

Seventh Sunday of Easter Unity Marches Victorious in Diversity

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

May 29, 2022

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

When Jesus' followers gathered together, they comprised a group that was not very diverse. They all belonged to the same ethnic group, grew up in the same culture, and spoke the same language. That would change drastically on Pentecost, when the gospel would be proclaimed in many languages to people from "every nation under heaven" (Acts 1:5). This diversity has always been part of Christ's plan. Rather than eliminating differences among the Church's members, the Church's unity is built on truths that transcends those differences. The Church truly is a communion of saints. Differences in our world often lead to division. Therefore, when the world sees the unity in diversity that characterizes Christ's Church, it will recognize something unique and special about Christians.

Pastor	Jeremy Glowicki
Organist	Noah Helke

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

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

Absolution CW 156

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





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





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





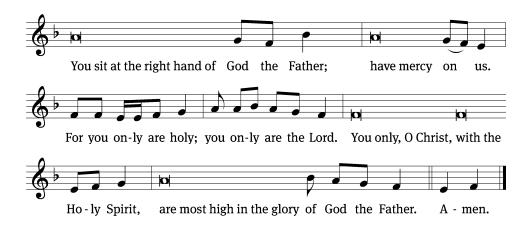


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have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



The Word

Salutation

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 16:6–10

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, because they were prevented by the Holy Spirit from speaking the word in the province of Asia. When they went as far as Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. A vision appeared to Paul during the night. A Macedonian man was standing there, urging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" As soon as he had seen the vision, we immediately made plans to proceed to Macedonia, because we concluded that God had called us to preach the good news to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

133A Oh, How Good and Pleasant It Is

Psalm 133A

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-17, 20

Look, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and so that they may enter through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, that is, the sorcerers, the adulterers, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears this say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who wants the water of life take it as a gift. The one who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

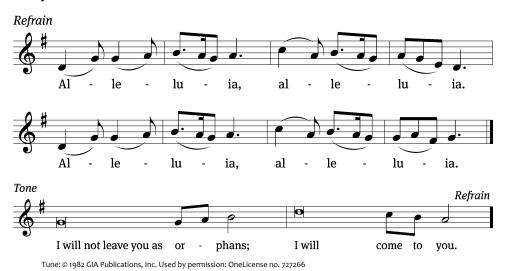
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:18



Gospel John 17:20–26

"I am praying not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their message. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I am in you. May they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one: I in them, and you in me. May they become completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory—the glory you gave me, because you loved me before the world's foundation. Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these men knew that you sent me. I made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love you have for me may be in them, and that I may be in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

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

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

Offering

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

903 We Are Called to Stand Together

CW 903

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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.**

908 Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

CW 908

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Be A Part Of The Fun!

Building off of the popular tv show, we are planning our own family friendly event! Contestants will race (legally of course) around Jordan following clues to see who can complete the race first. Everyone is welcome to register and participate.

When: Saturday, June 4th

Time: Please arrive at 10:30am—Race will start at 11:00am

Where: Race begins at St. Paul Lutheran Church

100 6th St. W

You Will Need: A car with a licensed driver and a smartphone

Registration Deadline: June 1st \$10 registration fee per family.

Scan the QR Code to Register
Or visit our website at spljordan.com



News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Dorothy Gerdes in celebration of her $94^{\rm th}$ Birthday. Thank-you!

No Monday Worship

There is no Monday service tomorrow on Memorial Day. Just a heads up that the Fourth of July falls on a Monday this year. There will be no Monday service on that day.

Sixth St. Entrance Closed

The church entrance on Sixth street will be closed until further notice due to construction. We ask that you only use the parking lot entrance during this time. Thank-you!

St. Paul Bike Ride - June 18th

Enjoy a beautiful 12-mile round trip ride from Victoria to Excelsior and back on the Lake Minnetonka Regional trail. After the ride enjoy ice cream, a visit to a brewery, or food at a restaurant all along the trail in Victoria. The ride will begin at 3 pm and take about an hour depending on your pace. Parking along the street is available at the Kirke Lachen Park Natural Area.



Picture Directory Update

One final day will be scheduled to take pictures of anyone we missed. Pictures need to be taken of our members who are homebound or in a care facility. After final editing, pictures will be emailed to you, and they will be added to our directory so we can print. No final timetable is set just yet.

New Bible Class: "You've Got Mail!" The Holy Spirit sends us a letter (via the Thessalonian Christians) in which he teaches us how to live in a hostile world, identify the anti-Christ, and handle fellow Christians living in sin. Hear what the Holy Spirit has to say about these things at the new multi-media Bible study on *2 Thessalonians*. Class starts Thursday, June 9th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ladies Aid 6 pm	2	3	4 Amazing Race Jordan 11:00 am
5 Worship 9 am Communion 19 Minute Bible Study	6 Worship 7 pm	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 9 am Fellowship Sun- day 19 Minute Bible Study	13 Worship 7 pm	14 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	15	16	17	18 St. Paul Bike Ride 3:00 pm
19 Worship 9 am Communion 19 Minute Bible Study	20 Worship 7 pm	21 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 9 am 19 Minute Bible Study WELS Connec- tion	27 Worship 7 pm	28	29	30		

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
5/29	9 AM	Riley Firle	1	Morgan Glowicki	Noah Helke
6/5	9 AM	Tyler Bohnsack	2	Taylor Elsenpeter	-
6/12	9 AM	Payton Doverspike	3	Jenna Elsenpeter	Lois Zander

June Altar Guild	June Cleaners		
Angela Ambroz/Nancy Stocker/Brenda Stocker	-		
June Counters	Spring Service Group Leader		
-	Craig and Melanie Sparby		
July Altar Guild	July Counters		
Dianne Jabs/Lynn Sorenson	-		

Attendance	
Sunday	92
Monday	0
Total	92



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Gifts To Our Lord				
	Received	Needed		
Current	\$2615	\$3834		
Give Plus Online	\$859			
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