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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

8:00am Divine Service

Welcome and Announcements

✠ ORDER OF SERVICE ✠
Divine Service Setting One

Opening Hymn:	<i>LSB 417</i>
“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”	
The Invocation	<i>LSB 151</i>
Confession & Absolution	<i>LSB 151</i>

Introit (*spoken together*) *Ps. 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:16*

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.
Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!
Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.
Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his
steadfast | love from me!
Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading

Acts 10:34-48

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 John 5:1-8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 157

Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I 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. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²[Jesus said:] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his

life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: (Sung to the Tune: LSB, #832)

“O Master, Let Us Walk with Thee”

O Master, let us walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free.
Teach us Thy secret; help us bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Touch our slow hearts and make them move
By Thy renewing word of love.
Teach us our wayward feet to stay,
To guide them in the heav'nward way.

Teach us Thy patience as with Thee
We walk in Thy blest company
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broad'ning way;
In peace that only Thou canst give
As we, O Master, with Thee live.

In loving deeds, that so we may
Meet Thee, O Lord, from day to day,
With hearts intent Thy heart to please
By helping e'en "the least of these".

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church *LSB 159*

Offering and Offertory *LSB 159*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface *LSB 160*

Sanctus *LSB 161*

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

Words of Institution *LSB 162*

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

Distribution

Distribution Hymn:	<i>LSB 619</i>
“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”	
Distribution Hymn:	<i>LSB 408 ▲</i>
“Come, Join in Cana’s Feast”	
▲Please rise for last stanza and sing Amen	
Distribution Hymn:	<i>LSB 477 ▲</i>
“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”	
▲Please rise for last stanza and sing Amen	
Thank the Lord	<i>LSB 164</i>
Post-Communion Collect	<i>LSB 166</i>
Benediction	<i>LSB 166</i>
Closing Hymn:	<i>LSB 475</i>
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”	

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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WELCOME TO St. Paul’s Lutheran Church: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul’s, please contact the church office.

The Sacrament of the Altar: In bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper, our Lord Jesus comes to us in His true Body & Blood. In this Holy Meal, one receives full forgiveness and perfect unity with each other. Scripture requires that each communicant first examine himself/herself regarding confession of sin, trust in Jesus for salvation, belief in the Real Presence, and the desire to grow in grace. We believe that Communion is a time when believers of like mind come close to the Lord and to one another. We do practice ‘close’ Communion, which means that all communicants believe as we do, and graciously receive this gift. If you are supportive of these beliefs, we welcome you to the Lord’s Supper. If, however, at this point you are unsure of your relationship with Christ or question whether your beliefs differ from those of our church, we ask that you use the communion time to meditate and pray. For these reasons, it’s best for our new (first time) guests/visitors to talk briefly before the service with the pastor or an elder. A cup with white grape

juice is located in the center of the communion tray for those who are allergic to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: We pray for ...

- Brad Long, Pat Nave, Pete Oestreich, Naomi Spielman,
- Continuing Prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Leonard Esch, Marie Kitt, Keith Krecklow, Dan Leseberg (father of Jessica Leseberg), Norma Lohse, June Martin, Bonnie Oestreich, Marjorie Rogge, Deb Scheideler (daughter-in-law of Bob & Darlene Scheideler), Kenneth Smock (father of Brad Long), Amy Wrightsman (friend of Marilyn Keilig), Ann Kelley, and our many shut-ins.

Please call 402-228-1540by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

In His Service

Preacher: Rev. Robert Wiest Organist: Beverly Duensing

Acolytes: Aaron Meyer, Chase Meyer, Shelbi Ankersen

Elders: Mike Southwick, Cliff Kumm

Greeters: Vickic Frerking, Tanya Malchow

Ushers: Terry Brethouwer, Dale Rickers, Dennis Wallman,
Andrew Zimmerman

Today's radio broadcast and bulletin are sponsored by Gloria Deke's Family, in memory of her Birthday which would have been April 16th.

BUSY BAGS for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex (entryway) of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

CHURCH USAGE POLICY: All requests to use the church for a meeting or activity (i.e. – the fellowship hall for a baby shower or a meeting, etc.) must be approved by the church office. If you would like to reserve the church, contact the church office. If your request is approved, Kelly will confirm with you the date is available. If your request is not received by the church office prior to scheduling your event you may not be able to hold your event.

