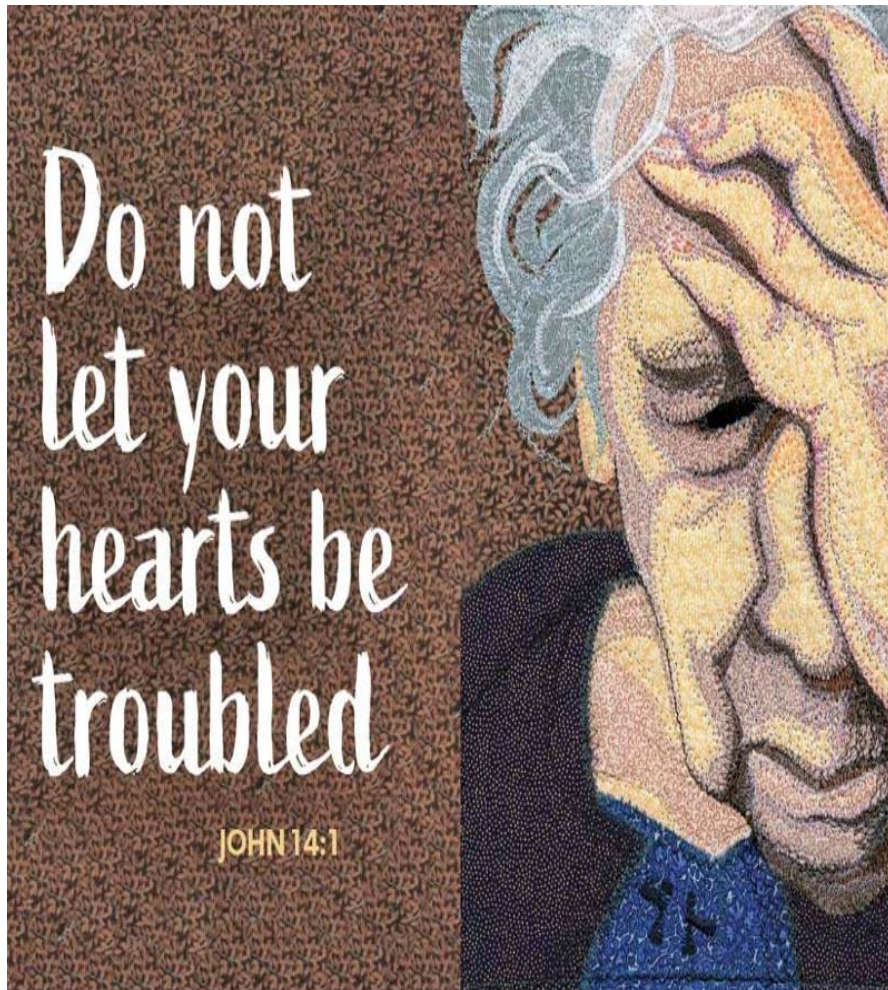


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 7, 2023 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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+ *Please Stand*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **Rebecca McClain**

“Adagio” Clara Schumann

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 no 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

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” #389

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross,
lift high his royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead,
till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
stand forth in mighty conflict in this his glorious day.
Let all his faithful serve him against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
this day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see,
and with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

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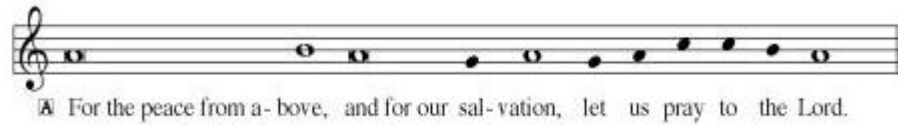
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- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C** And also with you.

The Kyrie



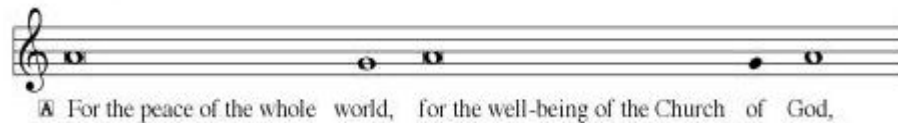
⌘ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ⌘ Lord, have mer - cy.



