



Fifth Sunday of Easter
We Live Lives of Lavish Love

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

May 18, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME.

If someone saved you from a horrible death, what would you do to thank them? Probably just about anything they asked! You would be that grateful. Jesus not only saved us from eternal death in hell, but he won for us an eternity in paradise. What shall we do to thank him? This week we see that Jesus asks for just one thing – love. He asks us, in every interaction we have with others, to demonstrate the same selfless love that he has shown to us. That is how we thank him. Fortunately, Jesus doesn’t just ask us to show love. Jesus empowers us to show love. The same divine power which raised Jesus from the dead now raises us up to a new and better life, enabling us to set aside our natural selfishness and self-glorification and instead live in a more excellent way. Like Christ, we strive to do everything for the benefit of others. Because he lives, we live lives of lavish love.

CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord’s Supper.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Organist.....Lois Zander

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

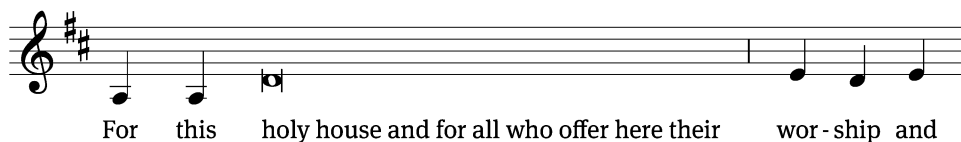
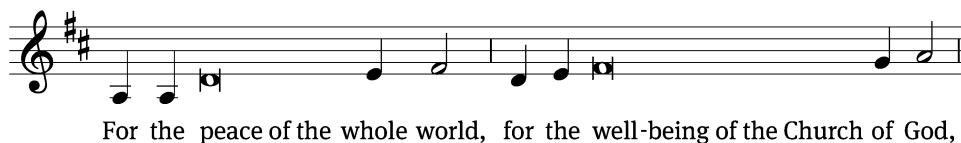
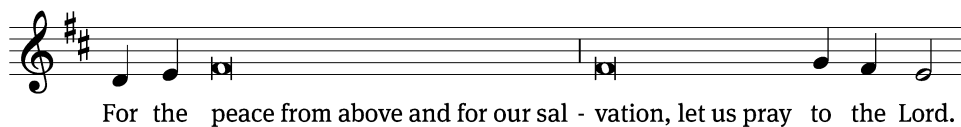
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, glo-ry to

God, and peace to his peo-ple on earth,

and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

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. 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

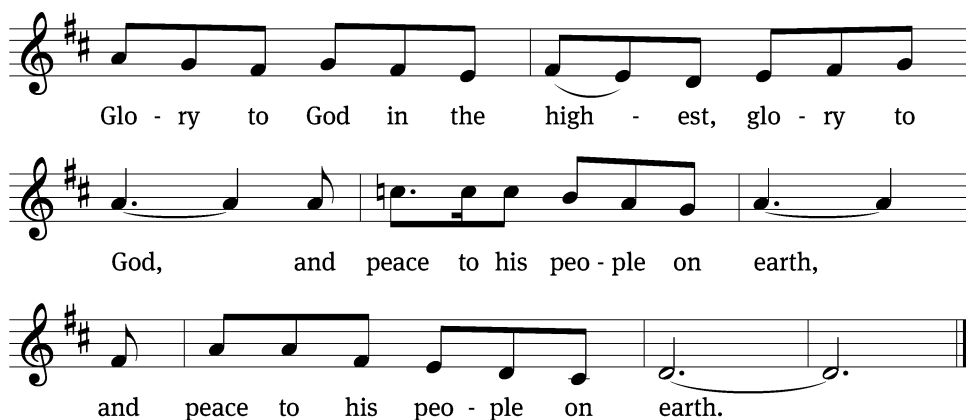
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

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.



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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 11:1–18

The Lord taught Peter that racial and cultural differences are not to prevent us from showing lavish love to all people.

The apostles and brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, those who insisted on circumcision criticized him, saying, “You went to visit men who were uncircumcised and ate with them!” So Peter began to explain everything to them, point by point. He said, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision in which an object like a large sheet was let down from heaven by its four corners. It came right to me. When I inspected it very carefully, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’ “But I replied, ‘Certainly not, Lord, for nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ “A voice spoke from heaven a second time: ‘What God has made clean, you must not continue to call unclean.’ This happened three times, and then everything was pulled up into heaven again. “At that very moment, three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them without any hesitation. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he saw an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and call for Simon, the one called Peter. He will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved.’ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them, just as he came down on us at the beginning. Then I remembered how the Lord had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to try to stand in God's way?” When they heard these things, they had no further objections, and they praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted repentance that results in life also to the Gentiles!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

145B I Will Praise Your Name Forever

Psalm 145B

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Tone



Great is the LORD and most wor- / thy of praise;

his greatness no one can / fathom.

One generation commends your works to an- / other;

they tell of your / mighty acts.

The LORD upholds / all who fall

and lifts up all who are / bowed down. *Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the / proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every / living thing.

The LORD is near to all who / call on him,

to all who call on / him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;

he hears their cry and / saves them.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The defining mark of Christians is not the spiritual gifts that they possess, but it is the lavish love that is demonstrated as they use those gifts for the benefit of others.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known. So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

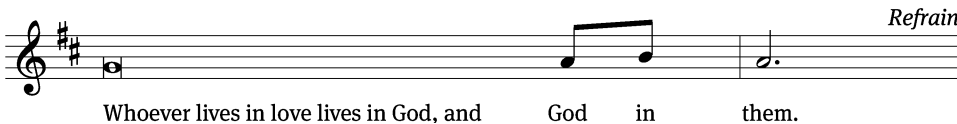
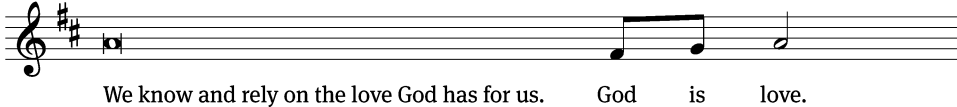
1 John 4:16



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

John 13:31–35

The Father has glorified the Son. Christ shares that glory with us and commands us to show others the same lavish love he has shown to us.

