



Sixth Sunday of Easter
We Have Deep and Lasting Joy

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

May 25, 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

Conventional wisdom says that joy is a direct result of circumstance. Our disposition is nothing more than the product of the events, conditions, and relationships of which our life consists. Therefore, it would seem that for our disposition to change, our circumstances need to change. But Jesus offers a joy that is superior. It is not a product of circumstance; it’s a product of Easter. Easter proves that God can take what normally causes people to weep and turn it into what causes people to rejoice. Sin, death, and shame went into Jesus’ tomb. Forgiveness, life, and glory came out. Our risen Savior gives us a joy that remains constant in the highest of life’s highs and the lowest of life’s lows. Because he lives, we have deep and lasting joy.

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

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448 Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful

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Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 189

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.

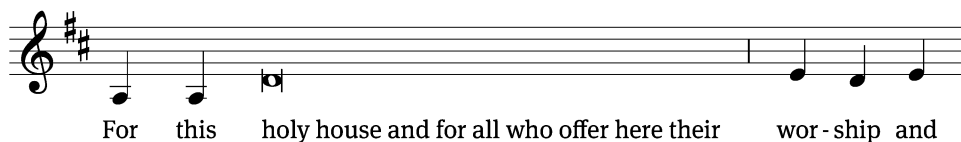
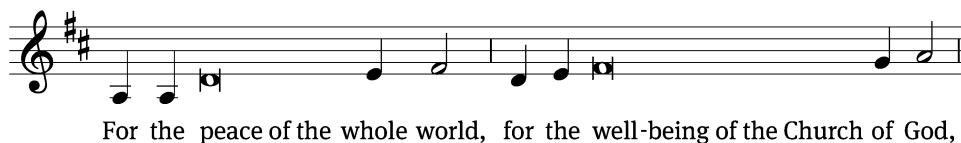
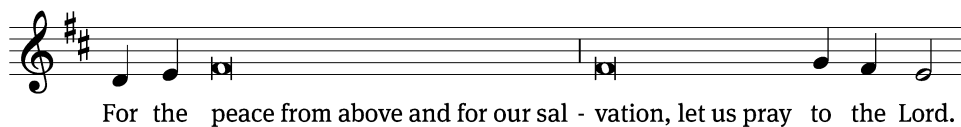
Silence for meditation and reflection

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 are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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 14:8–22

As a witness of Christ's resurrection, Paul's joy and his ministry were unaffected by circumstance.

In Lystra there was a man who was sitting down because he had no strength in his feet. He had never walked because he was lame from birth. When he was listening to Paul as he was speaking, Paul looked at him closely and saw that he had faith to be healed. Paul said in a loud voice, "Stand up on your feet!" And the man jumped up and began to walk. When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form." Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the main speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates, because he wanted to offer sacrifices, along with the crowds. But when the apostles Paul and Barnabas heard about this, they tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, shouting, "Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men with the same nature as you. We are preaching the good news to you so that you turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways. Yet he did not leave himself without testimony of the good he does. He gives you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He fills you with food and fills your hearts with gladness." Even though they said these things, they had a hard time stopping the crowds from sacrificing to them. Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds to stone Paul. When they thought he was dead, they dragged him out of the city. But after the disciples had gathered around him, he stood up and went into the city. The next day, he left with Barnabas for Derbe. After they preached the good news in that city and had gathered many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. They told them, "We must go through many troubles on our way to the kingdom of God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

65A The Seed That Falls

Psalms 65A

Second Reading

Revelation 21:21–27

The great joy we have now will soon be made perfect and complete.

The twelve gates are twelve pearls. Each of the gates is made out of one pearl. And the street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God has given it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. There is no day when its gates will be shut, for there will be no night in that place. They will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. Nothing that is unclean and no one who does what is detestable or who tells lies will ever enter it, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 30:5



Refrain



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



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

Tone



Refrain

Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morn - ing.

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Jesus promises that our grief will be turned to perfect joy.

“In a little while you are not going to see me anymore, and again in a little while you will see me, because I am going away to the Father.” Therefore some of his disciples asked one another, “What does he mean when he tells us, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going away to the Father’?” So they kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he’s saying.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you trying to determine with one another what I meant by saying, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me’? Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy. A woman giving birth has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of her joy that a person has been born into the world. “So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. In that day you will not ask me anything. Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Ages 3 and up are invited to come forward for a Bible lesson.

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.

Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.**

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.

513 In You Is Gladness

CW 513

Together

NEWS. RESOURCES. ENCOURAGEMENT.



WELS
Christ's Love. Our Calling.

2025 synod convention planning continues

The 68th WELS biennial synod convention will take place July 21-24 at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn. Nearly 400 voting delegates—composed of pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and laymen—will attend, along with several dozen advisory delegates.

The *Book of Reports and Memorials* (BORAM), which contains the information to be considered by the convention, is now available online at welsconvention.net/boram. Hard copies of BORAM have been sent to all delegates, congregations, and male called workers.

Some of the important items to be discussed or decided at the convention are:

- The declaration of fellowship between WELS and the Africa Mission Evangelism Church (AMEC) of Tanzania. Discussions have been taking place with representatives of AMEC for several years, and those discussions have determined that WELS and AMEC are united in doctrine and practice.
- Two proposals to change the way synod officers are elected. Both proposals involve seeking nominations prior to the convention and publicizing the final ballot in early summer before the convention convenes. This would give delegates an opportunity to learn more about the candidates and would also give nominees time to think about their decision, if elected, in advance of the actual election.
- The synod will have the opportunity to adopt a new long-range strategic plan entitled “Christ through us,” which will serve as a guide for the synod as it carries out its mission over the next ten years.
- Elections will be held for various positions, including first vice president and recording secretary.
- Every area of ministry will report on its work during the past year and outline plans for the future.
- The convention essay will be delivered by Rev. Joel Otto, professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., focusing on the 175-year history of the synod. Prof. Paul Koelpin will also give an evening presentation on the history of Martin Luther College.
- Several memorials (requests for convention action) will also be considered.

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 Marlys Knautz in celebration of her 90th Birthday. Thank you!

Monday Night Worship

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

Summer Bible Study – The Council of Nicaea and Its 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 Firlie 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.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran Summer Camp for Grades 3-8

Children who have completed grades 3-8, are invited to Minnesota Valley Lutheran Camp at Sibley St. Park June 22-28 for a week in strengthening our faith in Christ and our relationship with God, and forming lifelong bonds with other Christians their age. In addition, each day we have crafts, team sports, campfires, games, and opportunities for swimming, biking, hiking and fishing. Scholarships are available. Registration ends on June 8th. We are hosting Camp Shetek at Sibley State Park, New London this year. www.campshetek.org/2025-Registration. Please contact Lois or Katie Zander with any questions.

SERVING THE LORD

Acolytes			Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
5/25	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	1	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
6/1	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
6/8	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	3	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander

June Altar Guild	June Cleaners
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firlie/Mary Zeman	-
June Counters	Spring Service Group Leader
Norma Bendzick/Connie Jabs	Craig and Melanie Sparby
July Altar Guild	Children's Church Volunteer
Melanie Sparby/Jodi Bertrang	-

Attendance	
Sunday	74
Monday	16
Total	90

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$1680	\$3834
Online Giving	\$829	
Total	\$2509	\$3834



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