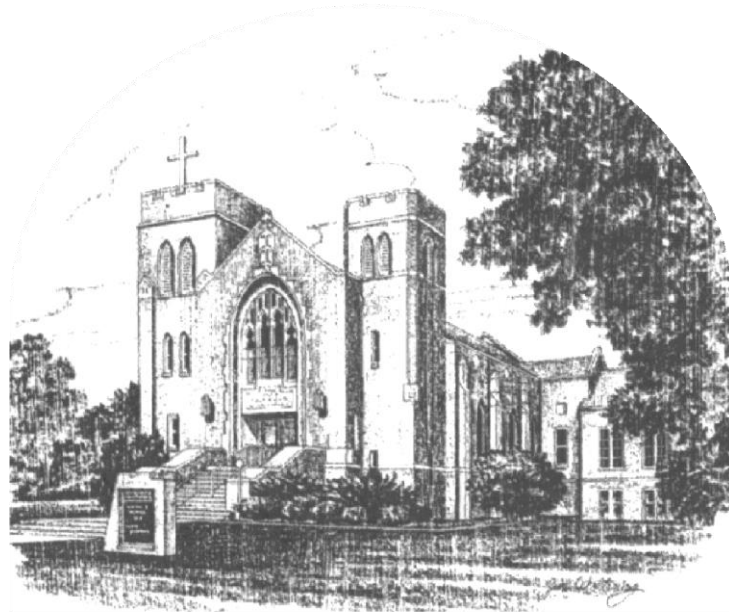


St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, Texas



*Saturday and Sunday
Holy Communion Services
6th Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024*

Silent Prayer

Creator and Ruler of the Earth, we lift up our voices, our eyes, our hearts, our lives to you in praise. Make us your alleluia people. Uphold the weary, for whom praise may be very difficult. Humble the strong, for whom "alleluia" may be too easy. Creator and Ruler of the Earth, continue to form us into your new creation, that we might welcome you to more fully become the ruler of our hearts and minds. Through him who came as a servant, and who now reigns over all creation, Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

***BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia” **LBW #128**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate-ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

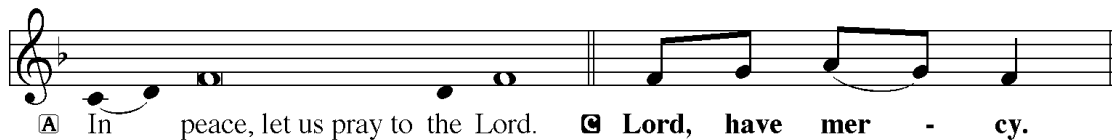
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Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821

***GREETING**

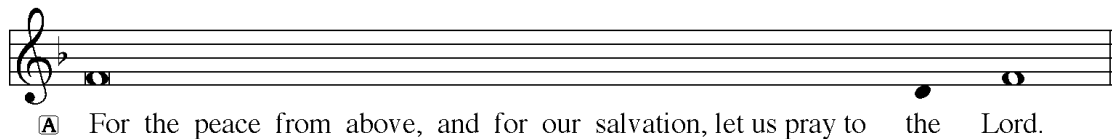
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

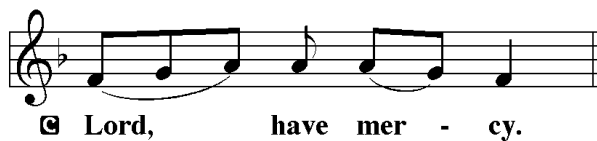
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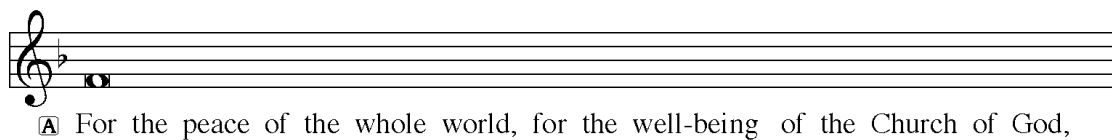
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



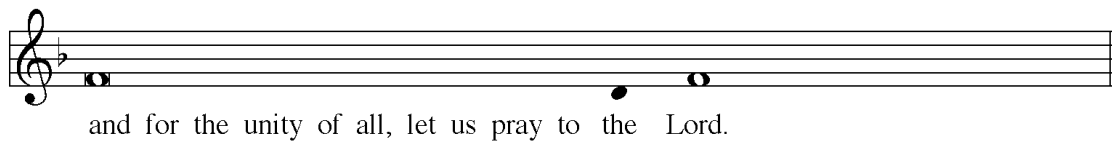
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



