

Fifth Sunday of Easter



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 9 & 10, 2020

The OFFICE of MATINS

Prayer at the Beginning of the Day

“Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned” (Large Catechism)

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

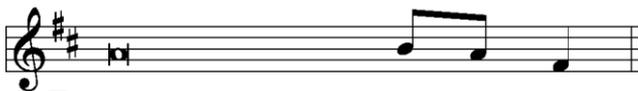
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- 1 Christ the eternal Lord,
Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise
We stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days
And make Your glory known.
- 2 Christ the unchanging Word
To ev'ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard
Set forth on Scripture's page;
Transform our thought and mind,
Enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find
The bread of life indeed.
- 3 Christ the redeeming Son,
Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won
For ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray,
To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today
And follow Him as Lord.
- 4 Christ the unfading Light
Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give
To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live,
Till earth's brief journey ends.



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALMODY



L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

VENITE

C O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.
The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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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PSALM 146

P I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

P Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

- C** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
- P** who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
- C** The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the
blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the
righteous.
- P** The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the
fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- C** The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!
- C** 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
- P** I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
- C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

OFFICE HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

LSB 861

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

READING

P A reading from Acts, chapter 6

1Now 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. 2And 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. 3Therefore, 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. 4But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5And 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. 6These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. 7And 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. 8And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. 9Then 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. 2And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. 51“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. 52Which 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, 53you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” 54Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. 55But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” 57But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 58Then 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. 59And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60And 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.

AFTER THE READING

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

READING

P A reading from 1 Peter, chapter 2

2Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— 3if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5you 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. 6For 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.” 7So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9But 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. 10Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

AFTER THE READING

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Christ Is Arisen”

LSB 459

- 1 Christ is arisen
From the grave's dark prison.
So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

- 3 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Now let our joy arise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

READING

P A reading from John, chapter 14

1[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2In 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? 3And 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. 4And you know the way to where I am going.” 5Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” 8Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9Jesus 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’? 10Do 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. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. 12Truly, 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. 13Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

AFTER THE READING

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

△5 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

OFFERING:

- To give online, go to stpauldbq.com/give
- You can also mail in or drop off your envelope in the mail slot next to the office entrance of the building.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Online participants are invited to share "Peace be with you" in the comments.

Members of the household may also greet one another, "Peace be with you"

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COLLECTS



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR GRACE

P Shed Your Holy Spirit upon Your people, O Lord, and make ready our hearts this day to hear and keep Your holy Word that in the communion of Your congregation we may rightly sanctify Your holy day and through Your Word with all Your saints come to eternal blessedness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

BENEDICAMUS

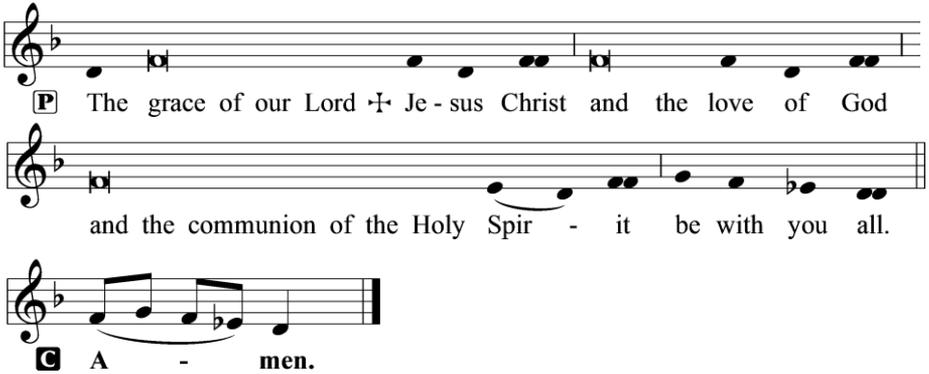


L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C A - men.

HYMN

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

LSB 722

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessèd Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

PLAN FOR RETURNING TO CHURCH

We are **tentatively** planning on holding worship services at St. Paul the weekend of Pentecost (May 30-31). **This is not definite yet.** Although there is currently no government restriction on gatherings larger than 10 for churches, we are choosing to wait until other restrictions are relaxed in Dubuque County. If we are able to go forward with this plan, here's what you need to know:

- All worshippers will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask to church
- If you have extra masks (unused of course) to donate, you can bring them to church to share
- All worshippers will be asked to refrain from hand shaking, hugging, and other forms of contact with those outside of your household
- Seating will be spaced out to allow for social distancing
- Households will be individually dismissed at the end of the service
- At this time, there will be no sharing of the peace or passing of offering plates
- We are still looking into when it would be safe to celebrate the Lord's Supper and the most sanitary way to do so
- The church will be thoroughly disinfected after each service
- If you have had any symptoms in the last 14 days, please **stay home!**

It will be great to see you whenever you choose to return to worship. If you are considered high-risk or you are not yet comfortable being in a public setting, it is perfectly God-pleasing and acceptable to continue to worship from home until you are ready.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER STATISTICS

Total views * on Facebook:	69
Total views on YouTube:	25
Total of DVD's Distributed:	15

*What does this mean? This is the number of devices that were playing our recorded service for one minute or longer. This does not account for families who watched together on the same screen. Glory to God!

PREPARING YOURSELF FOR WORSHIP

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

May 16 & 17 - 6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:16-31, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

5th Sun of Easter Sat. May 9	5:30pm	Online Worship Go to our Facebook page or stpauldbq.com
5th Sun of Easter Sun. May 10	9:00am	Online Worship Go to our Facebook page or stpauldbq.com
Mon. May 11		
Tues. May 12	10:00am	Confirmation Class
Wed. May 13	7:30pm	“Prayers from the Parsonage” with Pastor & Katy (Facebook)
Thur. May 14		
Fri. May 15		
6th Sun of Easter Sat May 16	5:30 pm	Online Worship Go to our Facebook page or stpauldbq.com
6th Sun of Easter Sun. May 17	9:00 am	Online Worship Go to our Facebook page or stpauldbq.com