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**ON TAKING THE WORLD'S GREATEST  
MESSAGE OUT INTO THE WORLD**



**ST. PAUL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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**GO, CONNECT YOUR FRIENDS TO THE TRUE SOURCE OF *LIFE***

Sunday, May 2, 2021 – Easter 5

Service Order: Divine Service II, *Christian Worship Supplement*, page 28

*A warm welcome to those visiting us this morning. Here at St. Paul we preach Christ crucified, whose suffering and death paid for our sins and earned for us the gift of everlasting life. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Goetzinger or Pastor Thompson. We pray that you return to worship with us again.*

**For the joy your advent gave me,  
For your gospel's great reward,  
For your baptism which has saved me,  
For your supper and your Word,  
For your death, the bitter scorn,  
For your resurrection morn:  
Lord, I thank you and extol you,  
And in heav'n I shall behold you.**

Christian Worship Hymn 147:5



**PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH**

*silence for meditation.*

Heavenly Father, I know that without you, I'm dead, I'm lost, I'm imprisoned by sinfulness. But I know that you have brought me to life, you have found me, you have set me free. And I know that so many of my friends and family were like me: dead, lost, imprisoned. Let your word today give me the spirit and courage to share your message of sins forgiven and new life to my friends and family. In your name I pray, Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

## *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate*

*sung by soloist, found in Christian Worship Supplement 750:1-3*

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I Am;  
Christ, the Light, you shine unvanquished, Light and life you bring to all;  
Light our path with your own presence, Grant us grace to heed your call.
- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul;  
Christ, the manna, daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be;  
Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant From the stump of Jesse's tree;  
Christ, true vine, you nurture branches To bear fruit abundantly.  
Graft us into you, O Saviour; Prune our hearts so we remain  
Fruitful branches in your vineyard Till eternal life we gain.

## INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

*Stand.*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

*To **confess** is to admit we're far from perfect and so, without Jesus, shouldn't be with a perfect God.*

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

*The pastor **absolves** us of our sins, that is, reminds us we're forgiven because of Jesus' death and resurrection.*

**C: Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY, *Kyrie*

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M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## GLORY BE TO GOD, *Gloria in Excelsis*

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**C: All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favour toward our fallen race.  
Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

*Christians have been praying the **Kyrie** since the 100s AD to remind us of how we depend on God for everything spiritual.*

*Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. This has been a Christian song of worship since the 300s AD.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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M: Let us pray: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

*Go, let your Christian fruit be the assisting of the gospel ministry, like Lydia.*

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

*We believe that the Bible is the source of all spiritual truth, and so we read lessons from it to learn who God is and what he's done for us throughout history and still today.*

## PSALM 67

*Spoken responsively*

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us

**C: and make his face shine upon us;**

M: may your ways be known on earth,

**C: your salvation among all nations.**

M: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**C: for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

M: Then the land will yield its harvest,

**C: and God, our God, will bless us.**

M: God will bless us,

**C: and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

**All: 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.**

*Psalms are songs written thousands of years ago. We still sing them today*

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*Go, let your Christian fruit be acts of love to one another.*

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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**VERSE OF THE DAY**

*John 14:6 cf. NIV*

**M:** Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.

**C:** **Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia!**

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**GOSPEL**

*John 15:1-8*

*Go, share the true source of life with those who desperately need it.*

*The congregation stands*

**M:** The Gospel according to John, chapter 15.

**C:** **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

*Gospel means “Good News,” and so this is a reading from the historical biographies of Jesus that tells us the good news of how Jesus came into this world to save us.*

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

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*sung by soloist, found in Christian Worship 141:1,2,4*

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from his pierced side.  
Alleluia!
- 2 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.  
You have conquered in the fight; You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!
- 4 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in you to be.  
Alleluia!

*The **Hymn of the Day** is meant to especially celebrate today's unique theme.*

**SERMON**

*John 15:1-8*

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*Branch Out, But Not on Your Own*

*A **sermon** is simply a longer reflection on one of today's readings from the Bible.*

## NICENE CREED

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*Stand.*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## OFFERING

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*To give electronically, visit [StPaulOttawa.org](http://StPaulOttawa.org) and click on GIVE in the top menu.*

*To give physically, either drop in the basket in the centre aisle, back of church, after the service,  
or mail to our church address.*

*The Nicene Creed is a  
summary of the  
Christian faith written  
in 325AD, used since  
then to declare  
together what we  
believe about God.*

*Christians give  
**offerings** as a form of  
worship, to show God  
our thanks and  
dependence on him,  
and to support our  
work within the  
community and world.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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*Stand.*

Heavenly Father, you have grafted us onto the vine of your Son. Prune us and cut off from us all sin and dead works, that we may always draw life from your Son and produce the fruits of faith and good works. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, your only Son came in the flesh to bear our sin and be our Saviour. Protect us from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, that we may always confess Christ to be our only true God and remain faithful to him. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father and Teacher of all truth, guide teachers and catechumens in your Word, that they may increase in understanding, faith and love for Christ, the Lamb led to the slaughter in our place and risen from the dead. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, give health and guidance to our Prime Minister, Premier and all in authority, that they may serve honourably and in accord with your good order. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you hear and answer your children in their hour of need. Grant that they would bear their crosses with faith, ever looking to you, and so fix their hearts where true joy is found. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and your saints shall bless you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.**

