

Sixth Sunday of Easter



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
May 16 & 17, 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.**

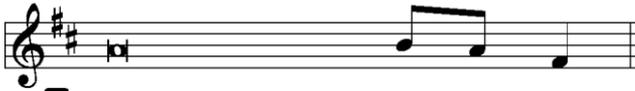
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- 1 Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands
For our offenses given;
But now at God’s right hand He stands
And brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of alleluia!
Alleluia!
- 3 Christ Jesus, God’s own Son, came down,
His people to deliver;
Destroying sin, He took the crown
From death’s pale brow forever:
Stripped of pow’r, no more it reigns;
An empty form alone remains;
Its sting is lost forever.
Alleluia!
- 4 It was a strange and dreadful strife
When life and death contended;
The victory remained with life,
The reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly saith
That death is swallowed up by death,
Its sting is lost forever.
Alleluia!
- 6 So let us keep the festival
To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended.
Alleluia!



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 66

P Bless our God, O peoples;

C let the sound of his praise be heard,

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C Who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

P Foe you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is ried

C You brought us into the net;
you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

P You let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a
place of abundance

- C** I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will perform my vows to you,
- P** that which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
- C** I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of
the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.
- P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul
- C** I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue
- P** If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
- C** But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- P** Blesséd be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!
- 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** Bless our God, O peoples;
C let the sound of his praise be heard,

OFFICE HYMN

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

LSB 826

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior’s waiting arms.

- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,
 Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
 Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
 You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
 Holding up the prophet's hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying,
 "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying
 And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
 Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
 "Here am I, send me, send me!"

READING

P A reading from Acts, chapter 17

16Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. 17So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. 18Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babblers wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. 19And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." 21Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. 22So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28for "In him

we live and move and have our being?; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ 29Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

AFTER THE READING

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

READING

P A reading from 1 Peter, chapter 3

13Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; 16yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 17For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. 18For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. 21Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

AFTER THE READING

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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

15[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

AFTER THE READING

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RESPONSORY

Verse *To Refrain*

- L** 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.
 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.
 3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain

C Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the

hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SERMON

“Meek Hope”

1 Peter 3:13-22

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
 All on earth Thy scepter claim,
 All in heav'n above adore Thee.
 Infinite Thy vast domain,
 Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
 Angel choirs above are raising;
 Cherubim and seraphim,
 In unceasing chorus praising,
 Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord!
- 3 Lo, the apostles' holy train
 Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
 Prophets swell the glad refrain,
 And the white-robed martyrs follow,
 And from morn to set of sun
 Through the Church the song goes on.
- 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
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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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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



- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
 With exultation springing,
 And with united heart and voice
 And holy rapture singing,
 Proclaim the wonders God has done,
 How His right arm the vict'ry won.
 What price our ransom cost Him!
- 7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me,
 I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I Myself will be;
 For you I strive and wrestle.
 For I am yours, and you are Mine,
 And where I am you may remain;
 The foe shall not divide us.
- 9 “Now to My Father I depart,
 From earth to heav'n ascending,
 And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
 The Holy Spirit sending;
 In trouble He will comfort you
 And teach you always to be true
 And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have done and taught
 Guide all your life and teaching;
 So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
 And honored in your preaching.
 But watch lest foes with base alloy
 The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
 This final word I leave you.”

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER STATISTICS

Total views * on Facebook:	78
Total views on YouTube:	22
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!

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.

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 23 & 24 - The Ascension of Our Lord (observed)

Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

6th Sun of Easter Sat. May 16	5:30pm	Online Worship Go to our Facebook page or stpauldbq.com
6th Sun of Easter Sun. May 17	9:00am	Online Worship Go to our Facebook page or stpauldbq.com
Mon. May 18		
Tues. May 19		
Wed. May 20	7:30pm	“Prayers from the Parsonage” with Pastor & Katy (Facebook)
Thur. May 21		The Ascension of Our Lord
Fri. May 22		
Ascension of Our Lord (observed) Sat May 23	5:30 pm	Online Worship Go to our Facebook page or stpauldbq.com
Ascension of Our Lord (observed) Sun. May 24	9:00 am	Online Worship Go to our Facebook page or stpauldbq.com