

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, May 17, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude:

“My Life is in You”

Praise Band

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Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

Please rise in body or spirit

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Screen

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

"Christ, Our Peace"

Screen



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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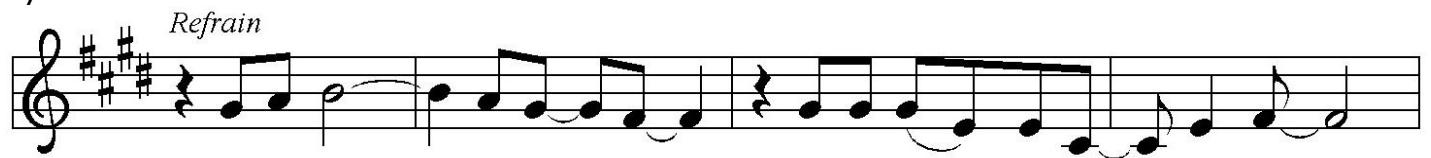
Greeting

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.

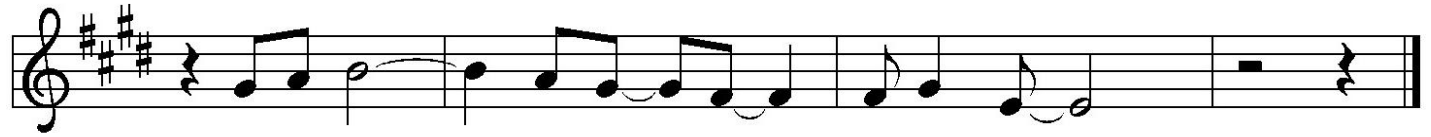
Kyrie:

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Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



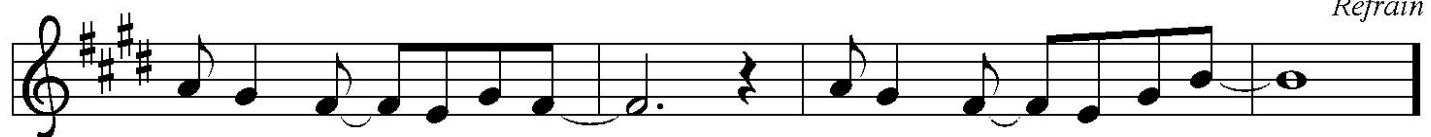
- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Hymn of Praise:

“Glory to God”

