



SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH JOY!

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

9:00 A.M.

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# *Order of Worship*

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026 † 9:00 a.m.

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## Prelude

## Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Concerns

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Song

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

*(hymn)* **389** vv. 1-3

<sup>1</sup>Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

<sup>2</sup>Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

<sup>3</sup>In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

### **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

**Kyrie** (page) 147

**Canticle of Praise** (page) 149

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**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.**

### **First Reading—1 Peter 2:2-10**

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like 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. <sup>6</sup> For 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." <sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup> and "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. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once 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.*

### **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (Read Responsively)**

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

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be 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.

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

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

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

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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## **Gospel—John 14:1-14**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John. Glory to you, O Lord.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In 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? <sup>3</sup> And 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. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus 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’? <sup>10</sup> Do 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. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very 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. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

## **Children’s Sermon**

## **Sermon**

<sup>1</sup>Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

<sup>2</sup>Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

<sup>3</sup>Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

<sup>4</sup>Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

**Apostles' Creed**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you!**

**Offering**

**Offering Music**

**Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy ...

**Hear our prayer.**

## **Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution**

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The Lord be with you!

**And also 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 our thanks and praise!**

In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

## **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.**

*A member of our prayer team will be available during communion distribution for individual and private prayer. Please meet them at the prayer room to the right of the sanctuary.*

## **Communion Distribution**

### **Communion Music**

*"Let Us Break Bread Together" (hymn) 471*

*"Now We Join in Celebration" (hymn) 462*

## **Communion Blessing**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

## Sending Song

## “Now Thank We All Our God”

(hymn) 839

<sup>1</sup>Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

<sup>2</sup>Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

<sup>3</sup>All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

### Dismissal

Go in peace! Share Christ's love, with Joy!

**Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude



Welcome & Thank You!

**Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Paul Lutheran today,  
where it is our mission *"To Share Christ's Love, With Joy!"***

We aim for your time with us to be both enriching and spiritually fulfilling. If you're new, please feel free to introduce yourself to the pastors and fellow worshippers. We value the opportunity to connect with you and hope to see you again soon. At St. Paul Lutheran, everyone is sincerely welcome to partake in Holy Communion. Should you require a gluten-free option, simply inform the pastor when you approach. Worshipers are encouraged to bring a bible to worship. If one is needed there are bibles available in the prayer room in the rear corner of the sanctuary. Additionally, gender-neutral restrooms are accessible in our education/preschool wing, ensuring a comfortable experience for all.

We look forward to seeing you again!

## **Thank You To Those Involved in Worship Leading!**

<b>Guest Pastor:</b>	Marla Amborn
<b>Worship Assistant:</b>	Kimberly Bahls
<b>Prayer Corner:</b>	Rosie Quale
<b>Organist:</b>	Jeanne Richards
<b>Accompanist:</b>	Kim Clark
<b>Tech Team:</b>	Chris Timmons
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Jean Reed
<b>Counters:</b>	Jan Taylor, Will & Katie Fetterly

**Please join us in welcoming back Pastor Marla Amborn** as she preaches and leads us in worship today!

**Please keep in your prayers this week:** Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes, Ruth Koehly, Jean Enrooth, Josie Peterson, John & Darla Peterson, Allan DeWolf, Lois (friend of Janelle Albee), Kathy (sister of Ron Rozeske), Julie (family of Pat Miska), Mick Byl, Mike (Sally Liljedahl uncle), Lacey Sperling, Jim Rauner, Jeremy and Paige and all who serve in the military, Shelby, Tom and all law enforcement.

**Flowers** today are provided by Ron & Karen Rozeske in honor of Karen's birthday. The flower sign-up sheet is located on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

**Refreshments** today are provided by Rosie Quale. The refreshment sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

**Blood Drive.** We are hosting another blood drive on **Thursday, May 14. We are in need of volunteers to host.** A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex, thank you for signing up!

**Annual Mother's Day Spring Festival and Plant Sale.** Spring is in the air, and so is the excitement for our Annual Mother's Day Spring Festival and Plant Sale! Join us on **Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** for a joyful celebration of the season. We're once again **partnering with our Discovery Center** to offer a beautiful selection of plants, just in time to find the perfect gift for Mother's Day. This event is perfect for the whole family, with games, activities, and a bounce house for the kids to enjoy. **We are in need of volunteers for this event, the sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.** Come for the plants, stay for the fun!

**Say hello to summer with West of 55!** Join us **Sunday, June 7** for a **two-hour river cruise** in Stillwater, departing at 4:30 p.m. (**please arrive by 4:00**; the boat will not wait). Hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Seniors and **open to all ages**, this fun outing includes a delicious buffet dinner. Cost is \$50.25 for ages 13+, \$37.25 for ages 4–12, and free for children 3 and under.

**Scholarships are available**, please speak with Pastor Dale, Pastor Carrie, or Carole England. Sign up on the table and submit payment to Carole or the church office **by May 31**. The cruise is accessible, rain or shine, with parking available near the boarding area. Casual dress; no dogs allowed.

**Help us celebrate a special milestone! Dwight Gardstrom will turn 90 on Sunday, May 17**, and we invite you to join us in honoring him that day. Cake will be served following worship, and all are encouraged to celebrate Dwight with your presence and, if you wish, cards or gifts. Let's come together to give thanks for Dwight!

**Communion Bread**—we are looking for volunteers to bake communion bread on Sunday mornings. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex!

## Annual Spring Quilt Raffle

Our Humble Bees sewing and quilting group is pleased to sponsor again, this year's **Annual Spring Quilt Raffle**. Three beautiful, handcrafted quilts will be raffled off this spring. **Tickets are available for \$5 each or three for \$10.** The drawing will be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, May 31**, and you do not need to be present to win.

**All proceeds from the raffle will be divided equally into college scholarship funds for our three graduating high school seniors, *Tucker Pederson, Connor Fraley, and Nova Kroschel*, who we will honor that same day. Thank you for supporting our graduates and the dedicated work of our Humble Bees.**



## Weekly Financial Stewardship Update

2026 General Fund Offering Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Giving
YTD Totals	\$72,084.26	\$70,709.90	\$1,374.36
2026 Total Revenue Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Revenue
YTD Totals	\$112,326.4	\$86,543.28	\$25,783.17



# The Week Ahead

at St. Paul Lutheran

**Sunday, May 3**

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, May 4**

Boy Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 5**

Adult Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 9**

Annual Mother's Day Spring Festival and Plant Sale, 9:00 a.m.

**Confirmation Sunday, May 10**

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

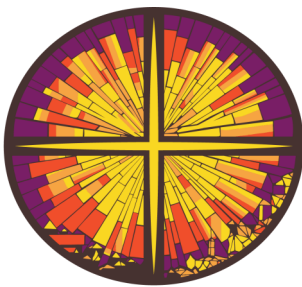
**LOOKING AHEAD**

Blood Drive, May 14

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 31

Quilt Raffle Drawing, May 31

First Outdoor Worship, June 7



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