

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**May 14, 2023 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**8:30 am is live; 11:00 is live, streamed, and recorded**  
**Setting Five**

*Hymns will be found in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book  
in the pew.*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** – *Toccata no. IV by Johann Jakob Froberger*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

# Processional Hymn – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

631



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect -



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-nings;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

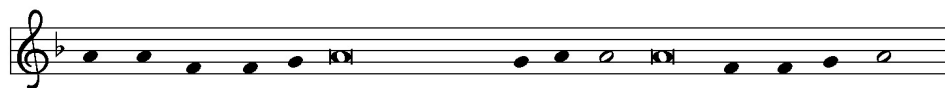
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



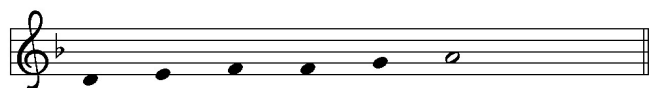
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## ALL GLORY...



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

## First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Response – Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

Congregation sings *Refrain* and bold verses.

### *Refrain*



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>8</sup>Bless our | God, you peoples; let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living and has not allowed our | feet to slip. *Refrain***

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have | tested us; you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us in- | to the net; you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house | with burnt offerings and will pay | you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised | with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;**

**I will give you ox- | en and goats. *Refrain***

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you | who believe, and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God | with my mouth, and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil | in my heart, the Lord would | not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>**but in truth | God has heard me and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer, nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

### *Refrain*

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, 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, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Response: Thanks be to God*

### Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go?      You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*After the Gospel is announced, the people say: Glory to you, O Lord*

### Gospel: John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*After the Gospel is read, the people say: Praise to you, O Christ*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

## Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890

Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving (*especially*), Barbara, Jan, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Phyllis and Larry, Bob and Ellie, Naomi, Judy, Mary, John, Tom, Pat, and others we may name aloud or quietly in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for the apostle Matthias and all your saints (*especially*). Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## **MEAL**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY** - *Cantate Domino* by Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni

The text for the offertory is in Latin, printed here with the English translation.

*Cantate domino canticum novum laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.*

*Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.*

*Sing ye to the Lord a new song: let his praise be in the church of the saints.*

*Let Israel rejoice and glad in him who made Israel: and children of Sion rejoice and be glad in your king.*

## OFFERTORY – Create in Me a Clean Heart

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, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a single melodic line.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together

**God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a single melodic line.

P 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.  
You formed the earth from chaos;  
you encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light;  
you nourish the lands with water.  
You molded us in your image,  
and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
with grace deeper than the seas,  
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.  
That also we, estranged and dying,  
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,  
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took **bread**, and gave thanks;  
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:  
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.  
Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.  
We remember his life lived for others,  
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.  
We await his coming,  
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,  
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life,  
whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.  
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **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.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## COMMUNION SONG – O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line ends with a quarter rest. The second line has a measure rest before 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take'. The third line has a measure rest before 'have mer - cy up - on us.'. The fourth line ends with a quarter rest. The fifth line has a measure rest before 'grant us your peace.'. The sixth line has a measure rest before 'A - men.'. The score concludes with a double bar line.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*


The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*And each person may respond Amen.*

# Communion Hymn – O Lord, We Praise You

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1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -  
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to  
 3 Lord God, be - stow on us your grace and fa - vor, that we

giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your  
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -

bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that  
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this

they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!

May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our  
 Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your  
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; by this

sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead  
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;  
 ho - ly ban - quet re - make us. Give your church, Lord, to see

in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite  
 Music: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

### SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** Amen.

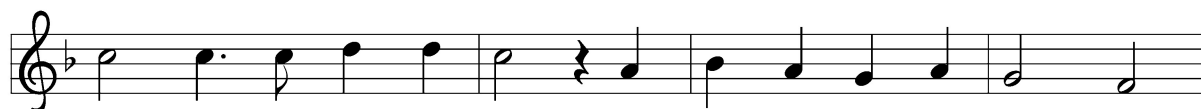
### SENDING

Blessing

*response: Amen*



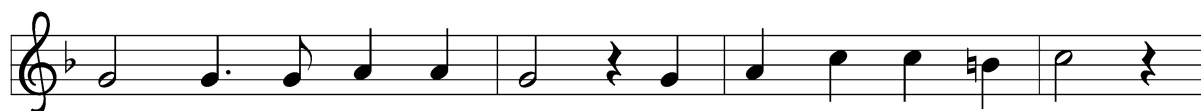
## Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – *Nun danket alle Gott* by J. S. Bach (ELW 839)

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**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God.

**Altar Flowers** – If you would like to make a recognition through a request for Altar Flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium. Sign up for the day(s) you would like to request, pick up an envelope and form in the lower box and turn in your request form(s) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin, and payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, speak with a staff person.