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

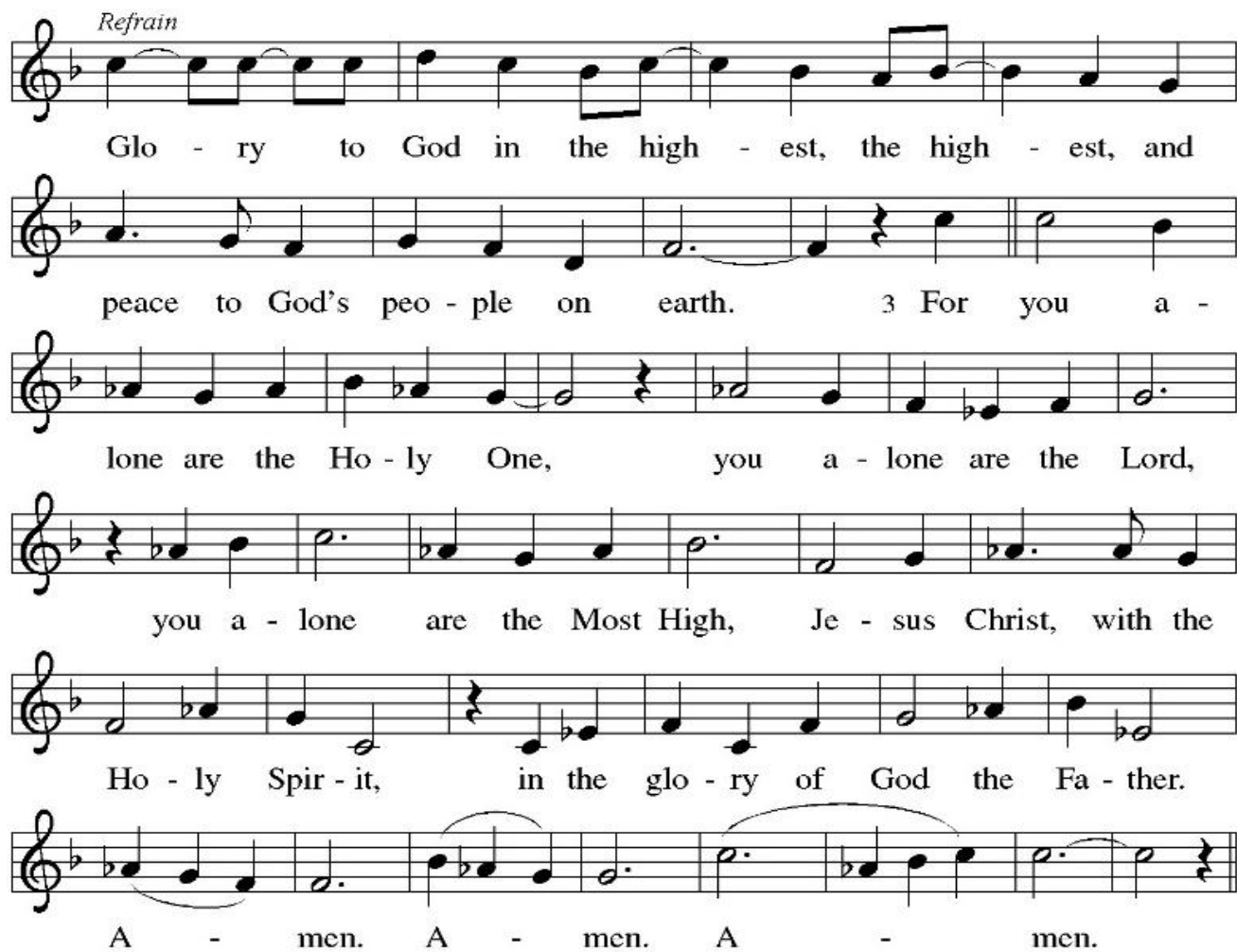


world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



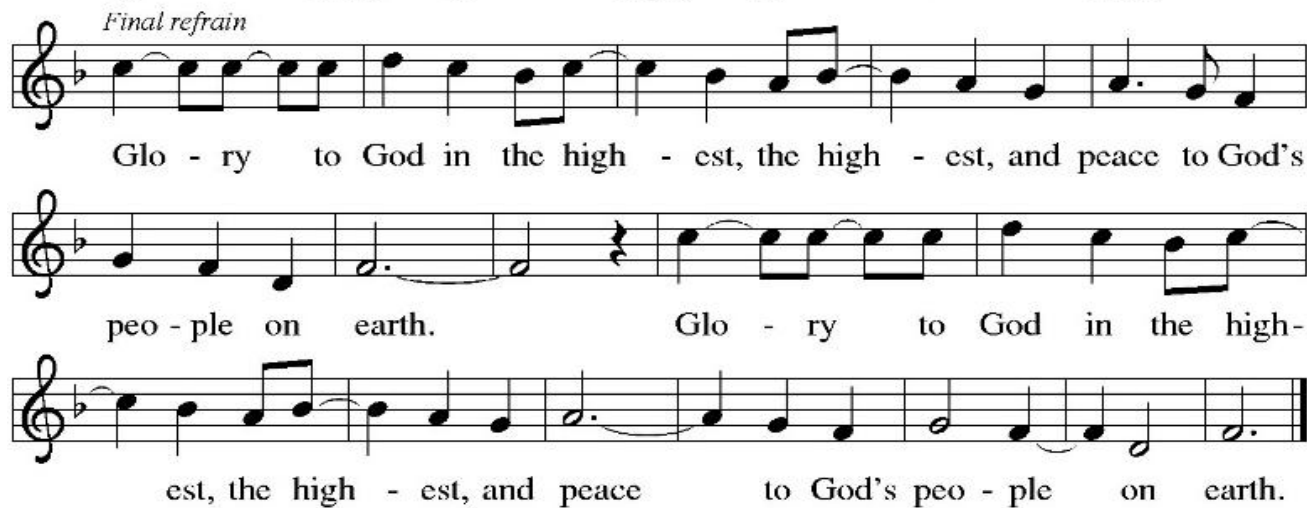
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God of glory,

C: your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading – Acts 1:6-14

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A: A reading from the book of Acts.

A: ⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Psalm 68:1-10,32-35

Screen

A: We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

A: Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

**C: As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
God.**

A: But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

**C: Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**

A: In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

**C: you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

A: O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

**C: the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,
the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

A: You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

**C: Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

A: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

**C: You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

A: Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

**C: How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

Second Reading – 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Screen

A: A reading from the book of 1 Peter.

A: ¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Screen

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel – John 17:1-11

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter.**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

P: ¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is invited to be seated

Sermon

Please rise in body or spirit.

Song of the Day:

“Oh How Good It Is”

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Verse 1

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

Chorus

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord.
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people

Verse 2

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength. The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging

Chorus

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord.
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people

Verse 3

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

Chorus

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord.
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people

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Apostles' Creed

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P: Together let us confess our faith in God using the words of 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.**

The congregation is invited to be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

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P: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick especially Barb Strom, Deanna Wilson, Eva Cowley, Deb Liebzeit, Connie Laidig, Chase Flynn, La Donna Groshans, Peg Miller, David Weaver, Judy Hallquist, Joyce Snyder, Jim & Carolyn Marshall, Carol Moats, Alan Adams Sr., and those we name aloud or in our hearts... *brief silence....* Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office by phone or email.

Peace P: The peace of Christ be with you all. **C: And, also with you!**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace however you feel comfortable.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

MEAL

Offering

General and special offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we enter or depart. In addition to the offering that supports the ministry of St. Paul, the children of St. Paul receive a weekly Children's Offering.

Their offering this month will support Lutheran World Relief (LWR) baby care kits. Children and volunteers will assemble the kits as one of the service projects they will be participating in during the week of vacation Bible school in June.

We thank the children and youth for their help collecting the children's offering!

Offering Song:

"Thank you, Lord"

Screen



1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
 2 Been so good, been so good, been so
 3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my
 4 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you,



Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
 good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
 friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.
 Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional

Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

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Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

Screen

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: 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.

Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

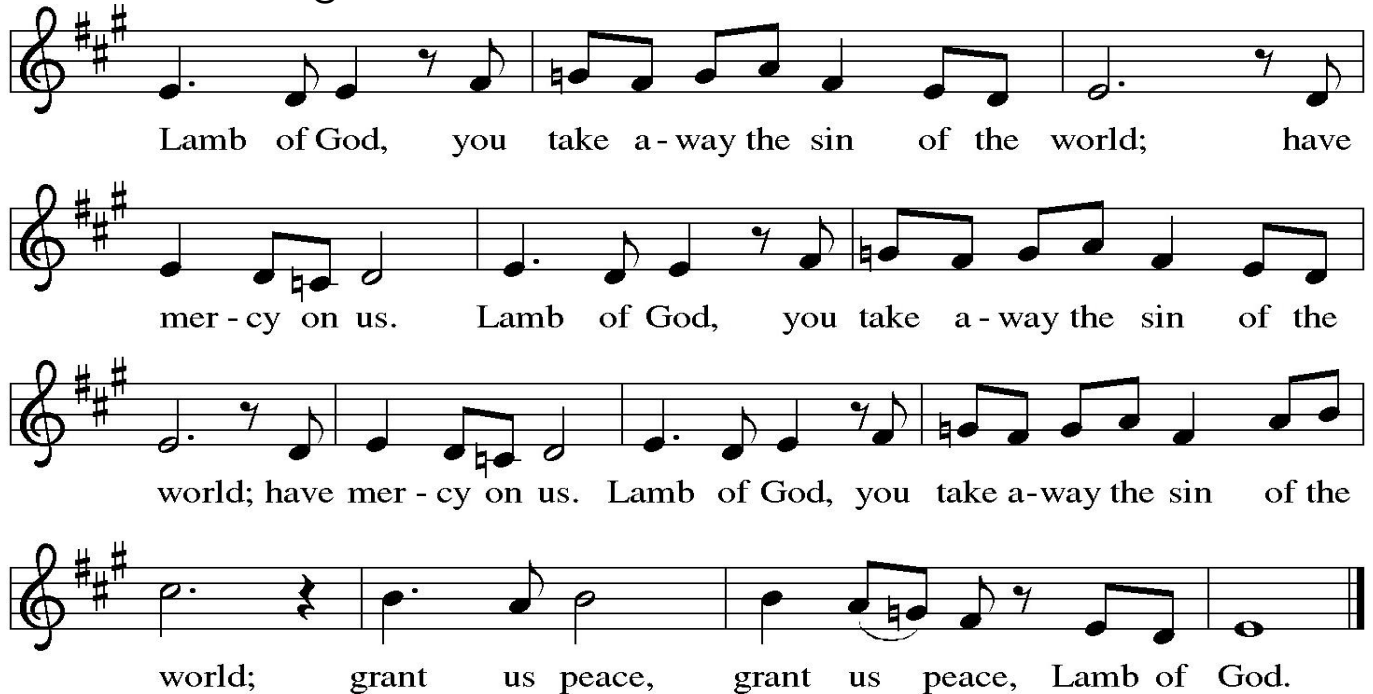
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." Each person may respond, "amen".

St. Paul Lutheran Church and the ELCA practice "open table" communion. This is Christ's table; Jesus is our host. Everyone is invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion!

