

St. Paul Lutheran Church
“Let’s Make a Difference Together”



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Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month & Festivals

Contemporary Worship:

1st Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Air Conditioned & Handicapped Accessible

Welcome To St. Paul Lutheran Church

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.



Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family??

Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you through the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

SILENT MEDITATION. . . . Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

Our Church Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Carl W. Filer, DMin, Mission Redeveloper

Parish Administrator: Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline

Choir Director/Organist: Mr. Robert Jones

2020 Council Members

Grant Allen
Bill Below
Terry Fouts
Chris Kinsley Sr.
Mattie Morales
Carl Reindl
Deb Storman
Ingrid Unternahrer
Beth Werkheiser

Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10th, 2020

Words in bold print denote congregational response.

Announcements

Welcome Song –

“We Fall Down”

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry Holy, Holy, Holy,

And we cry Holy, Holy, Holy,

And we cry Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lamb.

Second verse: same as first

Third verse: same as first

And we cry Holy, Holy, Holy,

And we cry Holy, Holy, Holy,

And we cry Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lamb.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lamb.

Call to Worship

Love shown -

In a mother’s embrace,

A tender look,

A helping hand.

Love renewed

In a forgiving word,

Over a cup of tea,

In a simple welcome.

Love celebrated –

In exuberant song,

Joyful music,

Overflowing praise.

Love given –

By God,

For all,

Right here, right now.

Confession and Forgiveness

You have commanded that we honor our mothers and our fathers, O Lord. Still, we confess that we sometimes have an easier time identifying our differences with family than seeing the things we have in common. There are times when it is easy to love one another and other times when we grasp for the ability to see anything good in the life of another. Our earthly parents disappoint us, and we hold grudges. Our parents divorce, and we cannot get past the hurt that they have caused. Forgive us, Lord, and show us how we can better forgive the people around us. Set us free to live in community with you at the center. In the name of Jesus, who loved his earthly parents and his heavenly Father.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

God has searched us and known us. God knows when we sit down and when we rise up. God is acquainted with all of our thoughts and all of our ways. God know the hurts of our hearts and our hopes for the future. God longs to redeem the past and set us on a new path. We, who have confessed our sin, believing with our hearts, are forgiven. Glory to God.

Praise Song –

“Beautiful One”

Wonderful, So Wonderful Is Your Unfailing Love,
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen, no ear has heard
No heart could fully know,
How glorious, how beautiful You are

Chorus

**Beautiful One, I love You
Beautiful One, I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing**

Powerful, so Powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing;
How marvelous, How wonderful You are

Chorus Twice

You've opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
'Cos nothing on earth is as beautiful as You

Chorus

My soul, my soul must sing
My soul, my soul must sing
My soul, my soul must sing Beautiful One

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel: John 14:1-14**

The holy gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message – In My Father’s House

Message Song –

“Overcome”

Seated above, enthroned in the Father’s love;
destined to die, poured out for all mankind.
God’s only Son, perfect and spotless One;
He never sinned, but suffered as if He did.

All authority, every victory is Yours.

All authority, every victory is Yours.

Chorus

**Savior, worthy of honor and glory,
worthy of all our praise, You overcame.
Jesus, awesome in power forever,
awesome and great is Your name; You overcame.**

Power in hand, speaking the Father’s plan;
sending us out, lighting this broken land.

All authority, every victory is Yours!

Chorus

We will overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.
Everyone overcome. *(repeat three times)*

Chorus

You overcame! You overcame! You overcame! You overcame!

Chorus

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that the man named his wife Eve, Life, because she was the mother of all living things. We believe that we should honor our mothers, “so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

We believe that mothers give us life and pass on to us their life of faith, even as Paul said to Timothy, “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.”

We believe that God’s love for us is like a mother’s love, comforting us and giving us life, even as the psalmist says: “O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.”

Pastoral Prayer

Communion Litany

We declare ourselves to be Easter people.

We come to share in the table Jesus has prepared for us.

He took the bad news of sin and guilt and changed it to good news through his dying and rising for us.

We are here to celebrate the good news and the presence of Christ with us.

And he took the bread, blessed it, and broke it. He said to his disciples: “Take, eat, this is my body.”