**Prayer of the Church** (Members): Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazey, Ida Elliott, Phyllis and Larry Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Naomi Watson, Judy Schlegel, Mary Bader, John Friedrich, Tom Kraska, Pat Cashwell

**Prayer List Changes** – If you have names to **add, or delete at any time**, email staff, or call the office.

**Prayer of the Church (Friends):** Kay Matthews and Robert Meissner [Tony Perrotte's mother and uncle], Vickie Ettinger, Lois Horn, Diane Johnson (Penni Perrotte's friends), Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (cousin of Kathy Anderson), Virginia Hinshaw (great-grandmother of Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Gad Kainer, Eric Tabert (nephew of Deb Tabert), Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity, Armenia and Artsakh (friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (parents of Bill Wilson), Linda Leslie (mother of Sean Slane), Paul DeVries (brother of Bob DeVries), Gini Rinkus (friend of the Dominicks), Elaine Williamson (sister-in-law of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Paul (son-in-law of Jan Huntley), Richard Dominick (brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck, Josephine Economy and John Bigsby (friends of Bess Line), Wayne Coulter (brother-in-law of Marlene Coulter), Marie Watts (cousin of Pat Casper), Ruth Parker (aunt of Pat Casper), Ashley Collins (niece of Deb Tabert), Holly (friend of Pat Cashwell), Patrick Howell (son of a friend of the Waughs), George and Pat Rose (friends of Debbie Fullbright), John and Connie Heinz, Gregory and Colleen Davidson, Richard and Claudia Steele (friends of Dean and Marcia Redman), Kirk Temple (brother-in-law of Deb Tabert), Cynthia Lowery (friend of Marlene Coulter), Debra Jetton (sister of Bill Wilson), Penny Wagner (niece of Marcia Wilson), Ron Bobby (friend of the Dominicks), Lydia Sumner (cousin of Marlene Coulter)

**Adult Sunday School Classes for the month of May** - meet in Trinity Hall 9:45-10:45 am:

May 14 – Latin hymns and Reformation hymns

May 21 - English and German hymns – 16-17 centuries

May 28 – English and German hymns – 17-19 centuries

## Young In Spirit

- Baseball game, Sunday, **June 25 at 5:05 pm**. Syracuse Mets vs. Durham Bulls. Price is \$15.00 per

ticket. **Please reserve your spot** and reimburse Redmans by May 14. (Redmans will be gone April 25 thru May 10).

**Thursday Bible Study** – Join us on Thursdays at 10:30-11:45 am where we are studying Jeremiah. The class takes place in the Conference Room and by Zoom. Study notes will be emailed.

**Our next Wednesday Night Supper!** Come join us on **Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 pm** for Wednesday Night Supper and enjoy fellowship as you create your own tacos, salad, nachos, or whatever, using the ingredients as you wish. Full line of tortillas, chips, cheeses, and toppings of all kinds. There will be desserts and beverages as well. If anybody would like to assist with clean-up after the meal, please contact Martha Dahl at [mjdahlhouse@gmail.com](mailto:mjdahlhouse@gmail.com) or 847-612-6687.

### Summer Worship Schedule

This summer we will stay with two worship services, at 8:30 and 11:00 am. The 8:30 worship will be using "Now the Feast and Celebration" worship books, and the 11:00 will continue to use the Setting Five booklets from the ELW. The 8:30 worship will be in-person only, the 11:00 service will be in-person, live-streamed, and recorded. This will take effect on June 4 and continue through August.

### GRADUATIONS!

It is that time of year where we would like to be made aware of and announce any and all graduations. This applies to: college, high school or other schools as well. You may include a photo and any future plans which will all be published in the June issue of Cross Connections. Please submit your information by emailing to Susan at [admin@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsdurham.org) or you may drop it in her mailbox in the reception office (**deadline is Monday, May 22**). We will recognize graduates during both worship services on June 4.

**Articles and information for the June issue of Cross Connections** are due to Susan Esposito by Monday, May 22. You may drop items in her mailbox or email her at [admin@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsdurham.org). "Holy Folders" will meet on Friday, May 26 at 11:00 am to prepare the issue for the post office.

**You are invited to an Organ Recital**, presented by members of the Durham-Chapel Hill Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Date is **Friday, May 19, 2023 at 7:30 pm** at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 403 E. Main Street in Durham. The recital is free and open to the Public. You will hear works by Heinrich Scheidemann, J. S. Bach, Louis Vierne, Arthur Milner, Herbert Murrill, William Mathias, and Carol Williams.

**The Growing thru Grief meetings** continue each week at St. Paul's. Meetings are on Tuesday, with registration at 4:00 pm. First time attendees must show proof of Covid vaccination and booster(s). Masks are encouraged. We ask people to come at 4; the program begins at 4:30, and all will end by 6.