After Judas left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.” “Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. “A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

469 Welcome, Happy Morning

CW 469

Sermon

Stand

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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 199



The Lord be with you.



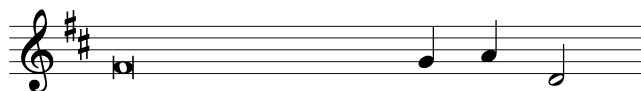
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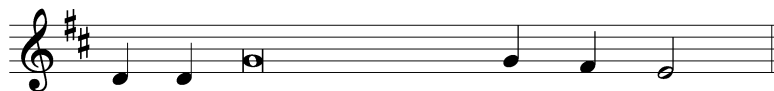
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

467 With High Delight Let Us Unite

CW 467

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

726 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

CW 726

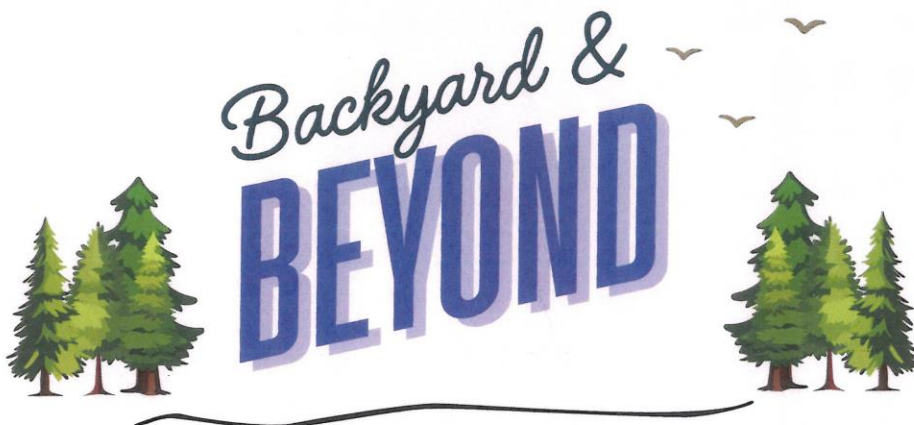
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Pioneer Day Camp

Calling all kids entering kindergarten - 3rd grade!

Join us for a fun day of crafts, snacks, and discovery as we learn all about nature and the wonderful world God has created for us!

Thursday, June 19th
9:45 - 2:30

**Saint Peter
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*\$10 per
child*

Online Registration



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The Festival of the Ascension

Because He Lives,
He reigns over everything for the benefit of his Church.

Celebrate the Ascension at St. Paul Lutheran Church on May 29th at 7 pm. There is a potluck meal starting at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share. The service will include special music, a joint choir, and pastors from Trinity Belle Plaine, and Friedens New Prague sharing the significance of the Ascension with us.



News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Thank you!

Silent Auction Recap

Thanks to everyone who donated items and bid on them! The auction raised \$1485 for our women's group Woven. The funds will be used to assist mission work in our Synod as well as projects here at home.

Monday Night Worship

Remember that there is no Monday night worship on Memorial Day, May 26th.

Summer Bible Study – The Council of Nicea and It's Creed

Throughout its 1700-year history, the Nicene Creed has helped Christians keep our eyes focused on the truths that Scripture reveals about God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctified us in the one true faith. This study isn't merely a history lesson—it's immensely practical. The class meets June 17th & 24th, July 8th & 15th. Supper begins at 5:30 and the class starts shortly afterward. Childcare is available. See the signup sheet or sign up electronically.



Insurance Update

The Church Council accepted a proposal from Travelers Insurance to insure the building, umbrella, and worker's comp. The new policy is an \$8000 per yr. increase over the previous policy, but was the least expensive option the Council considered. We thank President Shawn Firle for his work on getting bids to consider.

The Council is concerned that we are at a 30 day cushion in the finances heading into the summer months. The summer usually comes with much lower offerings, so the Council encourages our members to be as consistent as possible in worship and with offerings. Online giving includes the option to give while you are at the cabin, campground, or vacation this summer. If you haven't already enrolled, see the information on the counter heading into the Fellowship Hall.

MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Senior Coffee Fellowship 10 am	2	3
4 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am Confirmation Sunday	5	6	7 Woven 6 pm	8	9	10
11 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am Fellowship Sunday	12	13 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	14	15 Theology On Tap 6:30 pm Mana Brewing	16	17
18 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	19	20 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	21	22	23	24
25 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am WELS Connec- tion	26	27	28	29 Joint Ascension Service 7 pm	30	31

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
5/18	9 am	Greta Newton	4	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
5/25	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	1	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
6/1	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke

May Altar Guild	May Cleaners
Donna Breeggemann/Janet Robling	-
May Counters	Spring Service Group Leader
Debbie Glowicki/Heather Nelson	Craig and Melanie Sparby
June Altar Guild	Children's Church Volunteer
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firlle/Mary Zeman	-

Attendance	
Sunday	85
Monday	9
Total	94

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$1217	\$3834
Online Giving	\$544	
Total	\$1761	\$3834



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