



# St. Paul's

## LUTHERAN CHURCH



May 10, 2026 | The Sixth 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!

*Today's worship begins on page 5*

## *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 call me to live for him**

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would be tempted to live only for myself. After all, I have to be in good shape before I can be of help to anyone else, right? I think I know what's right for me, and I can identify when other people are standing in the way of my self-improvement. If Jesus is dead, I don't have to worry about what he said or what he thinks.

But he lives, and it makes a difference. He takes care of my basic needs. He promises to do more for me than I can imagine. He puts people into my life so I can help them. Now I live for him.

## *Our prayer before worship* | **for living for Christ every day**

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.

## Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

*Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?*

A: He says I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

*Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?*

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

*Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?*

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

*Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?*

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

*Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?*

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

*Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?*

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: ***“Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”***

*Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?*

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

# O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

CW 539

*Trusting in our Rock and Redeemer at all times brings our lives value, vision, and victory!*



1 O Lord, my rock and my Re-deem - er, great-est trea - sure  
2 O Lord, my rock and my Re-deem - er, strong de - fend - er  
3 O Lord, my rock and my Re-deem - er, gra-cious Sav - ior



of my long-ing soul, my God, like you there is no  
of my wea - ry heart, my sword to fight the cruel de -  
of my ru - ined life, my guilt and cross laid on your



oth - er, true de - light is found in you a - lone.  
ceiv - er, and my shield a - gainst his hate - ful darts,  
shoul - ders, in my place you suf - fered, bled, and died.



Your grace, a well too deep to fath - om, your love ex -  
my song when en - e - mies sur-round me, my hope when  
You rose, the grave and death are con- quered; you broke my



ceeds the heav - ens' reach, your truth, a fount of per - fect  
tides of sor - row rise, my joy when tri - als are a -  
bonds of sin and shame. O Lord, my rock and my Re -



wis - dom, my high - est good and my un - end - ing need.  
bound - ing, your faith - ful - ness, my ref - uge in the night.  
deem - er, may all my days bring glo - ry to your name.

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## Invocation

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

## Confession

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.**

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.**

## Absolution

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 in Heaven (*Gloria*)

CW 1042 (Tune: HYMN TO JOY)



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he  
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our



loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his  
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,  
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,



might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful  
Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry



ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.  
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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# The Word

P | The Lord be with you.

C | **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P | Let us pray: O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | **Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 17:22–31

*God has determined where and when we live to bring us to believe in Jesus and repent of our sins.*

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup>“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup>Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. <sup>26</sup>From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. <sup>27</sup>He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>“Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. <sup>30</sup>Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”


P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

# 66A Let All the Earth Cry Out to the Lord

Psalm 66A

## Refrain

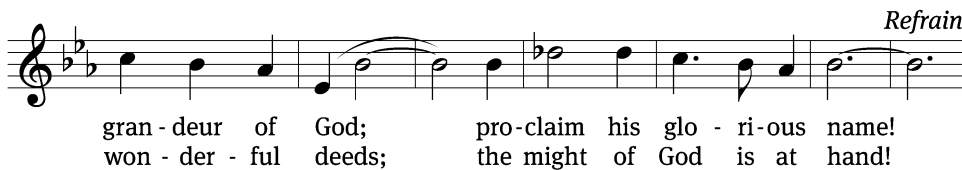


Let all the earth cry out to the  
Lord, cry out to the Lord with joy!

## Verses



1 Sing to the Lord, all you on earth, sing praise to the  
2 Let the whole world wor - ship and sing, ac - claim - ing his



*Refrain*  
gran - deur of God; pro - claim his glo - rious name!  
won - der - ful deeds; the might of God is at hand!

## Verse



3 Lis - ten now, all you who trust in the Lord,  
our God has done great things for us,  
*Refrain*  
an - swered our prayers with his kind - ness.

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## Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13–22

*St. Peter teaches that baptism saves us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

### Suffering for Doing Good

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be troubled. <sup>15</sup>But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you.

<sup>16</sup>But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers.