- May 16: The Road Ahead, with William Holloman and Bill Dahl
- May 23: David Franken will be the presenter
- May 30: Healing Yoga with Margie Satinsky

Everyone is welcome. Please contact [admin@growingthrugrief.org](mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org) if you have any questions.

**St. Paul's has a Habitat Work Crew and you are invited to join them!** Morris Casper is our contact person and coordinator. The best way to reach him is by email: [mcasper913@gmail.com](mailto:mcasper913@gmail.com) The next work date is June 10. All genders are welcome.

**St. Paul's Readers:** Please join us on **Thursday, May 18, at 3 pm** in Trinity Hall as Wendy Waugh leads our discussion of When Should Law Forgive? by Martha Minow. This nonfiction work by an attorney explores strengthening the role of forgiveness in the administration of the law in an age increasingly defined by accusation and resentment, there is room to examine cases where letting go of legitimate grievances can make the law more just, not less. Please consider participating even if you have not read the book – check us out! This May meeting is the last before our summer pause. Contact Katherine Trexler ([katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### **Wheeler Book Reading and Q&A**

Retired ELCA pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Wheeler, long-time friend and colleague of the NC Synod's Racial Justice Network, will be in NC in June to share his story and discuss his newly-published book. He will offer a Book Reading and Q&A at **St. Paul's, Durham, on Saturday, June 10, at 2:00 p.m.** He will share his experience as a Black pastor in a majority-White denomination in hopes of helping us all to grow in love and justice together, freeing us from the evil of White supremacy. If you want to help the ELCA become a more just and inclusive church, if you want to celebrate Pastor Wheeler's gift to this church, or if you simply want to honor his courage in sharing his story, please come. Order US: The Resurrection of American Terror from Amazon or Barnes&Noble.

The **Tongue and Thimble** group creates small quilts which are distributed to the nurseries at local hospitals for their critical patients. They meet downstairs in the Fiber Arts/Music room off of the Genesis Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. If you have an interest in sewing, please stop by and see what we are working on.

The **Dropped Stitch Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on the last Friday of the month at 1:00 pm in the sofa area of the atrium. This group creates prayer shawls by knitting or crochet. Come join in.

**PASTA for PARKTOWN!! Help Stock the St. Paul's Shelf at Parktown Food Hub!** Please continue to add a package – or two – of dry pasta to your shopping cart to support this important community ministry and keep the St. Paul's Pasta Shelf well stocked. The Women's Connection Group is leading this initiative to support the Parktown Food Hub, a ministry of South Durham Connections, led by Pastor Sharon Schulze. **St. Paul's Shelf - dry boxed pasta** – spaghetti, macaroni, ziti, penne, etc. (NOT: kits or dinner, nor canned pasta entrees).

### **Note from former Vicar, Mac Mullins:**

"By the grace of God, Vr. Mac Mullins has been called as Pastor in Residency to St. Paul Lutheran Church Quad Cities in Davenport, IA. The residency program at St. Paul is a two-year term call in which new pastors receive one-on-one mentoring, professional development, and the chance to work in a large, established church at the beginning of their ministry. Vr. Mac's ordination will be held on June 17, 2023 at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Durham. He will begin at St. Paul Quad Cities in mid-August. All members of St. Paul's Durham are invited to attend and celebrate with Vr. Mac. A very special thanks to the Internship Committee and everyone at St. Paul's who have supported Vr. Mac in his ministry!"

"**My name is Madison Burke** and I'm a 29 year-old moving back to Durham looking for a home to rent! I am looking for a townhouse/duplex/apartment ideally in the \$1100-1300/month range (but am flexible on price depending on what utilities may be included.) I am looking for a pet-friendly place, as I am fostering a cat until December, and then plan on adopting a cat or a dog. I work as the Migrant Services Coordinator at Church World Service and am returning to my role as the pianist/vocalist for Duke Lutherans, which I previously held for three years. I am a non-smoker, have excellent credit, and have references available upon request. My move-in date would ideally be early-August, but I can be flexible. I am also open to a mother-in-law suite or guest house, depending on the setup. Please feel free to reach out at [madison.e.burke@gmail.com](mailto:madison.e.burke@gmail.com) if you or someone you know is interested in renting a property."

### **Sign-Up Genius Links**

Please visit the Sign-Up Genius links which we use to enable volunteers to fill in where needed, for both services. Click on the link and fill in your name on the date(s).

#### **♦ Sunday Worship**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1>

Sign up for: lector, worship assistant, and ushers. Staff will be glad to provide guidance for any of these tasks.

#### **♦ Sunday morning Communion Assistants and Lock-Up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-communion>

#### **♦ Devotions – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1>**

Send your devotions to Vicar Amanda Spangler- [vicar@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:vicar@stpaulsdurham.org)