



Seventh Sunday of Easter

He Lives to Give Me Eager Expectation of Glory

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

May 17, 2026

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

Without the resurrection of Jesus, my uncertainty can easily lead to anxiety. I am waiting for everything to turn out, and not knowing what will happen is much harder if I think I cannot rely on anyone. It's been a long time since Jesus ascended into heaven. Sometimes I suffer. Has he forgotten about me? He lives, and it makes a difference. I know how my life will turn out, and that certainty about the future helps with life's present difficulties. While I wait in the time between Christ's ascension and his return on judgment day, I know that God will work everything out for my good.

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

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471 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

CW 471

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Declaration of Grace

CW 173

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

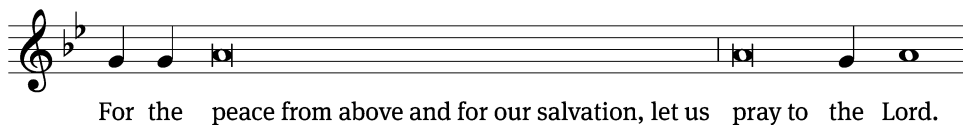
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy


CW 174



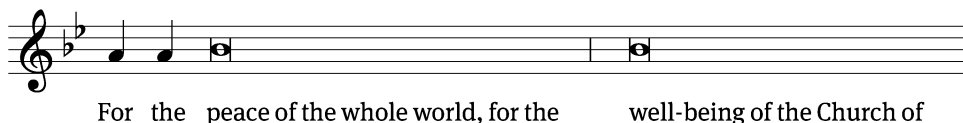
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



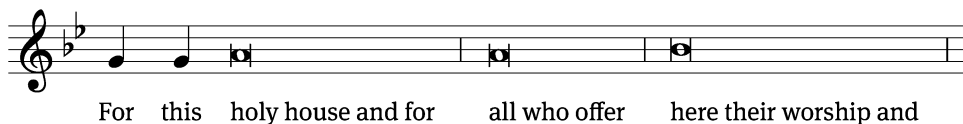
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



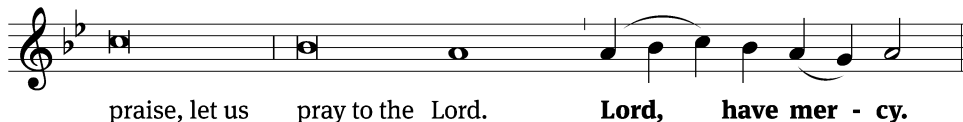
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



A - **men.**

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938 This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. Ref-5, Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

Matthias is chosen to join the apostles whose testimony about Christ's resurrection gives the Church the expectation of future glory.

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter and John were there, also James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. In those days, when the group there numbered about 120 people, Peter stood up among the brothers and said, "Gentlemen, brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David about Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. Judas was counted as one of us and was given a share in this ministry. "Now this man acquired a field with what he was paid for his wicked act. When he fell headfirst, his middle burst open, and all his intestines spilled out." (This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, and so in their own language that field was called Akeldema, which means Field of Blood.) "Indeed, it is written in the book of Psalms: May his residence be deserted. Let there be no one dwelling in it. And, let someone else take his position. "Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection." They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

124A Our Help Is in the Name of the LORD

Psalm 124A

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11

The God of all grace has called us to future glory. Until that time, he encourages us to bring all our anxiety to him.

Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God? Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world. After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

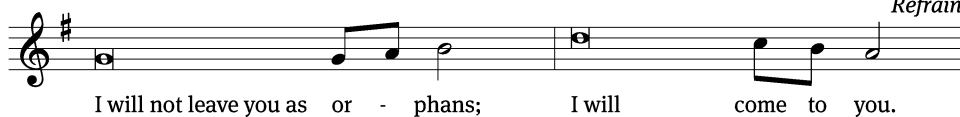
Gospel Acclamation

John 14:18

Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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Gospel

John 17:1–11a

Jesus says that his suffering will lead to glory, both his and ours.

After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed. “I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me. “I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

446 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

CW 446

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

Offering

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

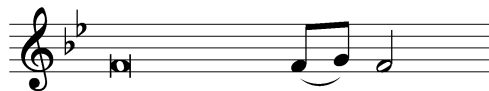


The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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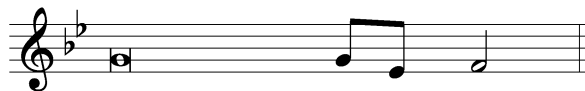
The Lord be with you.