*The Prayer of the Church is our biggest prayer of the day, focusing on our day's theme and asking God to care for us, our community, and the world.*

*Two-thousand years ago, Jesus taught his disciples to pray with these words. We use them still today, able to call God our Father because of Jesus.*

## CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

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M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favour and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

*We always end with a blessing used by believers for thousands of years, reminding us we leave as children loved by God and at peace with him, all because of Jesus.*

## CLOSING HYMN.

### *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate*

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*sung by soloist, found in Christian Worship Supplement 750:4-6*

- 4 Christ, our good and faithful Shepherd, Watching all your lambs and sheep;  
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, Never failing vigil keep.  
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home;  
Lamb of God, our Shepherd, keep us; Let us hear your voice alone.
- 5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high;  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive; Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and Great High Priest;  
Lead us to your heav'nly mansions, There to share your wedding feast.
- 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega; Christ, the firstborn from the dead;  
Christ, the life and resurrection; Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit And to you eternally.



**Presiding Minister:**

Pastor Luke Thompson

**Preacher:**

Pastor Harland Goetzinger

**Organist:**

Tracy Arner

**Soloist:**

Khrista Petrie

**Accompaniment Coordinator:**

Deb Tong

**Serving on Altar Guild:**

Judy Foulger and Renee Johnson

## **THIS WEEK WITH OUR RISEN AND ASCENDED SAVIOUR**

### **Sunday, May 2**

9 am Adult Bible Study (on Zoom)

9 am Sunday School Grades 6-8

(online with Reden Marzo)

10:30 am Easter 5 Worship

(Live Streamed)

1 pm Women of St. Paul

Ministry Action Meeting

(on Zoom)

### **Tuesday, May 4**

7 pm Deacons

(on Zoom)

### **Wednesday, May 5**

8 pm Gospel Parenting *with*

Pastor & Christine Thompson

(on Zoom)

### **Thursday, May 6**

7 pm Bible Study—

“Old Testament Survey”

(on Zoom)

### **Friday, May 7**

6:30 pm Illuminé Social

(on Zoom)

### **Saturday, May 8**

1 pm Jr. Catechism Class

(on Zoom)

### **Sunday, May 9**

#### **Happy Mother’s Day!**

9 am Adult Bible Study (on Zoom)

9 am Sunday School Grades 6-8

(online with Reden Marzo)

10:30 am Easter 6 Worship

(Live Streamed)

## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

May 3: Olivia St-Martin, Nikita Palaisy

May 4: Avery Brunke

May 5: Samantha Taggart, Greg Gazo

May 6: Algis Danaitis

May 7: Kathryn Gadde

May 8: Ron Wings

## **BAPTISMAL GREETINGS**

May 3: Katrina Cheslock

May 4: Shannon Kritsch, Katy Cheslock

May 6: Bob MacNichol

May 7: Dick Gadde

May 8: Max Wu, Nancy Livingston,

Phil Amer

## **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

\* Shut-in members: Harvey Kritsch, Jim and Joan Schroeder, Ruth St. Germain, Neill Sylvester, Warren Thoms.

\* Seniors living at home, in retirement residences and health care facilities.

\* Donaldson family

## **NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

You are invited to join Pastor Thompson for a new study on *The Beginning of the End— A Masterclass on the Book of Acts*. We meet Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. on Zoom. Join us at the following link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5074622469?pwd=U3JpZ3h6Q3ZiVUU1U1RuazVaSm3Zz09>.

## **MAY 2 WOMEN OF ST. PAUL MEETING**

The women in the congregation are invited to join the Women of St. Paul Ministry Action meeting on Sunday, May 2 at 1 p.m. If you have any difficulty connecting, please email Nancy Livingston at [nlivingston@rogers.com](mailto:nlivingston@rogers.com).

**Please use this link:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89284471030> and not the St. Paul Zoom account.**

## CONNECT WITH US

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### I'M NEW

- Tell me more about Jesus.
- I'm interested in membership.
- Sign me up for the weekly eLetter.

### I WANT TO SERVE

- At our next service day.
- On Sundays (Ushering, sound, etc.)
- In global & local missions.

### I WANT TO CONNECT

- With a pastor
- With other Christians
- With illumine, the student and young adult community.

### I WANT TO GO DEEPER

- By joining a Bible Foundations class.
- By finding a bible study opportunity.

### PRAYERS or QUESTIONS

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## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's grace welcomes you, no matter who you are or where you come from - and so do we. We're so glad we've had the opportunity to share God's grace through Jesus to you. Jesus makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again. And if there's any way we can serve you, please don't hesitate to let us know.

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**Worship Schedule**  
Sundays at 10:30am  
(live streamed)

**Adult Bible Class**  
Sundays at 9am (Zoom)  
Thursdays at 7pm (Zoom)