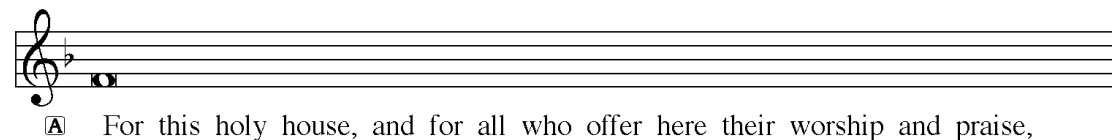
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



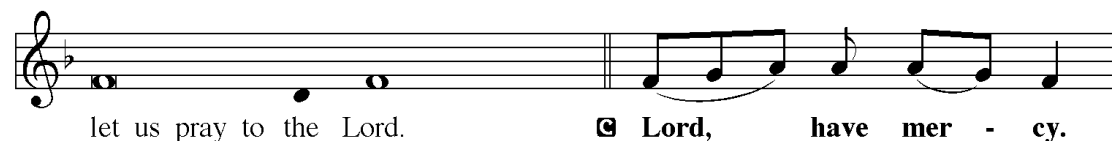
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, 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,

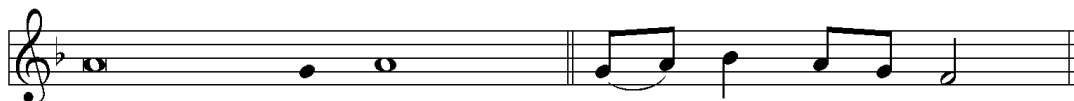


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

* SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

Ⓑ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:44-48

Lector: A reading from _____.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

²**With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.**

³The LORD has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶**Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁸**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

⁹Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL John 15:9-17**

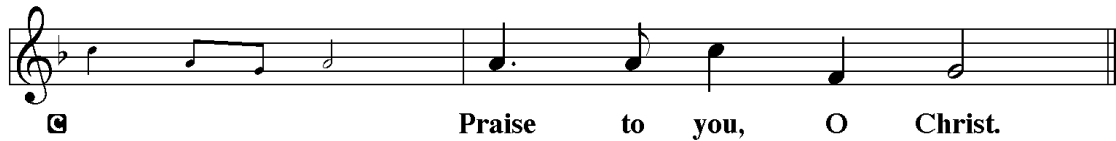
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. _____ the ___ chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You” LBW #492

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

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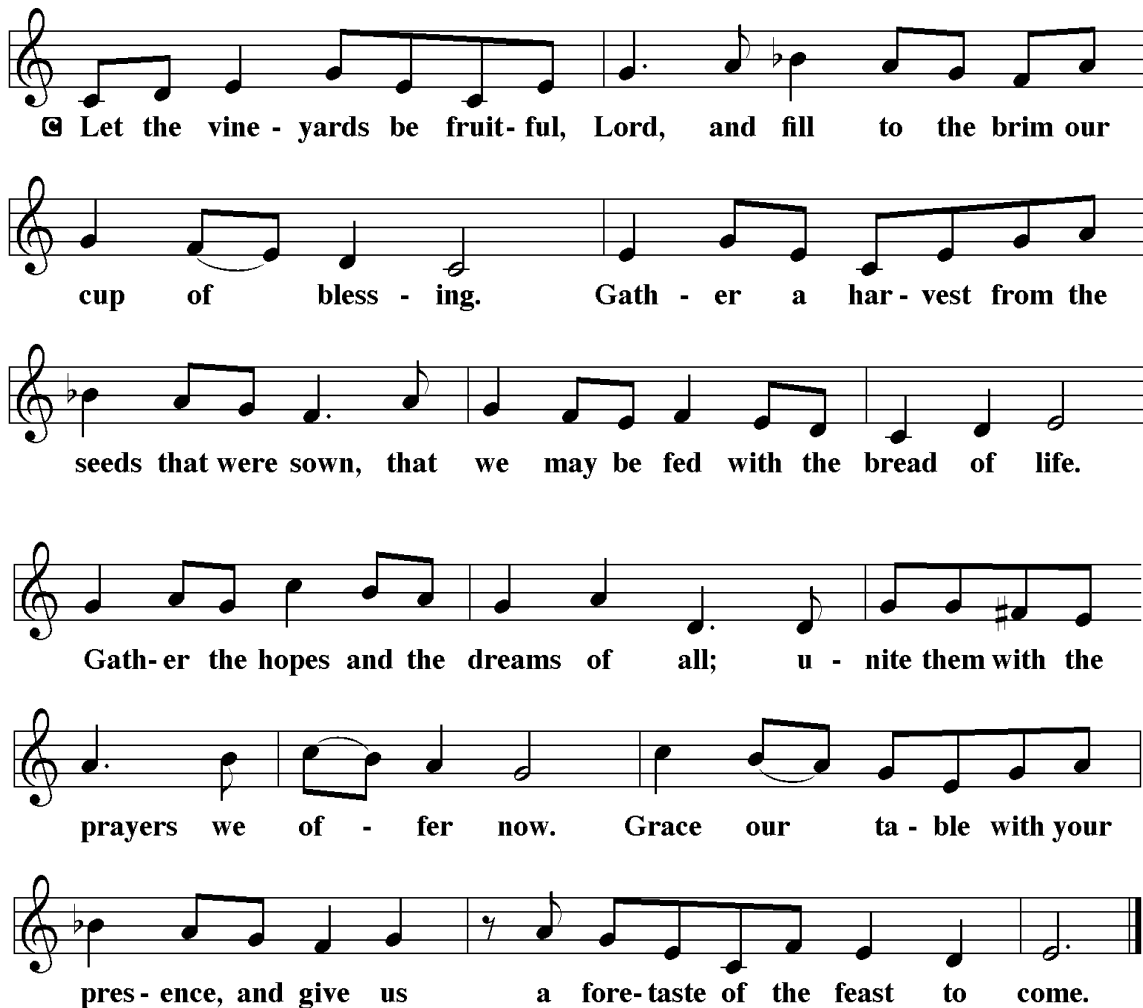
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.