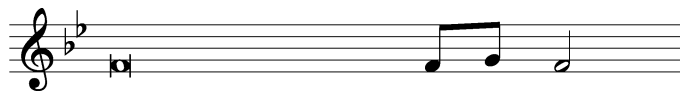
And al - so with you.



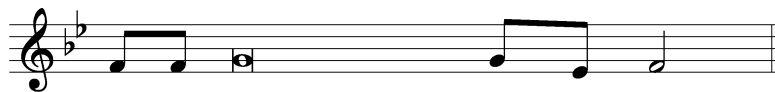
Lift up your hearts.



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 184

The musical score is written on seven staves of music in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains an instrumental introduction. The second staff begins with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,'. The third staff continues with 'God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your'. The fourth staff continues with 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fifth staff continues with 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The sixth staff continues with 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -'. The seventh staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est!'.

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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

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

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

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

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second and third staves contain the first phrase of the hymn. The fourth and fifth staves contain the second phrase. The sixth and seventh staves contain the third phrase. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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Be seated

Distribution

721 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721

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.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.

597 Now Thank We All Our God

CW 597

News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

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

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is this Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 pm at Mana Brewing in Shakopee. Come for fellowship and discussion while enjoying a beverage or something to eat.

No Monday Worship

There will be no worship next Monday, May 25th due to Memorial Day.

Church Council Update

The Council approved removing the distressed tree in the field and approved the bid from Brothers Pest Control to take it down at a cost of \$4200. Funds will come from the special gift. The Council approved requesting \$4000 from the Endowment Committee too for Woven to clean the carpets ahead of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Rally held here in the Fall. \$1000 of that request would be used to replace the wireless microphone that has stopped working.

The Council approved spending \$3600 for a complete survey of the property. This is necessary as we work through issues related to paving the parking lot. It will also help us to know the boundaries of the property and investigate some areas of dispute. These funds will come from the Capital Campaign Fund.

Noah Helke will take over the reporting and oversight Treasurer duties on an interim basis.

Usher Reminders

If you are an usher and are not receiving the weekly reminder text messages, please contact the office for assistance.

Upcoming Worship Series

The Season after Pentecost highlights the teachings of Christ—truths meant to be spoken boldly in every Christian vocation. God’s Word strengthens the soul, guides daily life, and stands firmer than anything else in this world. Yet Scripture also warns us to be alert: false teachers may sound wise or devout, but if their message is not grounded in God’s Word, it cannot be trusted. Give thanks for faithful servants who proclaim the gospel and for all who support that ministry. We invite you to join us in worship as we explore the lessons Christ calls us to speak out loud. The Series begins May 31st.



Bible Study Series Starts Today

In his second letter to Timothy, St. Paul wrote, “Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season” (4:2). Although originally written as an encouragement to a first-century pastor, Paul’s words are equally applicable to twenty-first century Christians. We have the same message to share with sinners who desperately need to hear it. Using St. Paul’s experiences in the city of Philippi as a model, In Season and Out of Season seeks to encourage and equip God’s people to share that message in any and every situation.



MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Confirmation Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am 4:30 Ascension Practice	4 6:45 pm Woven 7 pm Worship	5 6:30 pm Committee Meeting	6	7 10:00 am Senior Fellowship	8	9
10 Worship 9 am Fellowship Sunday Bible Study 10:15 am 4:30 Ascension Practice	11 7 pm Worship	12 10 am Circuit meeting Council Meeting 6:30 pm Reflections Bible Study for Women 7 pm	13	14 7 pm Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord	15	16
17 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	18 7 pm Worship	19 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	20	21 Theology on Tap 6:30 pm	22	23
24 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am WELS Connection						

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
5/17	9 am	Greta Newton	4	(Need Volunteer)	-
5/24	9 am	Carson Kalal	1	Cooper Kalal	Noah Helke
5/31	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke

May Altar Guild	May Cleaners
Jodi Bertrang/Amy Radick	-
May Counters	Service Group 2 Leader
Debbie Glowicki/Heather Nelson	Craig and Melanie Sparby
June Altar Guild	
Angela Ambroz/Nancy Stocker/Brenda Stocker	

Attendance	
Sunday	
Monday	6
Total	

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$1038	\$3834
Online Giving	\$750	
Total	\$1788	\$3834



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