



# St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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**May 14, 2026  
7PM  
Ascension Day Worship**

**Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!**

**We are glad you are worshipping with us as God comes to us through His Word to bring new life in Christ. If you have questions or would like more information, please speak with an elder, usher, or pastor. Guests are invited to complete an attendance card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate or a basket in the narthex on your way out.**

# Bell Choir Prelude

*Allegro Spiritoso*

## 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up  
Δ 6 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All  
to praise the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,  
praise to You let earth ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges  
see run, Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -  
With Fa - ther and with Spir - it  
ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Acts 1*

**P** So when they had come together, they asked him,

**C** **"Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"**

**P** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said,

**C** **Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."**

## Service of the Word

*Kneel/Sit*

### Confession and Absolution

*Luther's Small Catechism*

**P** Do you confess to almighty God that you are a poor, miserable sinner?

**C** **I do.**

**P** Do you confess to our merciful Father that you have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed?

**C** **I do.**

**P** Do you confess that you justly deserve His temporal and eternal punishment?

**C** **I do.**

**P** Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all of your sins?

**C** **I do.**

**P** Do you pray God, for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of His beloved Son, to be gracious and merciful to you?

**C** **I do.**

**P** Finally, do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

**C** **I do.**

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Choral Anthem

*Like As a Father - Cherubini*

### A Celebration of Christ's Life on Earth

#### 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

#### Nativity Reading

*Luke 2:1-7*

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Transfiguration Collect

**P** O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in his glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

## Triumphal Entry Reading

*Mark 11:1-11*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and

those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Triumphal Entry Collect

**L** Almighty and everlasting God and Father, you sent your Son to take our nature upon himself and to suffer death on the cross that all should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ in his patience and also have our portion in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

### 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weigh-ed down,  
7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Mine eyes shall then be-hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
My heart by faith en-fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

## Passion Reading

*Matthew 27:45–54*

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Passion Collect

**P** Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Easter Reading

*Luke 24:1-12*

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**L** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

## Easter Collect

**L** Almighty God the Father, through your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -  
cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and  
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for  
ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I  
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let  
know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.  
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

### Ascension Reading

*Luke 24:44-53*

Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Ascension Collect

Almighty God, as Your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven...**

#### The Words of Institution

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

#### Pax Domini

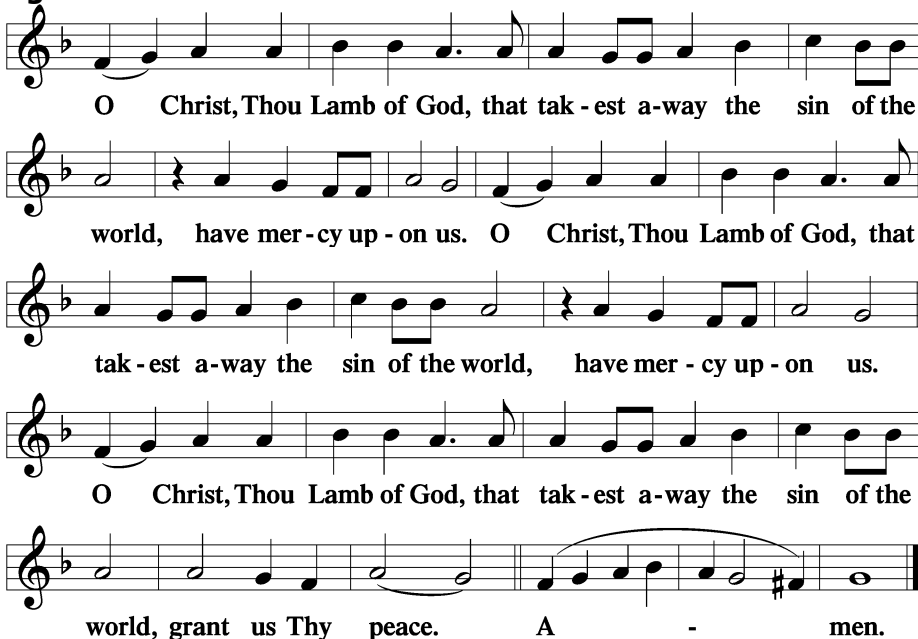
LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

#### Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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.

#### Distribution

## 701 Draw Us to Thee



1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy  
 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -  
 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the  
 4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly  
 5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy



steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art  
 part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er  
 road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should  
 bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and  
 king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry



gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.  
 free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.  
 stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.  
 hell No more can vex our spir - it.  
 share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

## Choral Anthem

*"Go Ye Into All the World" - Gumpelzhaimer*

## 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph  
 2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual  
 3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,  
 △ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,  
 to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
 prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
 Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -  
 As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our  
 With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as  
 Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.  
 world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
 You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

**Choral Anthem**

"Dona Nobis Pacem" – Traditional

**473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free**



1 Our Pas - chal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sac - ri - ficed. O keep  
 2 Let all our lives now cel - e - brate The feast; let mal - ice die.  
 3 Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, Con - fess Him as our Lord



The feast of free - dom gal - lant - ly; Let al - le - lu - ias leap:  
 Let love grow strong a - new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.  
 Who by the Spir - it lives in us, The Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -



gain Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

**Post-Communion Collect**

## Ascension Litany

1 Timothy 3/Hebrews 1

- P** Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:  
**C** **He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory.**  
**P** He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins,  
**C** **he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.**  
**P** And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,  
**C** **and were continually in the temple blessing God.**

## Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** **Amen.**

## 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## Postlude

# **SPRO Stewards**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. Douglas Francik</b>
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<b>Reader</b>	<b>Chris Francik</b>
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Brian Hermann</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Zack Lorence, Brett Hansen, Dave Hemming, Chay Smith</b>
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<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Terri Brockmiller</b>

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**Please join us in the church lounge for ice cream  
and fellowship!**

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