

# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Sunday, May 15, 2022 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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+ *Please Stand*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Piano Prelude**

“Canoeing”

Amy Beach

**Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom all secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 and ourselves. 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 us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

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## Opening Hymn

### Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;  
come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee,  
there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
here thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted,  
bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be  
fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
let me keep thy gift divine;  
howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
may thy word still o'er me shine  
as my guiding star through life,  
as my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

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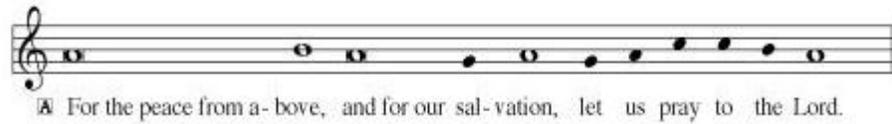
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## The Kyrie



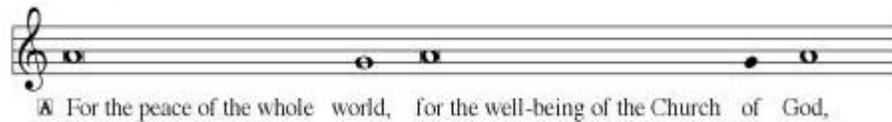
⌘ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    ⌘ Lord,    have mer - cy.



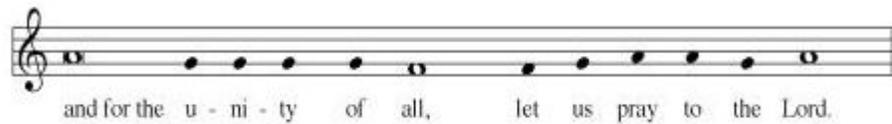
⌘ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



⌘ Lord,    have mer - cy.



⌘ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



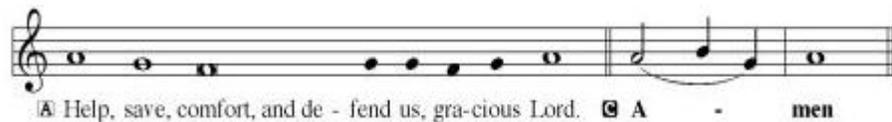
⌘ Lord,    have mer - cy.



⌘ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.    ⌘ Lord,    have mer - cy.



⌘ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.    ⌘ A - men

## The Hymn of Praise



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and  
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## The Prayer of The Day

## The Children's Sermon

## **The First Lesson**

## **Acts 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

## **Choir Anthem**

## **The Chancel Choir**

## **The Second Lesson**

## **Revelation 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.**

**C** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**The Sermon Hymn**

**Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

- 1      Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
         pilgrim through this barren land.  
         I am weak, but you are mighty;  
         hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
         Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
         feed me now and evermore,  
         feed me now and evermore.
  
- 2      Open now the crystal fountain  
         where the healing waters flow;  
         let the fire and cloudy pillar  
         lead me all my journey through.  
         Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
         shield me with your mighty arm,  
         shield me with your mighty arm.
  
- 3      When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
         bid my anxious fears subside;  
         death of death and hell's destruction,  
         land me safe on Canaan's side.  
         Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
         I will raise forevermore,  
         I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

## The Apostles' Creed

+ I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen**

## The Prayers of The Church

### The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Words of Institution & The Communion

### Benediction

**P** The Lord Bless You & 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**

A musical score for the Benediction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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## **The Closing Hymn**

### **On Our Way Rejoicing**

1 On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?

#### *Refrain*

On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore.

#### *Refrain*

On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

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**P** Go In Peace! Serve The Lord!

**C** Thanks Be To God!

### **The Postlude**

“Rigadoon”

G. F. Handel

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**We Welcome You to  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...**

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call.

If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time.

All are welcome to partake in The Communion during the service. After The Consecration, come forward as able to receive the Blessing and The Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and then return to your pew to complete the service.

Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates.

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**We Remember in Our Prayers...**

Betty Bacon, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Jean Camp, Chuck Campbell, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, Virginia Huber, Denny Jacobi, Clarke Jones, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, John Martin, Jane McClain, Nancy Merk, Anne Mintz, Rita Monson, Robert M. Oetgen, Leonora Reid, Kay Sellman, Bonnie Sessums, Barbara Tyson, Bart Waller, Melissa Waller, and Stan Woo.

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**Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2021 Offerings**  
\$8,000.00

**Received From Current Offerings Last Week**  
\$3,721.00

**Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home**  
8:30 am - 46    11:00 am - 52    Facebook - 54

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**Our Worship Leaders & Staff...**

- Senior Pastor...** The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann
- Director of Music & CFO ...** Donald R. Martin, Jr.
- Senior Organist ...** Rebecca T. McClain
- Office Administrator ...** Fran Snipes
- “The Epistle” ...** Betsy Martin
- Facilities Coordinators ...**  
Rebecca T. McClain & Richard Wolf
- Facebook Live Broadcasting...** Lisa B. Martin
- Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leaders ...**  
Melissa Flummerfelt & Sarah P. Taito
- Chancel Choir Tenor Section Leader ...** Carl Lettow
- Chancel Choir Bass Section Leader ...** Anthony Broadnax
- Pre-School Director ...** Gina Johnson
- Assistant Pre-School Director ...** Cynthia Thomas
- Parish Housekeeping ...** April Reilly

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**Our Lectors Today**

8:30 Lisa Gnann 11:00 Deb Behnke

**May Altar Guild**

8:30 Lynn Wood & Charlie Schafer  
11:00 Pat Sparks & Mickie Waldhauer

**Liturgical Service Cantors**

8:30 Melissa Flummerfelt 11:00 Scott Leary

**May Communion Assistants**

8:30 Janet Gnann & Charlie Schafer  
11:00 Chuck McCallar & Robert Shuman

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***USHERS NEEDED.... LADIES & GENTLEMEN ....***

*Ushers will begin Serving again in August! We are in need of two to three ushers per service to serve one month terms at the service of your choice. Please fill out and place in the offering plate...*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_*