### The Suffering and Exaltation of Christ

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, <sup>18</sup>because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. <sup>20</sup>These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. <sup>21</sup>And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

John 14:15,16

P | Alleluia! If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you. Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 14:15–21

*Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to lead us in faith.*

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, hold on to my commands. <sup>16</sup>I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”

P | The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 557 sts. 1-5

We reflect on our rejoicing in God's plan to save, despairing of ourselves, but clinging in faith to Christ.



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly  
3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -  
4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -  
5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my  
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, no hope for  
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for  
pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of my crown, and bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, pro - claim the won - ders God has done, how  
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life  
me re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair left  
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought  
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; slay



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!  
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.  
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.  
bit - ter death for them that they may live with you for - ev - er."

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## Sermon

1 Peter 3:13-22

Why are you acting like this?

*Points to ponder post-sermon:*

- + When I don't think I can act "like this," I should...
- + When was the last time I apologized? How did it go?
- + What are some specific tips for practicing my apologies?

## Nicene Creed

C | We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

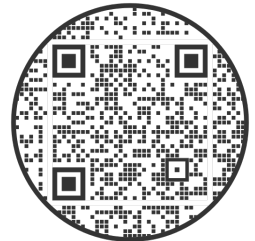
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate 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.

## 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.*



## Prayer of the Church

P | Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**C | Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

P | Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

**C | Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

P | Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**C | Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

P | Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**C | Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

P | Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**C | Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

P | Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

**C | Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

P | Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of life you grant mothers. I also thank you for the time and love she has given me during my life. Bless mothers everywhere with love, patience, understanding, and strength to carry out their special work.

**C | Lead children everywhere to be thankful for their mothers.**

P | Gracious Lord, as we celebrate and thank you for mothers, we realize you have not revealed why some children die before birth nor why some people are not given the gift of parenthood. For reasons we do not comprehend, sometimes you have turned the joyful hopes of parents-to-be into the sadness of loss. Help all who experience such sorrows to bow before your will and enable us to comfort one another, trusting in your life-giving promises and your working all things for good.

**C | Keep families everywhere faithful to your Word and trusting in your love.**

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

*Silent prayer*

P | Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**C | In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## The Sacrament

### Preface

P | The Lord be with you.

**C | And also with you.**

P | Lift up your hearts.

**C | We lift them up to the Lord.**

P | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C | It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

P | 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:

## Sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Sanctus)

CW 1047 (Tune: ELLACOMBE)

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1 Sing, “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky.”  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, “Ho - san - na!” Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God’s name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
“Ho - san - na in the high - est!” our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P | We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son’s body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C | Amen.**

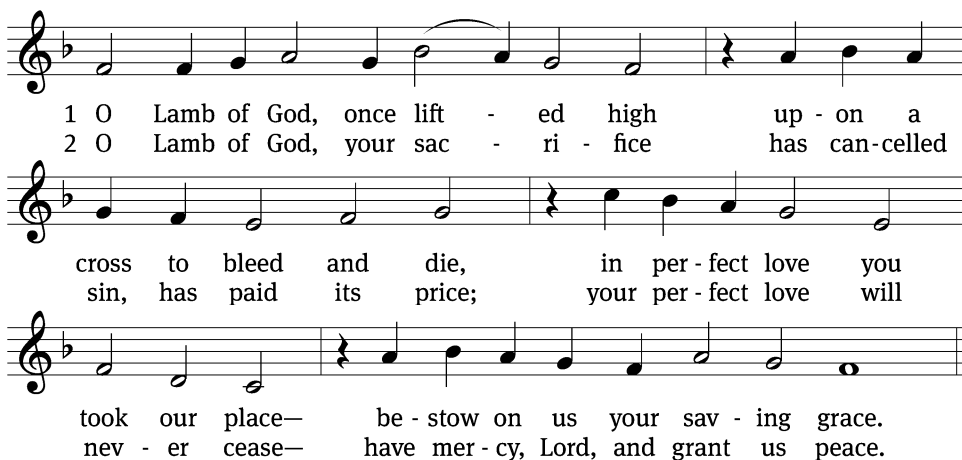
## Lord's Prayer

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

### O Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

CW 1060 (Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN)



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can-celled  
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will  
took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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## Distribution of Holy Communion

**To our honored guests:** Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and in all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. If you are not a member of St. Paul's, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to learn what we teach and can express that unity at your confirmation before you commune with us. If you are interested in taking a class to learn more about our teachings, or if you have any questions, please speak with our pastors.

