



**May 5, 2024**

**SIXTH 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.**

## WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTRODUCTION

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*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the 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

"Come, we That Love the Lord"

P. 625

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. 165**

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 - PG. 169**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

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**Alleluia, alleluia.**

- 1 **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. Refrain**
- 2 **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. Refrain**
- 3 **For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Refrain**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48**

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit*

*comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 98**

*Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)*

<sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness  
in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup> **With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup> **Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6**

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - PG. 171**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Congregation**

**Children's message**

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Beautiful Savior"

P.838

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

## CREED

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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

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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.*

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and all those who are ill (especially). Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. 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 Thomas, Nadine and family in South Asia serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Elizabeth Lutheran Church in Caldwell, TX and Church of the Cross in Evergreen, Colorado. 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.**

Loving God, you send out your people to make disciples of all nations, to baptize, and to teach the faith. We pray for this work throughout the Texas District of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Bless and prosper the work of our District staff as they support your mission: Bryce Formwalt, Alyssa Moore, and Doris Engelhardt. Today we also pray for Living Word in Grapevine, Texas and their pastors, David Eibel & Kari Malinak. By your Holy Spirit, give them the strength of faith to answer your call to make disciples. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. 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.*

## 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.**



*The presiding minister continues:*  
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **HOLY HOLY - PG. 173**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

### **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.**

### **COMMUNION**

*Holy Communion is offered both in the line and at the altar rail.*

### **LAMB OF GOD - PG. 174**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## Prayer After Communion

## 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

“Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee “

P. 836

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>TODAY</b>			<b>May 5</b>
10:00	-	Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary	
11:00	-	Sunday School, Brunch, Confirmation and Adult Education	
12:15	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM	
5:00	-	Taylor 4H - EOY and Officer Election (Fellowship Hall)	
<b>MONDAY</b>			<b>May 6</b>
		Church Office Closed/Pastor Unavailable	
6:00	-	Scouts - Fellowship Hall	
<b>TUESDAY</b>			<b>May 7</b>
		Church Office Closed/Pastor Unavailable	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			<b>May 8</b>
		Church Office Closed/Pastor Unavailable	
9:30	-	Folding Bulletins	
<b>THURSDAY</b>			<b>May 9</b>
		Church Office Closed/Pastor Unavailable	
<b>FRIDAY</b>			<b>May 10</b>
		Church Office Closed/Pastor Unavailable	
<b>SATURDAY</b>			<b>May 11</b>
		<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>			<b>May 12</b>
9:00	-	Handbell Practice - Sanctuary	
10:00	-	Worship - Sanctuary (Mother's Day)	
11:00	-	Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education	
12:15	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM	

**Announcement**

Council elections today immediately following the service.

There will be no brunch on May 12th (Mother's Day) and May 26th (Memorial Day Weekend).  
Brunch on May 19th will celebrate our new confirmands and high school graduates.



Altar flowers today are placed in memory of Leland Kruse by his family.

**Serving Today**

**Council Ushers:** Kathy Paulsen, Debbie Matthys  
**Reader:** Sharon Naivar  
**Acolytes:** Sunny Paulsen, Nolan Schiller  
**Altar Flowers:** Ochoa

**Serving May 12**

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

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.



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**You are invited to join us in Kerrville on July 26-27, 2024!**