

# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Feast and Celebration

*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.*

**GATHERING— “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly stands.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

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

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God, **C: 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.**

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

# *Jesus Loves Me*

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

**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** 2 Cor 13:13

**KYRIE ELEISON**

**W&P #81**

*Luke 17:13; Luke 18:38-39; Psalm 123:2-3*

*Refrain*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

*Last time*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im -
- 3 For peace in our hearts, for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;  
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;  
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;  
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

## *Now the Feast and Celebration*

### Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

### Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us  
to be one great peo - ple of God.

### Verse 2

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

### Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us  
peo-ple of God; to make all things new.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray with one another. **C:** **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.**

## **MESSAGE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART**

### **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS INTO THE MINISTRY OF ST. PAUL'S**

***WORD— “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.”***

#### **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.*

A reading from Acts.

<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.

**L:** The word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 98 (read responsively)**

<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.*

A reading from 1 John.

<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.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Thy Word*

Thy word, thy word is a lamp un-to my feet.

Thy word, oh, thy word is a lamp un-to my

feet; and a light un-to my path, and a light un-to my

path. path, and a light un-to my path.

**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.*

**P:** The holy gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
 this is the way we will live with you.

*Refrain*

## **BAPTISM OF ADDISON GRACE DHEIN**

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Addison baptized into Christ? *Response by parents and sponsors:* **We do.**

P: As you bring this child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help Addison grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response by parents and sponsors:* **We do.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support Addison and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **C: We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you, the people of St. Paul's, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **C: I renounce them.**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father? **C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? C: **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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

### **BAPTISM**

P: Addison Grace, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give you daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Addison with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. (Isaiah 11: 2)

P: Addison, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C: Amen.**

### CANDLE

P: Addison, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

### WELCOME

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized. **C: Addison, we welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share, as you join with us in giving thanks and praising God for God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen and thanks be to God!**

### BAPTISM HYMN

*You Have Put on Christ*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, with three measures marked 1\*, 2, and 3. The second staff contains the second line of the hymn. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap - tized.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*(Sing three times)*

*Please be seated or kneel for the prayers of intercession.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*1st Timothy 2:1*

### *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying* (sung response)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The music consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics.

A: 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.*

A: 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. We join with our siblings in Christ in praying for the well-being of the church, our neighbors in need and the leaders of our communities and nation. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: 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, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: 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, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Recognizing National Nurses week, we pray for all nurses and caregivers, who nurture and care for the whole person — body, mind and spirit — and promote wellness in Lutheran congregations, ministries and agencies; other denominations; and our communities. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. (*We pray especially for . . . .*) God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: 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, **C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*You are asked to remain in place and exchange a sign of peace with those around you.  
You may give a wave or peace sign to others beyond a safe reach.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

*I Come With Joy—J. Helgen  
Soloist—Ashley Bromley*

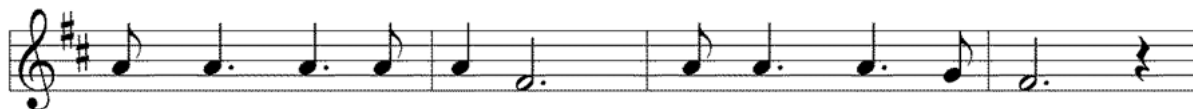
*The assembly stands.*

*MEAL—“God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ”*

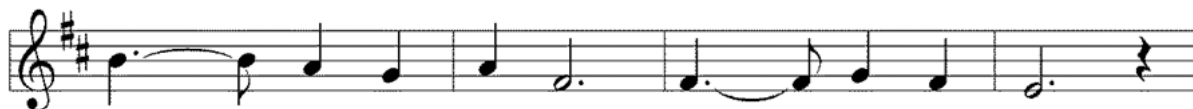
**OFFERTORY**

*What Have We to Offer?*

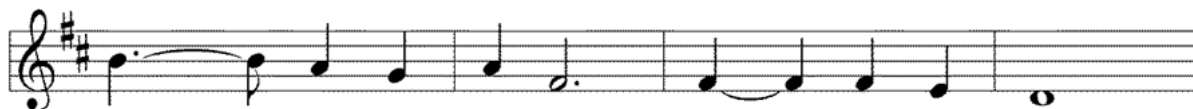
*1 Cor. 10:16; John 6:35*



1 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to share?  
2 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to bring?  
3 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to give?