Also, he took a cup of wine. After saying thanks, he gave it to them saying: “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant. It is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.”

We thank you, God, for these elements given in love for us. Accept us, forgive us, and heal us, that we might live lives which are pleasing to you.

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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song –

“He Reigns”

It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

Refrain

**It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns**

Let it rise about the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
Some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples
None rings truer than this

Refrain

And all the powers of darkness
Tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness
Can't drown out a single word

When all God's children sing out
Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns
All God's people singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

"The worship ends. . .the service begins."

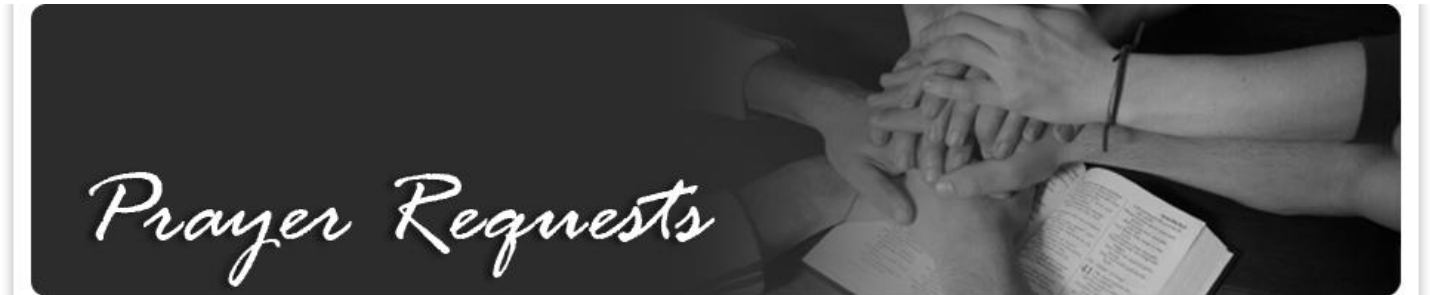
Postlude

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Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...

Ryan Ace, Sr.; Msgt. William F. Allen; Grant Allen; Private William "Blake" Allen; Tom Altemose; the family of Joyce Anderson at her passing; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; Wynne Below; Nancy Besecker; Dillon Berenti; Cptn. Matthew Blessing; Vicki Burnett; Jack Callahan; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; LilliAnna Daniels; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Ray Fautz, Jr; Ray Fautz Morales; Alan Gannon; Chris Gehm; Louis Genset; Lynn Gerber; Pete Gerard; Jean Gerstlauer; Jim Halka; T. J. Imhof; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Mason & Addison Kapun; Richard Kernan; Robbie Kinsley; Robert Kinsley; Eleanor Kreuger; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Ruth Mitchell; Demetrius Morales-Ross; Ada & Nelson Morales; Anita Morales; Marisol Morales; Mattie Morales & family; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Shirley Pensyl; Faye Reiner; Sandy Richards; Joan Rinker; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gloria Russell; Jack Russell; Claudette Segear; Lynn Seip; Samuel Smith, Jr.; David & Lisa Stirling; Greg Theadford; Jeffery Wert, Jr.; Charles Zuccarelli; Fran Zuccarelli; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the families of those killed and wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.

Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Please leave requests and/or updates in the basket labeled "Prayer Requests" located in the church office. THIS LIST IS RENEWED FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE RENEW YOUR REQUEST MONTHLY IF YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE IS STILL IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.



Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Food Pantry! Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong. **To keep the shelves stocked, we need canned vegetables (corn, carrots, peas, and others), canned and boxed potatoes, canned soups, canned pasta (i.e. Chef Boyardee, Campbell's, or your**

store's brand), plain rice, canned meat and fish, and canned fruit. All donations are very much appreciated and welcome. The next time you are food shopping, why not pick up a few extra items to help those in need? *A friendly reminder: If you won't eat it, we can't expect others to do so either. Please refrain from donations of severely damaged canned goods, open boxes, items without boxes/labels/cooking instructions, and, of course, items that have expired. Thank you again for your generous support!*

Food Pantry Update: The food pantry served 13 families (65 people) this week, plus 10 dogs and 6 cats. All food for the animals is provided by Camp Papillon, our partner in serving.

Events Things To Do **News**

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

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