



St. Paul
Lutheran
Church

**Fifth Sunday of
Easter**

**May 7, 2023
9:00 am**

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive 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 as 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #380 "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

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: pg. 147

Hymn of Praise: pg. 148 “Glory to God”

Prayer of the Day- Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

First Reading: 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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Please read responsively.

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me;**
make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my strong
hold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,**
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;**
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

Second Reading: 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 re-
ceived mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: pg.151

Gospel: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #654 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 People:

Hear us, O God. Response: **Your mercy is great.**

Offering

(We invite the children to gather dollar bills and change for the mission jug.)

Create in Me a Clean Heart– p. 186 (*hymn section*)

Offering Prayer

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving: pg. 152

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy: pg. 153

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God: pg. 154

**Distribution Songs: ELW #462 "Now We Join in Celebration"
ELW #477 "I Received the Living God"**

Communion Blessing

Sending

Blessing–

Sending Hymn: ELW #389 “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Dismissal

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Announcements

Thank you to Pastor Caroline Engelbrecht for providing pulpit supply today. We appreciate you!

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Larry and Shelley Alquist in memory of Jane. We thank them for this ministry gift

Children's Bible Study is on summer break! Please join us for VBS July 25, 26 and 27.

Please join us next Sunday, May 14 as we recognize the HD-CAL seniors: Katie Hilton, Anthony Karanu and Bryce Pralle! We will honor them at coffee hour following worship. God's blessing to them!

We continue to remember those that are members of our congregation. Please reach out with a visit, phone call, or note to church family to let them know we miss them and care about them.

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Worship Services - 9:00 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship—10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Quilting -9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour -10:00 a.m.

5/7/23	9:00 am	Offering 4/30/23	
Presiding Officiate	Pastor Caroline Engelbrecht		
Reader	Anthony Karanu	General:	\$ 1,711.00
Organist	Pam DeVries	Building:	\$ 125.00
Coffee Hour	Peyton and Max Kofoot and Jo Coonley	Radio	\$ 40.00
Greeters	Mike and Nadine Goodwin	Automated Giving General	\$ 1,170.00
5/14/23	9:00 am	Bldg	\$ 50.00
Reader	Sam Showalter	Total	\$ 3,096.00
Greeters	Larry and Charlene Richtsmeier		
Coffee Hour	Senior Recognition—Board of Youth		

Prayer List:



Terry Wheeler, Justin Mejia, Arvin Stadtlander,
Gary and Curtis Askew, Steve Sandvig, John Sandvig,
Verna Humburg, Nancy Knipfel, Bob Fink,
Michael Norman (son of Sheena English), Janet Kohls,
Grant and Nicole Woodley and
the Call Committee Process.

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