

For the Living of these Days May 5, 2021

Information for Worship in a Time Apart

With St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church 67 N. Fifth St, Newark OH 43055

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Council President Tim Jordan

COME ONE AND ALL TO WORSHIP TOGETHER

Saturday, May 8th AT 4 p.m. and Sunday May 9th at 10 a.m.!

**WEAR A MASK! BRING HAND SANITIZER! SIT IN MARKED PEWS and
OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING BETWEEN FAMILY GROUPS! PLEASE, DON'T
COME IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL.**

It's still chilly, but we need to keep air moving so a few windows will be left open.

**CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR OUR SERVICE ONLINE LIVE ON FACEBOOK OR GO TO
STPAULSELCA.ORG, FOLLOW THE LINK AND OPEN THE VIDEO IN THE BROWSER OF YOUR
CHOICE.**

Sunday worship resumes Mother's Day, May 9th at 10 a.m.!!!!!! Halleluiah!!!

**Saturday services will continue in the church at 4 p.m. The Church Safety policy
remains in effect; sit in the open pews, wear your masks, observe social distancing
between family groups, only one person in the restrooms at a time, make sure you
check in at the door with an usher so we can contact trace in case of an outbreak. For
more details, check your email or call the office and we will mail you a copy of the
policy. Communion will be celebrated both Saturday and Sunday. Hosanna!**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Steve Gall

Milton & Carmella

Ernie Cooperider

Starr Cummings

Tambra Simon

Holman

Peg Hupp

Pamela Graham

Those with long-term ongoing concerns:

Marshall Rosene

Ginny Baker

Margaret Marx

Dawn Campbell

Pastor Betsy

Betty Neighbarger

Rose Godenschwager

Mary Beamer

Ruth Swinehart

Wilma Keller

Frances Slebodnik

Davey & Mary Saylor

Mary Zartman

Terry Nelson

Terrie Baker

Alice Smith

May Birthdays

11th – Jarred Chorpenning, Kristin Hoskinson, Frank Pastorius, Jr.; 12th – Kristine Wiersma

14th – June Whiteside; 15th – Helen Foster, Judy Rauch; 16th – Addyson Jones

May Anniversaries

14th – Ron & Vicky Christ (39)

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

6th Sunday After Easter

May 9, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. John D. Stroup

Organist: Timothy A. Utterback

Choir & Ringers Director:

Council President: Tim Jordan

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. William J. Rauch



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE "The Head That Once Was Crowned" arr. Robert Hobby (b. 1963)

RINGING OF THE BELL (*please rise as you are able*)

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us all in eternal life. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

THE FIRST LESSON is found in the book of Acts, chapter 10 beginning with the 44th verse:

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. *The word of the Lord!*

PSALM 98 *(The cantor will sing)*

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the
earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON is found in the book of First John, chapter five beginning with the first verse:

St John writes: ¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. *The Word of the Lord!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *according to John the 15th chapter (verses 9-17)*

[Jesus said:] ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another." *The Gospel of the Lord! (Please be seated.)*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #666 "*What Wondrous Love Is This*"

What wondrous love is this, Oh my soul, Oh my soul! What wondrous love is this, Oh my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

THE NICENE CREED

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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

THE PRAYERS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *The cantor will provide the responses*

The Lord be with you! *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts! *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the lord our God! *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the ancestors, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

Cantor will demonstrate at lectern

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; (*Please open your wafer and hold it up.*) broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying (*Please raise your cup but do not open it yet*) This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us: 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.

Now my brothers and sisters in Christ, please join me in sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The body of Christ given for you (*Please consume the wafer*).

The Blood of Christ shed for you (*Please open your cup and drink the juice*).

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THE BLESSING And now may the Body and the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING PRAYER - Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

BENEDICTION Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. AMEN.

SENDING HYMN – “Resurrected Light” – Judith & William Rauch - See insert

Into our darkness a light intrudes, beckons, ignites and brightly broods. Kindling our hope and firing love, reaching to all below, above. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Into our darkness a light intrudes, standing against our foolish feuds. Bringing from evil wondrous good, placing before us servanthood. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Into our darkness a light intrudes, burning the chaff of human moods. What is this force that shines so bright? It is the Christ, resurrected light. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE “Judas Maccabeus” arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951)