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*Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia!
Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not Your face from me. Alleluia!*

The Sunday after the Ascension of Our Lord

May 21, 2023

9:30 a.m.

This Morning's Hymns

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For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18–24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Proctor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C who made Heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Psalm 27:7a, 8b, 9a



*Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.**

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not Your face from me. Alle- | luia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Teach me Your way, | O LORD;*

give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;

for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,*

and they breathe out | violence.

*Glory 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.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.*

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not Your face from me. Alle- | luia.

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

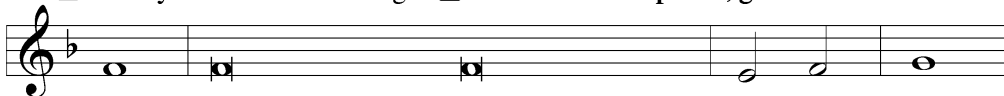


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

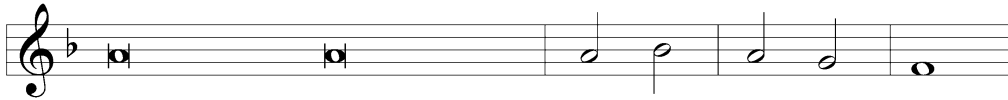
Gloria in Excelsis



☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



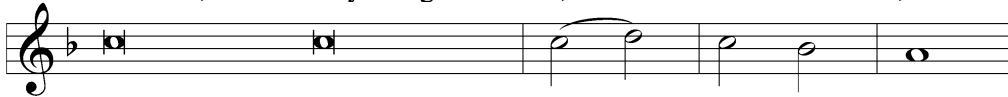
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



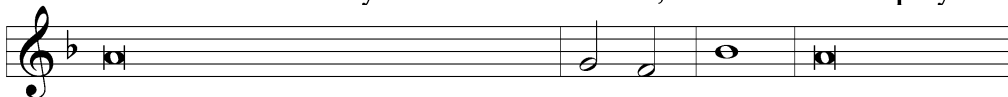
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



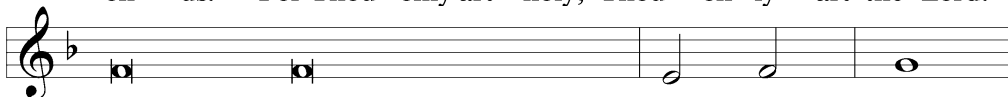
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament

Ezekiel 36:22–28

The Word of the LORD came to the prophet Ezekiel: ²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of My Holy Name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of My Great Name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate My holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

Psalm 47:8; John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b



Alle- | luia!*

Alle- | luia!

God reigns over the nations; God sits on His | holy throne.*

**I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will come to you,
and your hearts will rejoice. Alle- | luia!**

Epistle

1 Peter 4:7–11

Beloved: ⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Sequence Hymn

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Cantor/Choir



Chris-tians, to the Pas-chal Vic - tim Of - fer your thank-ful prais - es!



The Lamb the sheep has ran-somed: Christ, who on - ly is sin-less,



Rec-on-cil-ing sin-ners to the Fa-ther. Death and life have con-tend-ed



In that com-bat stu-pen-dous: The Prince of life, who died, Reigns im-mor-tal.

Congregation



1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark



pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor/Choir



“Speak, Mar - y, de - clar - ing What you saw when way - far-ing.”



“The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing, The glo-ry of Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion;



Bright an - gels at - test - ing, The shroud and nap - kin rest - ing.



My Lord, my hope, is a - ris - en; To Gal - i - lee He goes be - fore you."

Congregation



2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still



our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,



We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor/Choir



Christ in - deed from death is ris - en, Our new life ob - tain - ing.



Have mer - cy, vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing!

