



Sunday, May 16, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Radio Station: 98.7FM

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

It is a joy to gather together for worship!

St. Paul Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00am Tri-Church Online Worship Service on our website

or call toll-free 1-888-975-5536 anytime

10:00am In-person worship with Holy Communion;

Tune Car radio to 98.7FM to join us from Parking lot.

11am Virtual Sunday School (through May 30)

Communion

We celebrate Jesus' presence each week in Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Supper and Jesus invites us: whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, or just considering Christianity; if you are an infant or elderly; if your family has been in the United States for generations, or has only recently arrived; if you are LGBTQIA+ or straight; if you live with disabilities, chronic illness, or are able-bodied and currently healthy; if you are home-blessed or homeless; ... YOU are welcome at God's meal of grace at St. Paul.

During the Pandemic: Pick up your bulletin as well as individual communion wafer/cup. If you are in need of a gluten free wafer, please let the usher know. Also, please take care when opening the package. Be sure that you only open the top clear tab for the wafer. The bottom tab contains the juice. For the gluten free options, the wafer is the bottom tab and the juice is the top tab.

Accessibility

Handicap parking, entrance, wheelchair, and restrooms are available. Sound amplifiers and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Children's Offering

The April and May Children's offering will go to Let's Feed Our Children, a free lunch program during the summer for children who receive free and reduced lunch at school. Kids can fill the Easter egg in their Sunday School packet and drop off their offering to the church office by May 31.

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Observation of Ascension of our Lord

PRELUDE

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

arr. Don Wyrzten

“There Is a Redeemer”

arr. Carol Tornquist

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

arr. J. Bert Carlson

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for the water that we bathe in and drink,
for the water in the Rock River that nourishes our Sauk Valley.
for the baptismal waters that make us new.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast & Celebration”

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. Refrain
- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. Refrain

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Living God, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens so that Christ might fill all things and be present in all places. Mercifully give us faith to trust that Christ abides with us on earth, and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

Psalm 47

R: ¹Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.

C: ²**For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth,**

R: ³who subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet;

C: ⁴**who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

R: ⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

C: ⁶**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

R: ⁷For God is king of all the earth;

sing praises with a song.

**C: ⁸God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.**

**R: ⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.**

FIRST READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love¹ toward all the saints, and for this reason
¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Be Glorified”

- 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.
- 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with these words:

P: Abiding God,

All: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always!

C: And also with you!

P: Let's enjoy Christ's peace and share it!

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy are you,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to taste and see that the Lord is Good!
Eat, Drink and be satisfied.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Now In This Banquet”

stg. Randall Sensmeier

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“The Exalted Christ”

Benton Price

Worship Assistants:

Jim Gorman – Head Usher

Bob & Judy Bartel – Ushers

Greg Zeigler – Reader

Greg Zeigler – Sound

Musicians:

Live:

Dawn Zeigler

Recorded:

Evan Lobdell

Julie McCord

Kerensa Pink

Gerad VonHolten

Dawn Zeigler

Mixing:

Gabe Zeigler

Gerad VonHolten

Next week's assistants – May 23

Pentecost Outdoor Worship – WEAR RED!

Chrissy Zollinger – Head Usher

Tim Zollinger – Usher

Dan Dir – Usher

Tim Zollinger – Reader

Gerad VonHolten – Sound

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: MacKenzie Gorman, Sophie DeWall, Brandon Beth, Lester Kroeger, Michael Harting, Joe Machan, Karen Ferch, Melinda Jones, Harold Julifs, Marcia Fields, Lucille Beyer, Cliff Miller, Viola Koster, Pam Sorrenson, Bill Duncan, and Ethel Warner.

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