Coins      from the cof - fer,      hearts      filled with care.  
Love,      ripe with laugh - ter;      hope that we can sing;  
Eyes      that are wide o - pen;      lies      that we won't live;



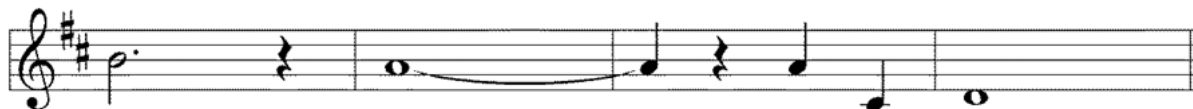
God      will not fal - ter;      so      let us dare  
dreams of what we're af - ter;      prom - is - es of when.  
truth      that must be spo - ken;      jus - tice      some - how.



lay      it at the al - tar      there.  
Lay      it at the al - tar      then.  
Lay      it at the al - tar      now.



4 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to



give?      Lives      we will live.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus said, "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." Let us pray. **C: 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.**

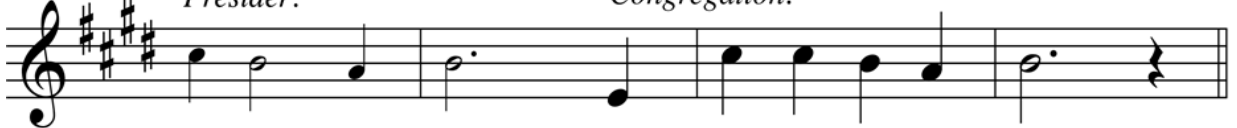
## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*




The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*




Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and delight...



# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-23*

P: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal 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. 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.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again. Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**COMMUNION SONG**

*Lamb of God*

*John 1:29*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 you broke the bonds of sin and of  
 you are the way of mer - cy and



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 death:  
 love.



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

## COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **C: Amen.**

*At the direction of the Pastor you will be invited to receive Holy Communion at the altar or in your seats. For those receiving Holy Communion in your seats you will be invited first to receive communion by peeling back the tab and receive the wafer with the rest of the congregation as the Pastor says, "The Body of Christ given for you." Then turn the packet upside down so the wine/juice side is on top. Peel back the tab and receive the wine/juice with the rest of the congregation as the Pastor says, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." Please discard the empty packet and tabs after worship in the small bowls provided.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

### *A New Commandment*



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

COMMUNION HYMN

*Just As Jesus Told Us*



1 Just as Je - sus told us, we will break this bread.  
2 Just as Je - sus told us, we will pour this wine.  
3 Just as Je - sus told us, pass the bread a - round.



Just as Je - sus told us, we shall all be fed;  
Just as Je - sus told us, we will come and dine;  
Just as Je - sus told us, more wine can be found;



and we will re - member what he did and said, and  
and we will re - member how he lived in time, and  
and we do re - member— bread and wine a - bound. So



how he goes on liv - ing in the bread.  
how he goes on liv - ing in the wine.  
break the loaf and pass the cup a - round.

## TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*SENDING—“God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world”*

## BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
+ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*Sing a New Song*

*Refrain*

G D B<sup>7</sup> Em Am<sup>7</sup>

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be

D G D

sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song

B<sup>7</sup> Em Am<sup>7</sup> D G *Fine*

un - to the Lord, sing - ing al - le - lu - ia.

G D<sup>7</sup>/A Am<sup>7</sup>/G D/F# Em

- 1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; oh, come be -
- 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
- 3 Glad my soul, for I have seen the glo - ry

Am<sup>7</sup>/C D<sup>7</sup>/A D/F# G D<sup>7</sup>/A

fore the Lord, and praise the Lord on  
 now has come. The Lord has turned your  
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

Am<sup>7</sup>/G D C Am<sup>7</sup> Dsus D *Refrain*

glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.  
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

## DISMISSAL

*Luke 7:50*

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

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### Today's Worship Assistants

**Altar Guild:** Ruth Sommers, Ron and Sandy Schneck, Becky Fritzges

**Assisting Minister:** Dawn Krown

**Communion Assistants:** Denny Detweiler and Brittney Jones

**Greeters:** Frank and Donna Bucher

**Lector:** Hudson Martin

**Ushers:** David Hange, Ron Schneck, and Joan O'Connor

### Calendar of Events - Week of May 5, 2024

**Monday 5/6:**

**Tuesday 5/7:** Easter Wondering and Wandering Walk 9:30 am

**Wednesday 5/8:**

**Thursday 5/9:** Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

**Friday 5/10:**

**Saturday 5/11:** Green Team Scrap Metal Recycling Event 8am-12pm in the Parking Lot

**Sunday 5/12:** Sunday Worship and Children's Ministry 9:30 am, Sunday Morning Adult Faith Conversations 10:45 am in the Parlor

*Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19*

### Bulletin and Flower Sponsors

Altar Flowers for today are sponsored by the Marian Henry in honor of her and Mark's 35th wedding anniversary on May 6.

