

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – EXAUDI – May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Order of Service: (LSB) Page 184, Divine Service, Setting Three

Hymns: 869, 492, 493, 701

Psalms: 51

Catechetical Review: Table of Duties

Q: What do the Scriptures say of Wives?

**A: Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord. Eph. 5:22. Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 1 Peter 3:6.**

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**"But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you."**

**OUR LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US!** One of those great things is the giving of His own body and blood in Holy Communion. We ask guests who desire to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. We practice what is known as "closed communion" because of the Bible's teaching that doctrinal unity is central to its common reception.

**AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP** and center our thoughts and minds on God's Word, the organists will be playing 10 minutes of pre-service/prelude music. Please observe silence once the music begins. A few good spiritual disciplines to prepare for worship during this time include: reading the lessons, the hymns of the day, the psalms, and the Catechism (p.321 in the hymnal); examining your life and your sins and giving thanks for receiving God's forgiveness; and, of course prayer. Because of Jesus, we can approach our heavenly Father in confidence that He is tender and merciful. However, and we have all been in this situation, sometimes we do not know what to pray for or cannot find the words. Remember that the Holy Spirit is already praying for you, and that through the Word of God, He guides us in prayer. Specific prayers for worship are found on the first page of the hymnal, additional prayers for many concerns are found on pages 305-318, and of course, there is the prayer that our Lord taught us, the Lord's Prayer.

**REMINDER:** Please remember to sign the record of fellowship during the offering. It is located in the binder at the end of each pew. Thank you.

**FOR PRAYER REQUESTS** for the Prayer Partners, call Cathie Mann at (262) 994-7371, or email: cmann5@wi.rr.com. You can also contact the church office.

**FRIENDS AND VISITORS:** Enjoy coffee, treats and fellowship after the early service downstairs and stay for Bible Study. If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex.

**SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK:** **Elder:** Wednesday – Randy Verbeten; Sunday: 8:00 – Dan Hirsch; 10:30 – Jerry Nigro and Joe Bloomer. **Organist:** Wednesday – Lora Heinz; Sunday: 8:00 – Sharon Mueller; 10:30 – Lora Heinz. **Altar Guild:** Wednesday – Lori Arnold; Kevin Steffens and Bernice Steffens; 8:00 – Kathy Culshaw; 10:30 – Lynn Hauser. **Acolyte:** Wednesday – ; Sunday: 8:00 – ; 10:30 – .  
**PRELUDE 8:00 SERVICE:** "Our Christ Ascends"

**ATTENDANCE: Last Week:** Wednesday – 9; Sunday: 8:00– 76; 10:30– 47; **TOTAL:** 132. Sunday School- .

**OUR GIVING: Last Week:** General Fund - \$5,104.00; Sunday School – ; **TOTAL** - \$5,104.00. Needed each week to meet budget - \$5,450.00.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are given to the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Nigro in honor of Mitchell's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**THE ETERNAL CANDLE** for the month of May is given to the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Matt Hauser in loving memory of Amanda.

**MISSING:** "Dust to Dust or Ashes to Ashes: A Biblical and Christian Examination of Cremation" Paperback by Alvin Schmidt. This book is missing from our church Library. If you have it, please finish reading it and return it as soon as you can. Thank you! ~ Greta Martin, Librarian

**THANK YOU:** The family of Muriel would like to thank every for their kind words, prayers, cards and visits – it was great! A special thank you for the wonderful luncheon. God Bless you all! ~ Richard Murdoch

**THANK YOU:** Todd Wilks would like to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers. It has provided his family and him a lot of encouragement and strength for his continued recovery. We are truly blessed to be part of this congregation.

**LWML "Women In Mission":** Giving opportunity is this Sunday! The large mite box is in the Good Shepherd room. Thank you.

**ABOUT THE COVER:** Jesus, before His death, resurrection, and ascension, promises his disciples to send the Holy Spirit to bear witness about the Gospel. Jesus does this so that when the church faces adversity, we may know that this is not a sign of our Lord's abandonment of us, but rather that persecution is to be expected and that He still has us in his hands.