# This Is the Feast

CW 938

What a foretaste of the heavenly banquet is ours in the feast of Jesus' resurrection victory!



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



- 1    Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2    Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3    Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4    Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5    For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

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## Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 557 sts. 6–10

Continuing the perspective of the Messiah, we see how our joy is secure in his life, death, and resurrection!



6 The Son o - beyed his Fa - ther's will, was born of vir - gin  
7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and  
8 "The foe will shed my pre - cious blood, me of my life be -  
9 "Now to my Fa - ther I de - part, the Ho - ly Spir - it  
10 "What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and



moth - er, and, God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, he came to  
cas - tle. Your ran - som I my - self will be; for you I  
reav - ing; all this I suf - fer for your good; be stead - fast  
send - ing and, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, my help to  
teach - ing; so shall my king - dom's work be wrought and hon - ored



be my broth - er. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a  
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, your friend di - vine, and  
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; my  
you ex - tend - ing. He will a source of com - fort be, teach  
in your preach - ing. Take care that no one's man - made laws should



ser - vant's form like mine he bore to lead the dev - il cap - tive.  
ev - er - more you shall be mine; the foe shall not di - vide us.  
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, and you are blest for - ev - er.  
you to know and fol - low me, and in all truth will guide you.  
e'er de - stroy the gos - pel's cause; this fi - nal word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.

Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524

Text and tune: Public domain

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

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

P | We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | **Amen.**

## Blessing

P | 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.**

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*We close our service with a word of praise (a doxology) for the God who lives and gives all good things!*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;". The third staff contains the melody for the third line: "praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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## + 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 begin a two-week Bible Study called **Promise-filled Purpose Prevents Panicked Planning**. Sunday School for the children will be at the same time.

### **Happy Mother's Day!**

A happy and blessed Mother's Day to all! What a joy to celebrate the many gifts God gives us in our moms!

### **A Moment for Music**

The students in our piano and band programs will be having a recital this **Friday evening May 15 at 6:30 PM**. Come and enjoy the progress that they've made through instruction and practice as they continue to use their musical gifts and talents to praise the Savior who gave them!

### **Isaiah Bible Study Summer Pause**

Our Wednesday morning Bible study will meet on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>, before taking a pause for a few months. While we won't *quite* finish the book of Isaiah, please make drop by on **Wednesdays at 10 AM** as we continue to hear God's rich promises and prophecies in Isaiah.

### **Graduation Week Schedule**

We're down to the final two weeks of school, which means that next week we'll 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 | 8<sup>th</sup> 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. We will have a **special farewell for Miss Lendt** the morning of **May 24<sup>th</sup>** followed by a potluck lunch. Please join us to wish her well and send her off with the Lord's blessings.

## Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

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

*preacher* | **James Saatkamp**  
*accompanist* | **Justin Siegler**  
*ushers* | **Dan Cerney and Gary Warren**

*presiding minister* | **Tim Rosenow**  
*worship streaming tech* | **Bill Hartman**  
*flowers* | **Colwell family memories**

*last Sunday's worship attendance* | 118

*freewill offering* | \$4,540

## Let's pray this week!

*birthdays* | **Tom Leinberger** (5-10); **Kelly Goddard** (5-12); **Fina Throo** (5-14); **Julianna "Juju" Myers** (5-15)

*anniversaries* | (none this week)

*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); **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* | Josh Plum

*Ushers* | Dan Cerney and Newton Trimmer

### This Week | May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

**MON** | Kingsway Birthday Celebration 1:00 PM

**TUE** | Council of Ministry 5:15 PM

**WED** | Isaiah Bible study 10:00 AM

**FRI** | Morning chapel 8:30 AM; Piano & Band Recital 6:30 PM

**SAT** | Women's Growth Group 10:00 AM

### Upcoming Events

**May 19** | VPK Graduation 6:00 PM

**May 20** | 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 6:00 PM

**May 21** | Field Day; Kindergarten Graduation 6:00 PM

**May 22** | Last Day of School; Closing Chapel 8:30 AM

**May 24** | Miss Lendt Farewell

**June 1–4** | Soccer Camp



### **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](http://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.



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