Bulletins for today are sponsored by Jim Stover in memory of Elaine Stover.



### *Baptized Today*

Today during our worship service, Addison Grace Dhein will be claimed as a child of God in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Addison is the daughter of Clark and Lydia Dhein. We warmly welcome them, as well as their relatives and friends!

## **Welcome New Members!**

Today during worship we welcome the following as new members of St. Paul's.

**Larinice Dhein**—Lari is the mother of Rick Dhein, grandmother to Brittney Jones and Clark Dhein, and great grandmother to Brooks, Grayson, and Addison Dhein. She has a total of eight great-grandchildren. She recently moved to Telford to be closer to her family.

**Jack Hathaway and Sheila Purpura**—Jack and Sheila have lived at the Lutheran Community at Telford for over nine years and have gotten to know many of the members of St. Paul's through there before they started attending in late 2021. They enjoy camping and have been camping together in 49 states.

**Ed and Joanne Augusewicz**—Ed and Joanne come from Trinity Lutheran Church in Perkasio, and prior to that were active members of St. Paul's for many years.



## **Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Schedule**

May 5—help in worship

May 19—Happy Birthday Church  
Celebration

May 12—Mother's Day Project

May 26—class time

## ***Easter Wondering and Wandering Walks***

**Tuesday mornings during the Easter season  
at 9:30am in the Library**



An uplifting morning that starts with wondering about the chapters in 1 Timothy, followed by wandering the streets and alleys of Telford.

Please join us for this time of spiritual and physical activity as we see new growth in ourselves and in the local neighborhood. We will always *wonder* on Tuesdays, but we won't *wander* if it's raining!

## **Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**



Help the post office "Stamp Out Hunger" on **Saturday, May 11**. The post office is asking the community to fill a bag of non-perishable food items, place it out by your mailbox on the morning of May 11, and the postal carriers will take them to be donated to the food pantry! Thank you for helping to stamp out hunger!



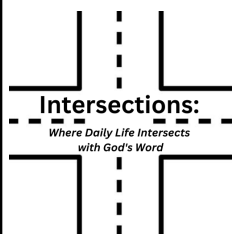


## Green Team Scrap Metal Recycling Event

Saturday, May 11 from 8am—12pm in the parking lot

Stop by to drop off any metal objects you no longer need. We will accept bicycles, lawn mowers, car batteries, copper, metal, or cast iron plumbing fittings, aluminum lawn furniture, grills, wheels, brake drums, etc. Practically anything metal will be accepted. We will also accept room air conditioners and dehumidifiers free of charge!

Please DO NOT bring tin cans, paint cans, vacuums, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, hazardous material or electronics. Thank you, in advance, for your donated metals!!!



## Intersections: Sunday Morning Adult Faith Conversations

Led by Pastor Coleman or Marian Henry on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10:45 am in the Parlor.

We will meet today after worship. The next gathering will be **May 12**.

“I’M A SENIOR...SO WHAT?”

Are you proud of getting older? Look how much you’ve experienced!

Let’s CELEBRATE being seniors!



## Luncheon sponsored by St. Paul’s Senior Ministry Thursday, May 23 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall

May is national “Older Americans Month”. We want to celebrate our St. Paul’s Seniors of all ages. “70 is the new 60”...! Join us for a time of fun, food and fellowship as we lift up our collective maturity and wisdom! We’ll also share results from our recent Seniors Ministry Survey.

Menu: Hot roast beef sandwich with gravy OR pulled pork sandwich, pasta salad, chips and dessert

To help with planning, please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Deadline: Sunday, May 12.** Please designate menu choice. Cost: Free-will donation.

No matter what your “senior age”, we want to celebrate each of you and the unique gifts and stories that you each bring to our St. Paul’s family. Hope to see you on May 23!



