



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
6th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026

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Organist: Julie Reim

Ushers: Willy and Roman Frank

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 104 – Hymnal pg. 146

Opening Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, You have said that Your love for us is even deeper and more faithful than a mother's love for her nursing child. Lord, we thank you for giving us mothers who demonstrate your love to us. May we love them and, more importantly, may we see in them an example of Your much greater love for us. Lord, open our minds and hearts to see and appreciate your eternal love. Fill us with true comfort, joy and peace through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In His name we ask it. Amen.

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Opening Hymn: 351 Love Divine, All Love Excelling

1. Love Divine, all love excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh, breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore, Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessings,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Confession of Sins: P: Jesus invites us saying, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

C: We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.

C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake.



C: A - men.

Response of Praise:

Hymn 244

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

Scripture Reading: Acts 11:19-30

19 Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. 20 Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. 21 The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

22 News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. 24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

27 During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) 29 The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. 30 This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Response of Praise: Jeremiah 31:3-5

P: I have loved you with an everlasting love;

C: therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

P: Again I will build you,

C: and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

P: Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines

**C: and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!**

P: Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;
C: the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. Hallelujah!

Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:1-11

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 5 They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us.

This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how

God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the

world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved

God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our

sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one

another.

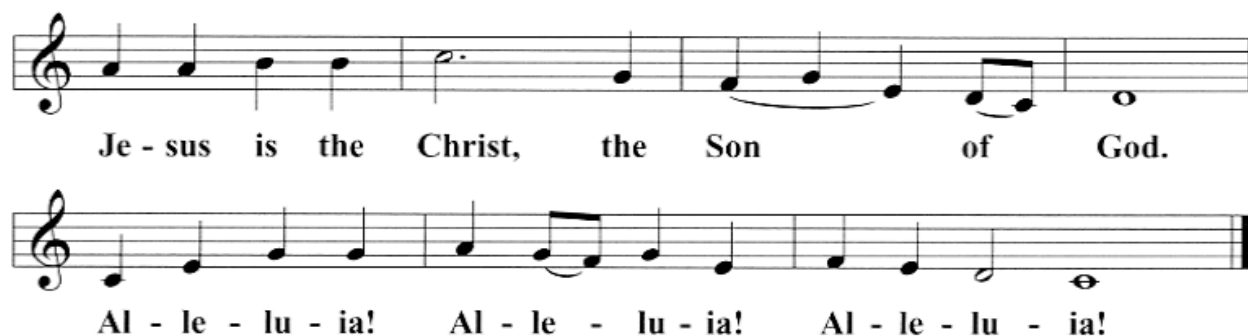
P: Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Confession of Faith: The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd

1. Gracious Savior, gentle Shepherd,
Children all are dear to You;
May Your loving arms enfold them
In Your care their whole life through.
By Your tending and protecting
keep them safe in all they do.
2. Tender Shepherd, never leave them
Never let them go astray;
By Your warning love directed,
May they walk the narrow way!
Thus direct them, thus defend them,
Lest they fall an easy prey.

3. Cleanse their hearts from sinful folly
In the stream Your love supplied,
Mingled stream of blood and water
Flowing from Your wounded side;
And to heavenly pastures lead them,
Where Your own still waters glide.
4. By Your holy Word instruct them;
Fill their minds with heavenly light;
By Your powerful grace convince them
always to approve what's right;
Let them feel Your yoke is easy,
Let them find Your burden light.
5. Taught to love the holy praises
Which on earth Your children sing,
With their lips and hearts, sincerely,
Glad thank-offerings may they bring;
Then with all the saints in glory
Join to praise their Lord and King.

Sermon Text: John 15:9-17

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

Theme:

Abide in Jesus' Love!

Jesus teaches us:

1. How we Abide in His Love.
2. The Joy of Abiding in His Love.
3. The Peace of Abiding in His Love.

Hymn: 625 Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

1. Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
Yea, if He were not dwelling there,
How dark and poor and void it were!
2. Oh, blest that house where faith ye find
And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve Him still
And do in all His holy will!
3. Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost!
May none to them and heaven be lost!
4. Blest such a house, it prospers well,
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lot is shown
How richly God can bless His own.
5. Then here will I and mine today
A solemn covenant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

Offering of Thankful Hearts:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

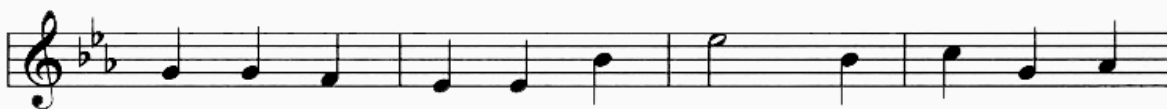
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

The Lord's Prayer: 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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, Amen

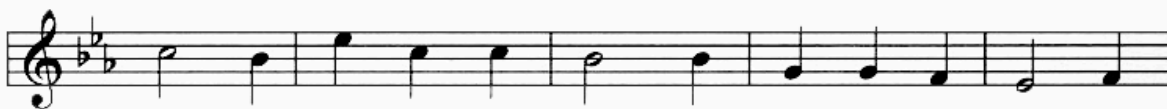
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C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 800 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son’s story,

here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you,

here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

Scripture Treasure to Remember:

John 15:13

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Have a Blessed Mother's Day!

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30.

Midweek Bible Study at Orchard Valley at 2:00.

Friday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30

Catechism class at 5:00

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00 am.

Bible Class at 11:20.

Pentecost Sunday - May 24

Pentecost is the third great Festival of the Church Year, yet many people overlook it. This would be a great time to invite friends, relatives and neighbours to come and hear what the Holy Spirit does for us. We will also have a dinner following the service.

Convention Prospectus

The prospectus outlining everything that will come before the Convention this Summer is available. You can view and download your own copy at: <https://tinyurl.com/CLCPro26>

We will be discussing the highlights in our last Bible Study on May 31st. Look it over ahead of time and bring any questions or comments you may have about the direction you think the CLC should take on these various topics.

CLC Call News

Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.

Teacher Stephen Krause of Grace Lutheran School in Valentine, NE, has received the call to Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI. **ILC**

Graduate Ms. Riley Naumann has received the call to teach 3-4 grades at Messiah Lutheran School in Eau Claire, WI.