Congregation



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;

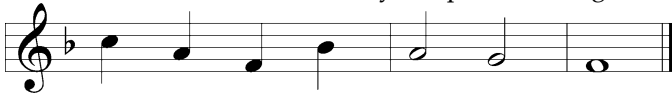


Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel

John 15:26–16:4a

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John:



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: ²⁶“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

¹“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor Me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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 men 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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition:

P Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into Heaven that He might make us partakers of His Divine Life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Exhortation to Communicants

The 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

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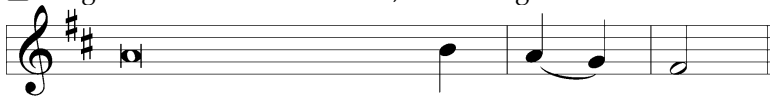
Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

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"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"

BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, May 21	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Study	Library
		Sunday School	Mueller
Wednesday, May 24	1:00pm	Bible Study	Library
	3:30pm	Confirmation Class	Pastor's Study
Saturday, May 27	10:30am	Matins	Sanctuary

BIRTHDAYS

05/21 – Joel Moreno Jr.

05/25 – Nigel Proctor

05/25 – Susan Riley Malsack

ANNIVERSARIES

05/23 – Edward & Suzi Malsack

VOTERS' MEETING

All voting members of St. Paul Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend the meeting **Sunday, May 28**, following the Divine Service. The agenda will cover updates on the Lease and Sublease with Great Hearts Academies.

NEW OFFICE COPIER NEEDED

Saint Paul Lutheran Church needs a new copier for our bulletins, newsletters, Sunday school materials, annual reports, etc. Search for a "new" unit has not yet begun, though we are seeking help from the congregation. Consider donating toward the purchase of a new copier, or if you have a business associate or resource that could aid in this endeavor, please pass along that information. Thank you.

FLOWER CHART

Please sign up for flowers! \$15.00 to \$30.00! See the flower chart in the Narthex. Thank you.

RETURN OF THE WILLAN SETTING!

On Holy Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023, we will welcome back the Willan setting of the Divine Service that was introduced to the congregation a couple of years ago. This setting will be used throughout the Trinity season. To (re)familiarize yourself with the Willan melodies, you can find links to videos on the church website. Search for "Healey Willan Music" under the MEDIA tab.

**ARE YOU UP FOR
A LIGHT BREAKFAST AT 8: 30 A.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3???**

A special meeting of the Altar Guild is happening on Saturday, July 3, at 9 a.m. St. Paul is in dire need of additional helpers!! Currently, only a few members are serving for the entire year. **To entice YOUR Interest and participation in this Altar Guild meeting as a potential new recruit or as an existing member, we are offering a light breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m.**

Being a part of the Altar Guild is not a “scary” or time-consuming commitment. People are needed to fill the candles; put up and take down the hymn numbers; set up for communion; and clean the communion vessels after the Divine Service. If you enjoy doing laundry, there's an opportunity for you to take the linens home to be washed and ironed! You will be trained and not “left alone” to figure anything out on your own.

START PONDERING HOW YOU CAN SERVE THE LORD WITH THE ALTAR GUILD!

The goals of this meeting are to 1) recruit and educate new members by simply explaining what needs to be done and how to do it, and to 2) **schedule helpers for the rest of 2023 calendar year.**

PLEASE CONTACT JEANNE SCHUBRING AT (916) 205-7971 (CALL OR TEXT)

SHE WANTS TO COUNT YOU IN!

LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at info@stpaulslutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

Wayne Bartels, recovering from brief hospitalization due to blood clots

Debbie Dyjak, relocating to Tanzania for LCMS International Missions; ongoing eyesight concerns

Jonathan Brant, recovering from surgery for brain tumor and detached retina

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Kevin Stamm – recovering from surgery

Christopher Richards – recovering from fall

Barbara Sand –multiple health issues

Bea Hendricks – fell and currently in a care center

Michael Moreno – recovering from surgery

Rose Tressler – health issues

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas, Judith Kuhajda

Beulah Richards – for health concerns

Dennis Stonecypher – seeking employment

Suzanne Berna – health concerns

Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues

Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Anthony Lopez (son of Mary, receptionist at LLA) suffering from mental health concerns.

Nick Koontz, husband of Mary Howard’s stepdaughter, has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Robin Proctor (mother of Pastor Proctor) broke her wrist and recovering from surgery.

Pam Werdabaugh (mother of Dan Noggle) diagnosed with cancer and undergoing radiation treatment.

Jean Lorenzen (mother of Debbie Dyjak) cognitive function has worsened and has entered a care facility.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan.

Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala. **PSWD Missions**

Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

Sunday School teachers & children

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (*members, friends, or relatives*): **Lucas Butterfass, Erich Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson**

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith