

### Week of May 3

Sun.: 9:00 am - Sunday School Music  
9:00 am - Adult Bible Class  
10:00 am - Divine Service with Communion  
12:00 pm - Lao Sunday School Bible Class  
1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service with Communion  
Mon.: 6:30 pm - Handbells  
Tues.: 9:00 am - Christians In Action  
4:00 pm - Food Pantry  
Wed.: 4:30 pm - Board of Ed. Meeting  
6:00 pm - Board of Evangelism Meeting  
6:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thurs.: 6:30 pm - Bible Study  
Sat.: 8:00 am - Men's Fellowship  
Sun.: 9:00 am - Sunday School Music  
9:00 am - Adult Bible Class  
10:00 am - Divine Service  
12:00 pm - Lao Sunday School Bible Class  
1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service

### THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY: (May 3)

**Elders/Ushers:** Bill Breitenkamp, Ryan Branning, Ryan Irvin

**Greeters:**

**Audio/Visual:** Renate Venegas

**Screens:** Beth Brandt

**Organist:** Lavonne Breitenkamp

**Altar:** Lavonne Breitenkamp

### THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (May 10)

**Elders/Ushers:** Richard Rieck, Darryl Pagel, John Vulgamott

**Greeters:** Jan Reinhardt & Shirley Bowman

**Audio/Visual:** Linda George

**Screens:** Jo Reaman

**Organist:** Lavonne Breitenkamp

**Altar:** Lavonne Breitenkamp

**Attendance:** 76 **Lao:** 22 **Offering:** \$3365.80

**UNABLE TO WORSHIP IN PERSON:** Join us via live broadcast over KQWC 95.7 FM or live streaming on St. Paul's Website, Facebook, or Youtube.

**WELCOME** to St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are here to join us in worship this morning. If you are a guest, we would love to get to know you.

**Please take a moment to sign the record of fellowship folder at the end of the pew and introduce yourself to Pastor Pierson.** Finally, if there is any way we can be a blessing to you, please let us know!

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anna Lopez & Daughter, Nancy Long, Lila Venegas, Melvin Longhenry, Susan Hanken, all our homebound members, persecuted and endangered Christians throughout the world.

*If you have someone you wish to add to or remove from the Prayer List, feel free to call the church office.*

**MAY FOOD PANTRY REQUEST:** breakfast cereal, canned fruits, pasta, pasta sauce and toothbrushes. Thank you to everyone for your donations and help volunteering!

**THANK YOU!!** We truly appreciate the nice Musician reception you had for the three of us. The Bell Ringers are also very important. Without them, we would have no Bell group. It is a blessing to participate in the Worship Service. Thanks again, Lavonne, Diane and Jo.

**Please join the Board of Education in celebrating our 2026 Graduates.** We will be hosting a reception in their honor after church on April 3rd. Webster City High School Graduates: Angel Ramirez and Jasmin Venegas as well as Fort Dodge High School Graduate Aiden Seagren Graduating from Iowa Central Community College is Cael Nixon. God's Blessing to all those celebrating this year.

**CIA items shipped to IOWAY 4/25/2026:** Julie Mann, IOWAY Chairperson, picked up the following items made by CIA members:

- ◆ 1,550 rolled bandages to Global Health Missions, Minneapolis, will be shipped to Africa and other needy nations.
  - ◆ 24 fleece blankets to Southwest Iowa
  - ◆ 45 large loom hats to DM schools
  - ◆ 51 loom hats to DM schools
  - ◆ 114 medium loom hats to DM schools
- Thanks to all volunteers who have made this contribution possible.

**Ascension Day Service:** Everyone is invited to attend Good Shepherd in Fort Dodge on May 14 at 6PM for a special festival service.

**Seminary Student** Our adopted Seminary Student Josiah Sandcork has been called to serve as the Pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Lamont, IL. We pray for God's blessings on Josiah, his wife Amanda, and the members of St. Matthew as he begins his service to the Lord in that place.



## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 3, 2026**

### Introit

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.**

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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his praise in the assembly of the godly!

## First Reading

*Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60*

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as 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:

"Behold, 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>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,"

<sup>8</sup>and

"A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies 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.

## Holy Gospel

*John 14:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to 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 had known me, you would have known 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 it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 authority, 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, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

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