*PRAYERS

P: ... Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY




Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**


P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.


***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



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



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



Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. 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 in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** 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.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who unable to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMNS: “Lamb of God”

☐ 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 peace.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS:

- “One There Is, Above All Others” **LBW #298**
- “Wide Open Are Your Hands” **LBW #489**
- “What Wonderful Love is This” **LBW #385**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O God, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you,

And be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



☞ A - men

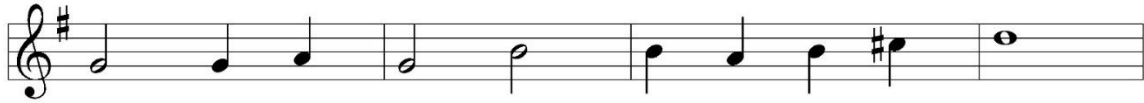
***CLOSING HYMN**

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” LBW #262

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name



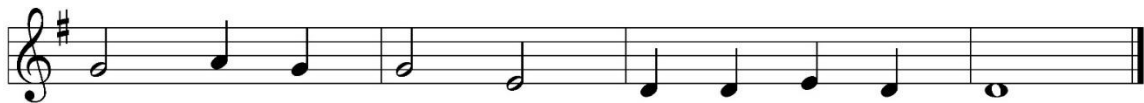
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
that in this house have called up - on your name.
your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.

Music: ELLERS, Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: As we go in peace we share that peace with each other. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 2024

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

MAY 5, 2024 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

6th Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad

Reader: Laurie Stevenson

Acolytes: Kylie Diehl & Nat Flores

Musician: Saturday – Beverly Bruns

Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy Ibrom

MAY 12, 2024 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

7th Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad

Reader: Karen Dueser

Acolytes: Piper & Patrick Peyton

Children’s Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musician: Saturday – Rebecca Innocenti

Sunday – Rebecca Innocenti

Saturday Altar Guild: Barbara Cramer

Helping with Worship during the month of May:

Head Usher: Jay Heil

Ushers: Wade Bolting, Glen Henze, Carl Matejek, & Royce Pargmann

Altar Guild: Reeve Gips & Wanda Rohan

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

FLOWER CHART: The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Junell Lincke, on her birthday. Mom, we miss you and we love you. Your Loving Family.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Joyce Baacke, Laurie Barfield, Katherine Brown, Byron Cramer, Bill Klaevemann & Shirley J. Mueller

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Aggie Arnold	Rosa Horton	Mark Niemeier
Alton Audilet	Keith Ibrom	David Norrell
Joyce Baacke	Joanna Ivy	Christy Paulsgrove
Laurie Barfield	Shirley Jendrzey	Pam Roth
Joe Barnes	Bonnie Kaiser	Luellen Smiley
Donna Baxter	Mary Kanuch	Joan Smith
Caroline Blain	Bill Klaevemann	Kennedy Smith
Daisy Borgfeld	Joyce Lamprecht	Lori Nelson Stenger
Warner Borth	Ray Lange	Mike & Deborah Stern
Katherine Brown	Dorothy Mayfield	Pastor Craig Sturm
David Brucker	Marie Metting	Judy Taylor
Virginia Buesing	Lin Migura	Levi Wilhelmsen
Byron Cramer	Lanie Milliff	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Verda Mae Foerster	Shirley Janssen Mueller	Wesley Wynn
Daniel Goehring		

