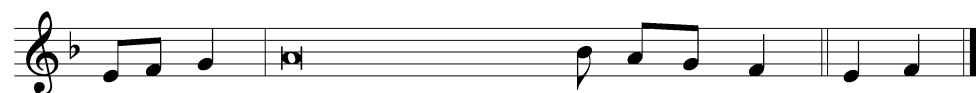
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

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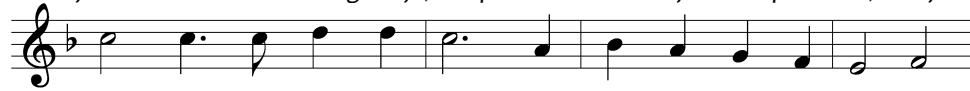
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Now Thank We All Our God

CW 597

We thank God for his bounteous blessing in life, the peace that comes from his presence, and future glory.



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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P | Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | Amen.

P | The Lord be with you.

C | **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P | Let us pray: Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

Matthias joins the apostles whose testimony about the resurrection gives us expectation of future glory.

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter and John were there, also James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵In those days, when the group there numbered about 120 people, Peter stood up among the brothers and said, ¹⁶“Gentlemen, brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David about Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷Judas was counted as one of us and was given a share in this ministry.

¹⁸“Now this man acquired a field with what he was paid for his wicked act. When he fell headfirst, his middle burst open, and all his intestines spilled out.” ¹⁹(This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, and so in their own language that field was called Akeldema, which means Field of Blood.) ²⁰“Indeed, it is written in the book of Psalms:

May his residence be deserted. Let there be no one dwelling in it.

And, let someone else take his position.

²¹“Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.”

²⁶Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles.

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day | If God Had Not Been on Our Side

Psalm 124C

1 If God had not been on our side and had not
 2 Their fu - rious wrath, did God per - mit, would sure - ly
 3 Blest be the LORD, who foiled their threat that they could
 come to aid us, our foes with all their pow'r and
 have con - sumed us and as a deep and yawn - ing
 not de - vour us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their
 pride would sure - ly have dis - mayed us, for we, his
 pit with life and limb en - tombed us. A hell - ish
 net; they could not o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is
 flock, would have to fear the dev - il's wolves, both far and
 storm would o'er us roll from Sa - tan, who de - sires our
 bro - ken— we are free! Our help - er and our strength is
 near, who rise in might a - gainst us.
 soul and seeks to o - ver - whelm us.
 he who made the earth and heav - ens.

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Prayer of the Church

P | Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C | **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

P | Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C | **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

P | Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

C | **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

P | Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C | **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

P | Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C | **Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

P | Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C | **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

P | Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P | We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C | **Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

P | Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C | **Amen.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

Offering

To our honored guests: We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul's funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.

*If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in **the offering plate** in our gathering space as you leave worship today, **mail an offering** to our church anytime, or go to **stpauls.edu** or **scan this QR** code to give an offering online.*



Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11

God has called us to future glory and until then invites and encourages us to bring all our anxiety to him.

Sharing in the Sufferings of Christ

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. ¹⁶But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. ¹⁷For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God?

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

¹⁰After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. ¹¹To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:18

P | Alleluia! I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:1–11a

Jesus says that his suffering will lead to glory—both his and ours.

Jesus' High Priestly Prayer

(For Himself)

¹After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. ²For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. ⁴I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed.

Jesus' High Priestly Prayer

(For His Apostles)

⁶“I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

⁹“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. ¹¹I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

P | The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

CW 446

With Jesus on our side as our sure defense we have the assurance of present comfort and future glory.



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense and my Sav - ior,
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence
5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new with this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;
hope for - ev - er; faith's strong hand the rock has found,
I am tak - en; but by faith I now dis - cern
be en - shroud - ed; in this bod - y I shall view



rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, though the
shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven
that from death I shall a - wak - en with my
God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; in this



night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
fear, or could the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.
Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.
flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

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Sermon

Psalm 124

He Is On Your Side

Questions to consider during the sermon:

- 1) When are we most likely to feel like God isn't on our side?
- 2) Which of the overwhelming forces poses the greatest threat?
- 3) Why is “if” one of the most dangerous words in the English language?
- 4) Why shouldn't I be able to call on the name of the LORD, even in praise?
- 5) How do Jesus' prayers for us shape our own prayers?
- 6) Who most needs the reminder that our help is in the name of the LORD?