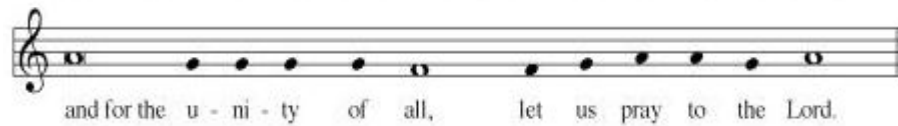
⌘ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



⌘ 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

Birthday Recognitions & The Children's Sermon

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The First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Choir Anthem

The Chancel Choir

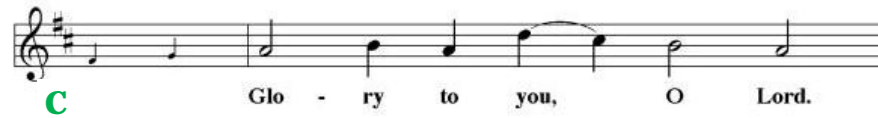
The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

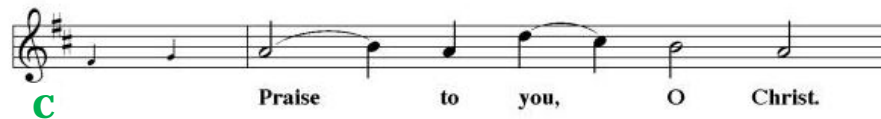


P The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



The Sermon

Rev. Peter J. Hartmann

The Sermon Hymn

“Love Lifted Me”

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Refrain

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful loving service, too, to Him belongs.

Refrain

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;
He's the master of the sea, billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

Refrain

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When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
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The Apostles' Creed

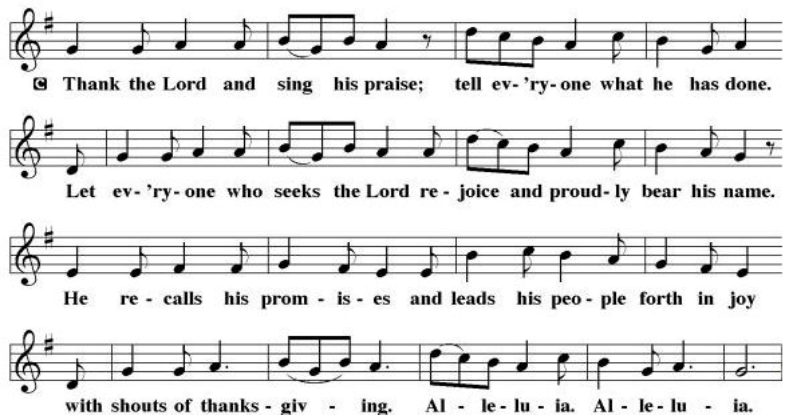
- + I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the 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

- P** The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C  Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

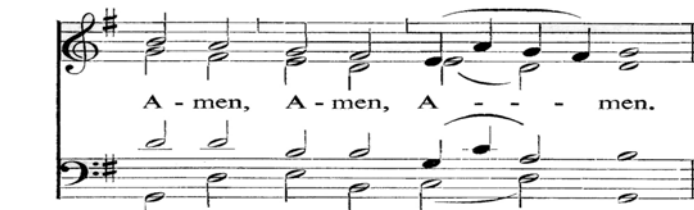
 Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

 He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy

 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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-men, A-men, A - - - men.

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The Closing Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High” #71

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

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P/C Go In Peace! Serve The Lord! / **Thanks Be To God!**

Postlude - Rebecca McClain

“Trumpet Tune” Tommaso Albinoni

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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. 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. 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.

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We Remember in Our Prayers...

Brett Allen, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, Virginia Huber, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Rita Monson, Leonora Reid, Kay Robb, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Terry Sheldahl, Isabelle Sherouse, Zoe Shinall, Mary Sikes, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson and Melissa Waller.

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Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2023 Offerings

\$8,600.00

Received From Current Offerings Last Week

\$2,789.00

Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home

8:30 am - 37 11:00 am - 45 Facebook - 77

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JULY 2023 ...

JULY 18TH AT 6PM

A TUESDAY EVENING B B Q & MUSIC

WITH OUR OWN

SARAH POOLE & RYAN TAITO...

IN HOFFNER HALL



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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
- Facebook Live Broadcasting...** Lisa B. Martin
- Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ...** Melissa Flummerfelt
- 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 Kim Screen 11:00 Gene Henry

May Altar Guild

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

Liturgical Service Cantors

Melissa Flummerfelt, Emma Martin, Carol Stemsrud

Communion Assistants

8:30 Chris Conway & Janet Gnann
11:00 Lisa Neville & Richard Wolf

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**“Holy Cow BATMAN...
Where’s Robin?” THE MUSICAL**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND AT 7PM OR
SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH AT 1PM
CONGREGATIONAL CATERED LUNCH
AT 12:00 PM BY BARNES RESTAURANT**