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (5th)	Fellowship Hall Reserved – Child Outreach
	9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am Sunday School
	11:30 am Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm Nat’l Gathering Meeting
Monday (6th)	6:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved – TLG
Tuesday (7th)	Women of the Church Bible Study
	6:00 pm Youth Task Force Meeting
Wednesday (8th)	9:00 am The Learning Garden Chapel
	6:00 pm FFF
Friday (10th)	6:00 pm Lemke/Nance Wedding Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Saturday (11th)	Lemke/Nance Wedding – Sanctuary
	Fellowship Hall Reserved – Youth
	10:00 am NALC Mission District Meeting - LaVernia
	5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion - SANCTUARY
Sunday (12th)	9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am Sunday School
	10:15 am Mother’s Day Brunch – Fellowship Hall

CHILD OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL - Wanda and Fred Garcia will be with us on the weekend of May 4th and 5th to give us a presentation during the Sunday School hour on the ministry that has been happening in Guatemala. Also, items and textiles made by the Mayan women will be on display and for sale in the Fellowship Hall.

GABRIEL PROJECT: Linda Palmer, Executive Director of the Gabriel Project of the Crossroads, will be joining us on Sunday, May 12th at the 9:00 am service to give us an update on their programs currently being offered. This will be a time for the Gabriel Project to extend its gratitude to St. Paul's for our commitment to the sanctity of life through our prayers and support. Mrs. Palmer will reflect on how lives are being touched at the Bethlehem Maternity, and throughout the Crossroads area.

SERVANT MINISTRY: With the influx of funerals lately, it is time to update our servant ministry list. As members of St. Paul, you are put on this list to help provide food for funeral receptions. If your phone number has changed, please call the church office at 361-564-2135 to get it updated. We are also in need of helpers to serve at funeral receptions. If you would like to help, please let the church office know or contact Pam Hoefling. Thank you for your participation in this ministry.

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: Beginning Saturday, April 20, 2024, our Saturday Worship services will be held in the Sanctuary.

SR. RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 19TH - On Sunday, May 19, 2024, we will recognize our graduating seniors: Kaiden Hilbrich, Zoe Innocenti, and Chesney Kaiser. Join us as we proudly recognize their accomplishments and extend our best wishes for their future! Each of these seniors will be eligible for a scholarship from St. Paul Lutheran Church. If anyone would like to contribute, donations/memorials can be made to the Sr. Scholarship Fund at any time during the year. Your generosity has and will continue to make a difference in the future of our youth! Also graduating, but not living here anymore are: Carter Hoefling, Wesley Phillips, and Elijah Stern. These seniors were baptized in our church but have since moved elsewhere. **CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!!!**

CAROLINE BLAIN IS TURNING 100!! Please join Caroline at her 100th birthday party celebration on Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 2-6 pm at the DeWitt County Veterans Center (formerly American Legion Building). No gifts are necessary, she would just love to have you celebrate with her!

COME DIVE INTO GOD'S FRIENDSHIP AT VBS THIS YEAR! VBS will be held in the evening this year, July 15-18, 5-7:30pm. We would love for you to help out as a leader or send your child to participate! Supper will be served to the students and the helpers at VBS! Contact Tina Boehm at 361-491-1625 for more information or to register. Registration forms may be picked up from the church office, our website at www.stpaulykt.org, or you can register online at https://www.myvbs.org/Ykt_vbs2024.

We are looking for items to decorate our ocean...if you have any scuba gear or corals of any sort, we would love to borrow them! Please get with Tina for more info. We are also looking for old or new pool noodles (floats) to create fun sea objects with!

NALC TEXAS-OKLAHOMA MISSION REGION invites you to a Regional Get-Together July 23-25, 2024 at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Temple, Texas. Guest speaker is Rev. David Keener, Director of Renewal and Discipleship for the NALC. Workshops include Disaster Response

training with Michael Dittrich and Drawing Closer to God through prayer with Pastor Ralph Reitmeyer. If you have questions, please call Pastor Becky Thane at 201-572-8073 or email her at BeckyThane@aol.com. Enrollment forms are located on the table in front of the church office in the educational building and on our website. Space is limited! Register early to reserve your spot. If you are interested in going, St. Paul will reimburse you your stay.

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

May 19, 2024 – 11:30 am Potluck Lunch

Upcoming Youth Events

May 12, 2024 – Mother's Day Brunch, during Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall.

June 16, 2024 – Father's Day Taco Breakfast, during Sunday School in the fellowship hall.

Local Upcoming Events:

REV UP YOUR FUTURE KIDS EXPO – Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 3-7pm at the Yorktown City Park. This family fun event offers hands-on opportunities to explore various vehicles and careers! From fire trucks to ambulances, construction vehicles to police cars, there's something for every aspiring professional. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to ignite your child's imagination and inspire their future! Admission and refreshments are free, so bring the whole family and join us for an evening of discovery and adventure! Free entry, hot dogs provided by Citizens Bank, snow cones, and of course, we (St. Paul) will be handing out popcorn!

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