

Week of May 17

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.: 1:30 pm - LWML
6:30 pm - Handbells
Tues.: 9:00 am - Christians In Action
4:00 pm - Mobile Food Pantry
Wed.: 6:30 pm - Bible Study
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 17)

Elders/Ushers: Bill Breitenkamp, Harrison Hayes,
Ryan Branning
Greeters: Dale & Arlene Blue
Audio/Visual: Jasmin/Lila Venegas
Screens: Emily Bochmann
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Lavonne Breitenkamp

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (May 24)

Elders/Ushers: Dale Blue, Ryan Irvin, Darryl Pagel
Greeters: Kathy & Deb Pagel
Audio/Visual: Will Breitenkamp
Screens: Lorilee Seiser
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Lavonne Breitenkamp

Attendance: 92 **Lao:** 23 **Offering:** \$3945.50

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: Robert Tincher, 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!

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.

You are invited! Wednesday, May 27 for a meal and Pastor Nicholas Salifu, a pastor in Upper East Ghana who will present his mission work.

Pastor Nicholas Salifu is a pastor in Upper East Ghana, working with the confessional Lutheran church there. You can read about his amazing life story and his passion for the work of the Gospel at <https://www.ghanaharvest.org/welcome>. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. Hope to see you all there.



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

Introit



I will sing of steadfast love and | justice,*
to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

**Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | sing-
ing!**

Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the
sheep of his | pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*
and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

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.

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First Reading

Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if

anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

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