Communion Songs:

Lamb of God

Screen



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

"Abba, I Belong To You"

Screen

Chorus:

Abba, I belong to you, I belong to you, Abba Father
Abba, I belong to you, I belong to you, Abba Father God

Verse 1:

I kneel now and feel how I felt here before.
This pausing is causing my heart to explore.
Why when I'm weary so often you feel far away, still I will say

CHORUS

Verse 2:

What I feel is less real than all that you say.
You told me you'd hold me through all of my days.
So, though my spirit is tossing and turning about, still there's no doubt

CHORUS (sing twice)

...You're my Abba Father God

"Longing"

Screen

1. Long - ing, we gath-er long - ing. Long - ing, we gath-er
 2. Sing - ing, we gath-er sing - ing. Sing - ing, we gath-er
 3. Reach - ing, we gath-er reach - ing. Reach - ing, we gath-er
 4. Weav - ing, we gath-er weav - ing. Weav - ing, we gath-er
 5. Dream - ing, we gath-er dream - ing. Dream - ing, we gath-er

long - ing. Long - ing, we gath - er long - ing. We gath-er
 sing - ing. Sing - ing, we gath - er sing - ing. We gath-er
 reach - ing. Reach - ing, we gath - er reach - ing. We gath-er
 weav - ing. Weav - ing, we gath - er weav - ing. We gath-er
 dream - ing. Dream - ing, we gath - er dream - ing. We gath-er

long - ing long - ing for peace.
 sing - ing joy - ful - ly strong.
 reach - ing out to a hand.
 weav - ing, mend - ing the whole.
 dream - ing, the_world to be.

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Please rise in body or spirit

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray, Holy One,

C: 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.

SENDING

Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: "Let Us Put on the Clothes of Christ" Screen

Refrain

Let us put on the clothes of Christ and live as e-quals with ev - 'ry-one.

Let us put on the clothes of Christ and re-u-nite the fam-'ly of God.

Leader All

1 Jew and Greek will live side by side
 2 All the cap-tives will be set free with the gar-ments of jus-tice on.
 3 Men and wom-en will live as one
 4 Let us rise up com-plete-ly new

Leader All

Ev-'ry door will be o-pen wide
 Dis-crim-i-na-tion will cease to be in that sweet and de-light-ful dawn.
 E-equal priv-'lege for ev-'ry-one
 Liv-ing ful-ly in Christ we'll bloom

Leader All

Hate and fear will not come be-tween,
 To the poor we will bring good news, oh, let us u-nite in love.
 Dom-in-a-tion will fin-'lly end,
 Like the threads of a tap-es-try,

Leader All *Refrain*

We'll cel-e-brate our di-ver-si-ty
 Our faith will trav-el be-yond the pews as we wel-come the reign of God.
 The pains of his-to-ry we will mend
 And weave a joy-ful com-mun-i-ty

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Leading Worship

Presider: Pastor Riley **Preacher:** Pastor Anthony

Musician: Kathy Sheridan **Worship Assistant:** Sherry McCarter

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St. Paul Announcements

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Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

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Today's altar flowers were given to the glory of God by the Schulte Memorial fund.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today Sunday, 5/17:	Faith Lab last day of Sunday School/Youth Group 9:30 am–10:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am ~ Praise Band worship assistant: Sherry McCarter Pastor Anthony's presentation after worship Joint Confirmation Class 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Immanuel (last class)
Monday, 5/18:	Prayer Group 10:00 am Church Council Meeting 2:00 pm
Tuesday, 5/19:	Joint Staff Meeting 9:00 am at St. Paul Line Dancing 9:00 am Epistle Items to Church Office
Wednesday, 5/20:	Heritage Square Worship 10:30 am
Thursday, 5/21:	Set up for Rummage Sale 9:00 am Chair Yoga 11:00 am (upstairs) McReynolds Bingo/Pie & Ice Cream Social 6:00 pm
Friday, 5/22:	Rummage Sale 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday, 5/23:	Rummage Sale 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Worship 5:30 pm at St. Paul worship assistant: Marian Myers
Sunday, 5/24:	Worship Service 10:45 am worship assistant: Joyce Craney Sunday School Teacher/Student Blessing Pentecost Sunday

Today's worship is
livestreamed on Facebook
and archived on YouTube.
If ever you miss a service,
you can join us online!

Set up Thursday, May 21 ~ 9 am

SALE ~ Friday May 22 and Saturday May 23 9 am to 2 pm

Proceeds will help send youth to the ELCA youth gathering in Minneapolis in 2027. Thank you for your support!

The Church Office will be Closed on Memorial Day ~ Monday, May 25th

Organ Concert at ILC on Saturday, June 6 at 2 pm

Book Study begins the week of June 1st... check out the Gathering Area announcement

Meal train for the Weaver family:

Support for the Weaver family as they welcome home baby David. If you would like to help the family with providing meals, please scan this QR code to sign up for a day (or to donate gift cards for meals). Thanks be to God for David making it home and for the Weaver family!



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