

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 17:6-19

Jesus Praying in the Garden  
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**May 12, 2024**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Walk With Us As Disciples of Christ!*

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# St. Paul Lutheran Church

*WALK WITH US AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST!*

*Welcome!*

We welcome all who worship this Lord's Day! We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. As we can be helpful to you, we look forward to doing so. If you would like the pastor to contact you, please mark that on the Record of Fellowship or call the church office.

We ask that the Record of Fellowship be filled out (members and visitors) so that we will have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

We Remember in Prayer

***(Please call the church office to remove anyone from the prayer lists.)***

## **Our Members:**

**Inez Sladek, Larry Safarik, Elaine Oser, Dorothy Grimm, Brunner Grau, John Harper, Kenneth George, Kent Safarik, Pr. Michael Domenech.**

## **Our Shut Ins:**

**Grace Bulgerin, Lydia Dowling, Mary Miller, Lorene Prinz, Geraldine Steger, Joanne Rummel, Lomis Weber, Carol Lantzsch, Lisa Cox, Geraldine Cox, Carolyn Jacobson, Ella Kuhl.**

## **Our family, friends, and loved ones:**

**Ryan Richey, Randell Duelm, Karter Sladek, Alma Russell, Rachel Maloy, Tori Harris and baby, Andrea Carrizales, Melissa Balderas, Mary Perez, Iris Rangel and family, Kelly Clines Thompson, Rob Randig, Laurie Kirven, Gayla Lantzsch, Fred Bittner, Tommy Harrison, Rhonda Aikey, Walter Moldenhauer, Tanuya Ellard, Sandra Milburn, Ben McCuk, Adam Eubank, Jessica Hall, Brandi Oliver.**

Come join the St. Paul Seniors on May 20 for an outing to Brenham. We will visit the Brenham Heritage Museum, explore the Historical District, have lunch at Nathan's BBQ and have ice cream at the Blue Bell Creameries before heading home. We will leave from the St. Paul House Parking Lot at 9:00 AM and return before 4:00 PM. **Please contact the Church Office or Pastor George to reserve your spot for our May 20 outing.** Invite your friends to join us.



**WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION**

*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.  
Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

"God Is Here!"

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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



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**  
*Christ, . . . have mer - cy:*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## Glory to God



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



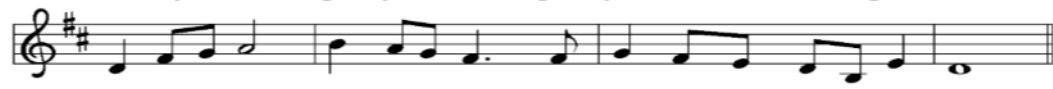
1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on  
 earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## 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

### 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 1

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

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel 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.**

<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.**

**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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to **John 17:6-19**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 17:6-19**

*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 of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation

**Children's message**

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

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With the whole church let us confess our faith.

### **CREED**

#### **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. 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 church leaders, pastors, and deacons 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. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction and all who are ill (*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.**

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionaries: for Cheryl Kruckemeyer our missionary in Tanzania, for Kyle and Lois in the Democratic Republic of Congo, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Abiding Savior Lutheran in Cameron Texas and Clay Memorial Lutheran Church in Mansfield, Ohio. Bless and protect all our local nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders, our students, teachers and school administrators. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, you have abundantly gifted your mercy and grace to all who call on your name. Help us to be ambassadors of your Kingdom as we share your mercy and grace with others. We thank you for the leadership and ministry of the LCMC Board of Trustees, Ministry Board and support staff as they serve the churches of our association. Thank you for our fellowship of congregations. Especially today we celebrate and lift before you the ministry of Emmanuel in Knippa, Texas and their pastor, Nathan LaFrenz. May your grace flow through them as they share your Good News. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

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.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you**

**Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## Canticle of Thanksgiving

*Refrain*



Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -



ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O



God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O



Rul - er of all the na - tions. Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and

*Refrain*



sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va - tion be - longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and



bles - sed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

*Refrain*



praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va - tion be - longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love,  
we give thanks to you  
that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.  
Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,  
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

### 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, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### SENDING

#### 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.**

**SENDING SONG** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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#### DISMISSAL

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

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>TODAY</b>			<b>May 12</b>
9:00	-	Handbell Practice - Sanctuary	
10:00	-	Worship Service - Sanctuary (Mother's Day)	
11:00	-	Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education	
12:15	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM	
<b>MONDAY</b>			<b>May 13</b>
		<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
6:00	-	Scouts	
<b>TUESDAY</b>			<b>May 14</b>
1:30	-	LCMC Pastors Text Study	
7:00	-	Scout Committee Meeting - Fellowship Hall	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			<b>May 15</b>
9:30	-	Folding Bulletins	
1:30	-	Prayer Time	
2:00	-	Pastor's Bible Study	
<b>THURSDAY</b>			<b>May 16</b>
9:30	-	LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg	
6:30	-	Pre-K Graduation - Fellowship Hall	
<b>FRIDAY</b>			<b>May 17</b>
		<i>No Scheduled Activities/Church Office Closed</i>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>			<b>May 18</b>
		<i>No Scheduled Activities</i>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>			<b>May 19</b>
10:00	-	Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary (Confirmation)	
11:00	-	Confirmation/HS Graduation Brunch	
12:15	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM	

**Announcement**



**No Brunch Today**  
 Brunch on May 19th will celebrate our new confirmands and high school graduates.  
 No brunch on May 26th (Memorial Day Weekend)

**Serving Today**

**Council Ushers:** Terry Richter, Don Artieschoufsky  
**Reader:** Steve Morgan  
**Acolytes:** Maddie Wilson  
**Altar Flowers:** Open

**Serving May 19**

**Council Ushers:** Rhonda Ochoa, Loren Dittmeyer  
**Reader:** Kathy Paulsen  
**Acolytes:** Conley Paulsen  
**Altar Flowers:** Confirmation