## St. Paul's Bible Study

May 16 at 12 pm

Join us in Christian Fellowship for this informal time to reflect, discuss and learn. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



## Bear Creek Summer Camp Registration Information

St. Paul's loves Bear Creek Camp and we want more of our kids and youth to love it also! Summer camp registration is now open! Registration information is located on the Youth bulletin board across from the Library. Several camperships are available to St. Paul's youth. Speak with Janet Lincoln or Marian Henry for more information.



## Honoring Our Graduates

On **Sunday, June 2**, we will be honoring those who have graduated this year from high school, college, or any degree program. If you or anyone you know is graduating this year, please contact the church office with the graduates name, what school they are graduating from, and any plans for the fall the graduate might have. Please return this information to the church office by **Wednesday, May 29**.

Thank you!

## Annual Summer Youth Service Camp

Open to all youth who have completed 3rd grade through High School

REGISTER ONLINE at through the link in the weekly email announcements or on our website



Monday, June 24 – held at Grace Lutheran Church in Hatfield (8:30am-3pm)

Tuesday, June 25 – held at St. Paul's (8:30am – 3pm)

Wednesday, June 26 – held at Emmanuel Lutheran in Souderton (8:30am-3pm)

Thursday, June 27 – a service & fun day in Philadelphia! (8:30am - ?)

Our days will be spent using our hands and feet to do God's service for local non-profits.



## 2024 Summer Vacation Bible Camp!

Monday, July 29 – Thursday August 1 from 9am until noon

Being held at Little Zion Lutheran Church on Morwood Rd in Telford

See this morning's bulletin insert for information to register and volunteer!



## Mark Your Calendars!

We will be having a **Pig Roast** on **Saturday, July 13**. Watch for more details next month!

Our annual **Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Game** will be **Saturday, August 24** for a 6:35pm game against the Rochester Red Wings

# Prayer List

*In order to keep the prayer list as up to date as possible, names will be kept on the list for four weeks unless notified otherwise.*



## **Please Pray For...**

Rod Alderfer	Kayla Novak
Norm Driscoll	Ray Nyce
Dottie Fogel	Scott Schucker
Marge Lukens	Amber Voehringer
Anne Macy	

## **Please Continue to Pray For...**

Lisa Bealer	Jim Hurley	Gene Moyer
Dick Clark	Roger Jones	Joanne Romano
Maxine Detweiler	Brent Johnson	Carrie Scary
Carolyn Evans	Gayle King	Dean Shollenberger
Susan Farrington	Al Landis	David Somers
Roland Fernandez	Keith Landis	Jeff and Heather Spillane
Suzanne Fernandez	Jim Lombardo	Andrew Strauss
Tim Greiser	Tracey Leinen	Claudette Strauss
Harvey Groff	Bill Lincoln	Linda Tierrmo
Gloria Harpel	Anna Long	Carole Ann Vogel
Leslie Harpel	Stacey Lusk	Fred Wahl
Cheryl Hutchison		

## **Comfort for the Bereaved**

Family and Friends of Tony LoRusso

Family and Friends of Jean Uehling

**For Large print copies of the worship service, please see an Usher.  
Hearing devices are on the rack at the Visitor's Center.**

## Welcome Kids!!

Children are ALWAYS welcome in worship! Our kid-friendly Pray-Ground is located in the front-left section of the Sanctuary. Activity bags are located on the rack in the Gathering Space.  
*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them..." Matthew 19:14*

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### Most Recent Financial Information (Last Updated 4/30/2024)

Checking Account - April 2024		Checking Account - YTD	
Beginning Balance 4/1/2024	\$4,214.59	Beginning Balance 1/1/2024	\$21,496.43
Deposits (monthly)*	\$80,366.21	Deposits to Date*	\$161,902.25
Beginning Balance + Deposits	\$84,580.80	Beginning Balance + Deposits	\$183,398.68
Expenses (monthly)	\$72,710.96	Expenses to Date	\$171,528.84
Ending Balance 4/30/2024	\$11,869.84	Ending Balance 4/30/2024	\$11,869.84
Ending Fund Balances as of April 30, 2024			
Memorial Fund	\$38,092.04	Benevolence	\$3,823.23
Capital Reserve	\$69,468.06	Special	\$125,829.13
Liabilities as of April 30, 2024			
Mortgage Balance	\$0.00		