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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 12TH, 2024**

**SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.**

## Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Family!

**PRELUDE: Hymn #614, There Is a Balm in Gilead, Instrumental**

### **THANKSGIVING for BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**GATHERING SONG: Hymn #392, Alleluia! Sing to Jesus – Five verses**

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."

## **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia.**

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

**Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **PRAYER of the DAY**

Let us pray.

**Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **WORD of GOD**

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

*In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.*

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time

that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A time of silence follows the reading.*

**PSALM: Psalm 1, Refrain**



*The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching | day and night. R**



<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so | with the wicked;**  
**they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,**  
**but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**



## **SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13**

*God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.*

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: Peace I Leave with You – Sung by St. Paul’s Choir**

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Alleluia.* I will not leave you orphaned, I says the Lord.\* I am coming to you. *Alleluia.* (John 14:18)

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

(The gospel is proclaimed, concluding...)

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME – Traci Angel**

### **SERMON – The Reverend Mary Lou Petitjean**

#### **HYMN of the DAY: Hymn #655, Son of God, Eternal Savior – Four verses**

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.
  
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.
  
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.

### **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 to the dead.  
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.**

### **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons (*especially...*) to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction (*especially...*). Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith (*especially...*). Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

### **PASSING of the PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of that peace.

### **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING HYMN: Hymn #184, Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **INVITATION to COMMUNION**

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

## **COMMUNION HYMNS – The McPhail Family Singers**

### **Hymn #494, For the Bread Which You Have Broken – Four verses**

1 For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2 By this promise that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heav'n above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3 With the saints who now adore you,  
seated at the heav'nly board,  
may the church still waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4 In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

### **Hymn #657, Rise, O Sun of Righteousness – Five verses**

1 Rise, O Sun of righteousness;  
with your might creation bless.  
Shine upon your church today,  
showing all your gentle way.  
Have mercy, Lord.

2 Rouse our hearts from slumber deep;  
may your word within us leap.  
Give us voices to proclaim  
praises to your holy name.  
Have mercy, Lord.

3 Gather in your scattered flock;  
give us water from the rock.  
Bless the unity we share  
in our shepherd's loving care.  
Have mercy, Lord.

4 Burst the bars of stubborn pride;  
make the heav'nly pathway wide.  
Raise us up from sin and death  
with your Spirit's living breath.  
Have mercy, Lord.

5 Honor, praise, and glory be  
to the holy Trinity!  
May your gracious will be done:  
make us one, as you are one.  
Have mercy, Lord.

### **PRAYER after COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

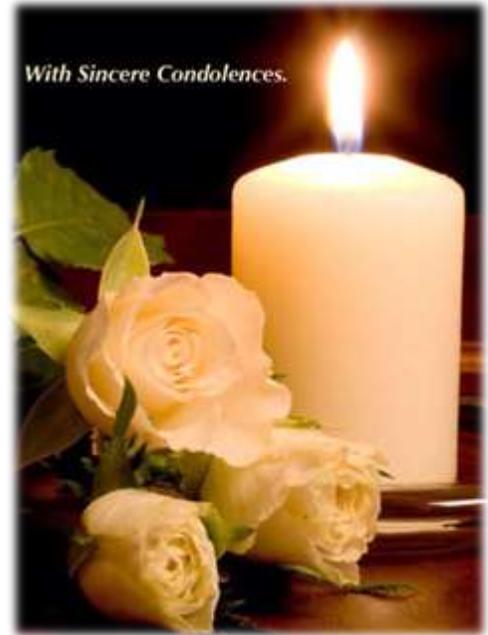
### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

St. Paul's Council still has one vacancy that needs to be filled. Please contact Louise Griffith at [ladylouiseq@gmail.com](mailto:ladylouiseq@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information. Thanks!

Attention: Ministry Leaders!

Annual Meeting reports need to be submitted to the church office by **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** at the latest. The Annual Meeting is **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** after the worship service.

*We grieve with Loreen Hautekeet  
on the passing of her mother Hannelore Hanke.  
Hannelore was called home on April 30<sup>th</sup>.  
She was a long-time member of St. Paul's  
and a wonderful mother and friend.  
Her service is TBD.  
May her memory be a blessing.*



*Wishing all the mothers of St. Paul's  
a very Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!*



## **SENDING SONG: Hymn #826, Thine the Amen – Five verses**

- 1 Thine the amen thine the praise  
alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head  
thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story  
thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup  
is lifted up lifted up.
  
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree  
all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing  
gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying  
what was loss lifted high.
  
- 3 Thine the truly thine the yes  
thine the table we the guest  
thine the mercy all from thee  
thine the glory yet to be  
then the ringing and the singing  
then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving  
evermore evermore.
  
- 4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize  
thine the wonder full surprise  
thine the banquet then the praise  
then the justice of thy ways  
thine the glory thine the story  
then the welcome to the least  
then the wonder all increasing  
at thy feast at thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night  
no more dying only light  
thine the river thine the tree  
then the Lamb eternally  
then the holy holy holy  
celebration jubilee  
thine the splendor thine the brightness  
only thee only thee.

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**See you next week!**

**POSTLUDE: Hymn #414, Holy God, We Praise Your Name, Instrumental**

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

Greeter – Dorothea Phalen

Reader – Dorothea Phelan

Communion Assistant – TBA

Ushers – TBA

Counters – Dorothea Phalen, Greg Griffith

Acolytes – Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolytes – TBA

Live-streaming Assistant – Nick Cotsonis and Holly McPhail

Musician – Dave Lingensjo

**Altar Guild: Hope Chowanski and Heidi Jones**

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE STATS: Sunday, May 5, 2024:**

**Adults: 56, Children: 7, Online: 16**

## **PRAYERS for COPING and HEALING**

Mary DeFelice, respiratory infection; Ray Patrick, Wayne and Jean Opperman's son-in-law, cancer treatment; Wayne Opperman; Feryl Fitzgerald, healing from a bilateral pulmonary embolism; Denise Muller; Sarah Jevne, car accident; Marie Boone, a fall; Stephanie Ranson, open-

heart surgery; Vera Logie; Tom, a friend of St. Paul's; Joan Yeskie; Glenn Laursen; Edward Yoho; Fern Yoho; Maxine McGregor, and a special prayer for all those living with devastating diseases and life-threatening injuries.

### **CONTINUING PRAYERS**

Jim Kennett; Gayle Kennett; Pat Thunder; Beverly and Grant, friends of Susan Bunker-Niles, Grant suffered a stroke; Audrey Stroub; Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues; Bob Stroub; Bill Sandell; Frank and Shirley Bartlett; Carol Kalleres, continued health issues; James Wilson, continued health issues; Mary Ann Adamik, healing; Ellen Harrell, medical issues; Betty Razor, healing; Karen (Hone) Nolte; and Diana Johns.