



Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 10, 2020

“A Time to Rejoice”

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Worship Service LIVE—9:25 a.m.

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We, the people of St. Paul's, are a community for spiritual health, centered in Christ.

We challenge ourselves to share and live Christ's love
within the congregation, within the community and to the larger world.

VIRTUALLY SERVING TODAY

Ministers.....Vicar Phil Beck

Lector.....Gary Wachter

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Trisha Valcarcel
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
P: 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.
C: **Amen.**
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
C: **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.**
- P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C: **Amen.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING HYMN.....*I Know That My Redeemer lives!*.....ELW 619 (Verses 1,2,4,5)

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head! | 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love. |
| 4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart. | 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need. |

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.**

KYRIE (ELW, p. 147)

Cantor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: **Lord, have mercy**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy**

Cantor: 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 mercy.**

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:*

P; 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.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

PSALM: Psalm 31

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline 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.

⁴Take 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.

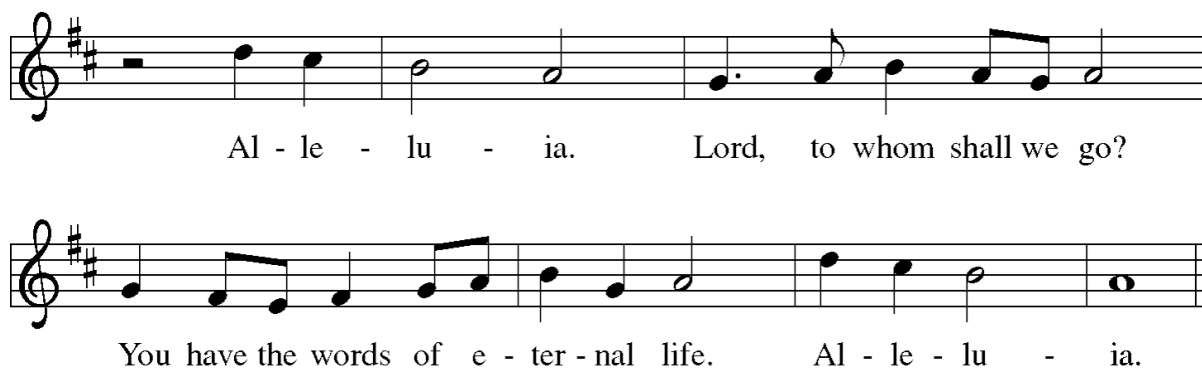
¹⁵My times are in your hand;

**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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: *The Gospel of our Lord*

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMONVicar Phil Beck

HYMN OF THE DAY.....*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.....ELW 656

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

C: *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.*

OFFERING Please mail your gifts to the church office or consider online giving.

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

Change My Heart, O God

Refrain



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Refrain



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

C: **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.**

***BENEDICTION:**

P: 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 HYMN.....Give Me Jesus.....ELW 770**

1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

2 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. Refrain

Refrain
Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

3 Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. Refrain

4 Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. Refrain

5 And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. Refrain

Text: African American spiritual

***DISMISSAL**

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Prayer List

Ellen Hatgi

The Lawrence Family

Katrina Pank

Loretta Iorfido

Marie Purswell's cousins Annie James

Pisner, Tommy Sorge

Marion Forrest

Rick Fischler

Ned Kadoura

The Cavell Family

The Knoebel Family

The Stuck Family

Dawn Knoebel

Mark Forrest

Milton & Dolores Denn

Heather Anderson & Lexi Anderson

Karen White

Audrey McDougall

Erica Hoff

Shirley Eyler

Lauren Kay Miller

Sharyl Mildenstein

Robb Port

Nick Cordero

The Family of Kellie Randall

Cindy Smith

Military List

+David Burriss, U.S. Army, S. Korea

+Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy,
Europe, niece to Linwood Snider

+Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce,
grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas

+U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik,
grandson of Sam Purswell

+Dan Beck, 1st Lt., U.S. Army, son of
Vicar Phil & Susan Beck

+Nick Parker, U.S. Marines, grandson
of Peggy and Ed Chaney

+Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law
of Marcia & Raj Gupta

***Please remember all the names on our
prayer list, and especially
those that are **bold**.*

*They have specific current need for Christian
love and support.*

Missionaries

Liz Dawson, Ed Chaney's granddaughter in the
Peace Corps volunteering in Malawi
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey ELCA
Congregation & Pastor Rose Mary Sanchez

*Do you have need for prayer?
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact the Church Office.
All requests are confidential.*

ALL IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

WELCOME!!

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 St. Paul's is blessed to announce that we have officially Called, Seminarian Phil Beck, to be our permanent Pastor!!

*Many thanks and praise to the congregation for making this Call Vote the most unique and well attended in recent memories! Praises to Our Lord for keeping us dry this morning!
Our church family will be anxiously awaiting the opportunity to properly congratulate Phil and Sue
--until then we say WELCOME!*

* *The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God* *
* *and in honor of* *
* *Betty Henricksen's birthday, mother of Deb Loso.* *



ALTAR FLOWERS



We have altar flowers scheduled up until May 17th. If you would like to sponsor flowers please contact Patty Rimel to schedule a date!

From Robb and Dianne Port:

*We have been praying for two of our cousins: Kevin Ferry and Alice Peters.
God called them each Home this past week. We know they are no longer in pain
& we have two more Angels looking after us.
Thank you to our St. Paul's Family for all of your prayers.*

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,715.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

Actual Income

April 30, 2020: Renovation Fund: \$ 160.00

Weekly Contribution: \$3,765.00

ATTENDANCE:

Virtual May 3, 2020: 47

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, May 10th

Choir (Cancelled)	8:00am
Worship (Livestream)	9:25am

Monday May 11th

Finance Committee	7:00pm
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Tuesday, May 12th

Council	7:00pm
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Sunday, May 17th

Choir (Cancelled)	8:00am
Worship (Livestream)	9:25am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*******IMPORTANT*******

For those without Facebook please tune into our Youtube channel for live streams of last week's service.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKaftCfZIEg&t=5s>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and youtube videos at

St. Paul's Official Youtube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7_-Q

OFFERINGS

As we are still maintaining the everyday activities of the church, please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website, there is an online giving option as well.

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/>

Calling all our knitters and crochet people!!!

Are you wondering what you can do to keep yourself busy while in isolation?

One of our projects at St. Paul's has been the making of prayer shawls for shut-ins, hospital patients, etc.

We want to continue this worthwhile ministry for those in need.

These are fairly easy to do while watching TV and hanging out with your family.

If you have a bit of yarn, please consider making one or two for our blanket chest at church.

Need a pattern or yarn, we will put you in touch with Marie Purswell to get you going.

Contact the Office for additional information.

GVCS Food Bank

Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

Items of need are soup, cereal, canned fruit, crackers, shampoo/conditioner and toilet paper.

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall



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