LYF: Interested in what activities are coming up. Please make sure you check the Youth Bulletin Board in the narthex.

AMAZON SMILE: Doing any online shopping? Log on to smile.amazon.com and set St. Paul's Lutheran Church as your organization, and a portion of the sales will be donated to St. Paul's. This is a free, easy way to support our school. When searching for our organization it needs to read SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH in order to find it. SAINT does need to be spelled out.

DORCAS BOUTIQUE: Just a reminder: The Card Boutique has a large variety of lovely greeting cards. It is in the fellowship hall. Stop by on Sunday's between services or during the week days the church office will assist you. Single cards can be purchased for \$0.60 and a box of cards sells for \$6.00.

SERMONS: Did you know that many of our sermons from the past year are available on our website? Visit <http://stpaulbeatrice.org/sermon/> to browse the archive. More sermons as well as full services and other special event recordings are coming soon!

A CHALLENGE: There are a number of members of St. Paul's that we have not seen in church for some time. St. Paul's challenges each one of you to take a look through our church directory and find at least one brother or sister in Christ to reach out to them and let them know you care about them and to encourage them to come and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RECOGNITION OF AN INDIVIDUAL: Our church and school have numerous volunteers and leaders that contribute to our organizations. The Stewardship Committee is offering an opportunity to recognize these individuals. This recognition will come from each of you as you have the opportunity to nominate someone to be recognized. This recognition will be listed in the monthly newsletter. How do you nominate? There is a colorful box in the narthex with nomination forms beside it. Simply fill out the form and drop it in the box. This will be an ongoing project, and you are welcome to nominate numerous times. Thank you!!

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE DIRECTOR: St. Paul's Board for Parish Education is seeking candidates to fill the position of Child Care Director at St. Paul's Lutheran School. This would be a full time, salaried position on the ministry team at St. Paul's. If you or

someone you know would be interested in applying, please have them send their resume to Mrs. Duever at St. Paul's Lutheran School. They can also contact Mrs. Duever by phone: 402-223-3414 or email: aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org with any questions.

THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to host coffee times following first service! We feel so blessed to have had such a wonderful response! Signup sheets are on the bulletin board by the kitchen window. Remember, coffee, cups and other supplies are provided, you just provide and serve the treats and coffee.

Do you need a prayer? If you would like a prayer for you at church, please call the church office or contact Pastor Reek by Thursday to be included in the bulletin. Please do this once you know that you need prayers, especially if you will be having medical procedures and will be in the hospital. The hospitals do not contact the church if you are having surgery or are hospitalized. Please leave your name and number when contacting the church office, so we can return your call.

TACO JOHN'S NIGHT: Monday, May 14th will be St. Paul's night out at Taco John's! From 5:00-8:0pm Taco John's will donate 15% of their proceeds from dine in and drive thru sales to St. Paul's Lutheran School. Please mark your calendars and come eat out with our church and school family!

VBS: St. Paul's Vacation Bible School has been set for the week of July 9th-13th. It will be held in the evenings that week.

CONGRATULATIONS, to those high school seniors graduating this year. Quinton Hartig, Kirsten Holle, Jenna Junker, Victoria Klaus, Graham Southwick, Caleb Wallman, Joseph Wright. Join us for a reception for the graduates between services in the church basement.

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

6	Dale Brase	10	Alexander Glynn
	Gordon Theis		Brian Hoops
	Samuel Wallman		Rick Koenig
7	Steven Leidhman		Robert Scheideler
	Dorothy Nickels		Kamree Weishahn
8	Carter Holthus		Christopher Whitfield
	Peggy Young	11	Drew DeBuhr
9	Ruth Brisbois		Andrew Korte
	Joseph Wright	12	Dorothy Daubendiek
			Claris Stevens

Anniversaries:

6	Vaughn & Valentina Wright, 23 yrs.
11	Robert & Lorelie Ankersen, 60 yrs.
	Dennis & Peggy Wallman, 34 yrs.

Congregational Informational Meeting & Special Voter's Meeting Sunday, May 6, 2018

Meeting at 1:30pm in the church
basement



The purpose of this meeting is to continue the discussion and answer questions on proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Upon completion of the informational meeting a Special Voters' Meeting will convene to vote for approval to send these documents to the Constitutional Committee for review.

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