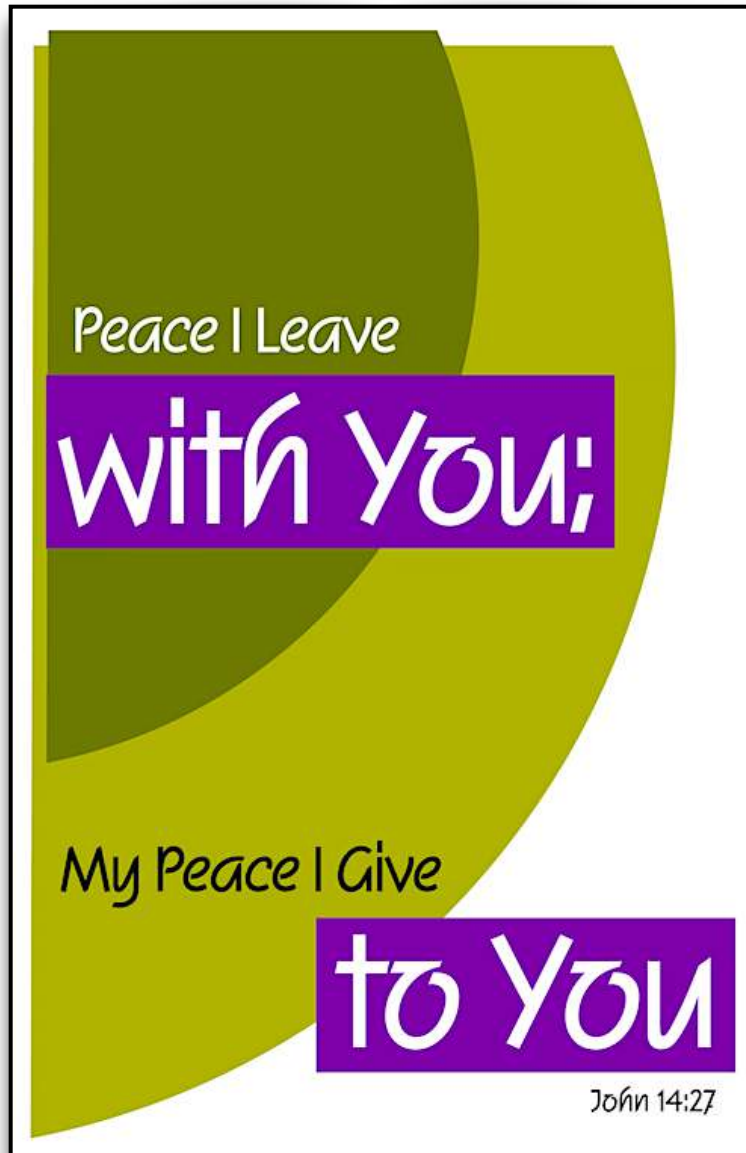


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 26, 2019**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 65 (pew bible, p.513)
- ◆ The Hymns: 475, 673, 700, 917
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 14:8-18; Revelation 21:10-14,22-23; 22:1-5

Sermon Text – John 14:23-29

JESUS' ASSURANCE

TO THOSE WHO TREASURE HIS WORD

1. He and the Father will make their home with us.
2. The Father will send the Holy Spirit to be our Helper.
3. He will bless us with *His* peace.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (917)

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A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

Large print bulletins are available in the tract rack or by request from an usher.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Acts 14:8-18

In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them. But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: "Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

Easter Acclamation

P The Lord is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P God's love was revealed among us in this way:

C God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

P Sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

C Christ suffered for our sins once for all the Righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God.

P In Him we live and move and have our being.

C "Because I live, you will live also."

P "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

C Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

P In Him we live and move and have our being.

C Come and see what God has done, His wonderful acts toward all people.

P "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you."

C "Because I live, you will live also."

Second Lesson – Revelation 21:10-14,22-23; 22:1-5

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. | I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Sermon Text – John 14:23-29

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (5/26)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Thurs	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting (parsonage)
Sun (6/2)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bible Class

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- CLC General Pastoral Conference, Eau Claire WI: June 18-20
- Worship service in observance of Pastor John Klatt's retirement: Sunday, June 30, 4 pm, at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland(see note below)

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING MAY

- Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Ed Chiappetti

DURING JUNE

- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Larry Reed
- Elder: Ed Chiappetti
- Communion Assistant: Wayne Ruegge

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Scott, who was temporarily hospitalized last week at Swedish Medical Center and is now undergoing rehab therapy at Lifecare Center of Littleton. ++ Carrol Rankin, who is recuperating from a surgical procedure to correct an irregular heartbeat. + We pray the Lord to bless and keep them with His spiritual peace. *"Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me" (Psalm 54:4).*

NEW IN YOUR MAILBOX TODAY:

- Coordinating Council Summary (Spring 2019)
- Devotions presented at the recent Coordinating Council meetings (by CLC President Michael Eichstadt, by the Board of Missions, and by ILC President Steven Sippert)

You may pick up a copy of the full CC Report from the tract rack. Or you may view the report online at this address: www.tinyurl.com/clc-CC-spring2019

A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE is planned for Sunday, June 30, to thank the Lord for the gift of Pastor John Klatt's service in the pastoral ministry, upon the occasion of his retirement. The service will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland at 4:00 pm, with Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller serving as the speaker. A meal/reception will follow at 5:30 pm. Anyone who would like to send cards or words of encouragement for Pastor Klatt upon his retirement may send them to the congregation's chairman at this address: Kirk Kesterson, 2138 S Custer Ave, Loveland, CO 80537 or email him at KNCKESTER@MSN.COM.

JUNE BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS To . . .

Naomi Peters, June 2 Diana Vigil, June 29
Sarah Potter, June 18 (Terry & Debbie New, June 28)

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENT: "Candidates for ILC Professor Call: The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites 'all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession' (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Sullivan at the end of the 2019-20 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include high school and college courses in religion, social sciences, and church history. To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, and someone who is seminary trained. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2020-21 academic year. Those submitting nominations are encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight July 15, 2019 (letters postmarked July 1, 2019) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com." (from the ILC Board of Regents)

CALLS NEWS: Paul Krause has returned the call to serve as the pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland. ++ Immanuel Lutheran College teacher graduate, June Schmid, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan WI.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

MAY 27 – JUNE 1

(readings from Hebrews chapters 1-6)

Mon Hebrews outlines how Jesus is embedded in Old Testament rituals, events, and persons, for salvation is and has always been centered on Jesus! Angels are special too, but God never elevated an angel to the status of His Son, for His Son has ruled the kingdom of God from its very beginning and will preside at its end—as you learned from the Psalms (**ch. 1**).

Tues Ch. 2 For more proof of His superiority, look at His miracles (v. 4), His dominance of creation (6-8), and His control over our great enemy, death (9-10). God's love for us was so great that He shared in our flesh and blood in order to disarm Satan—right down to the grave, which used to be Satan's territory (14-15). And His priesthood is another facet of His superiority,

Wed Ch. 3 for the priest who out-ranks all others is the High Priest—that's Jesus (2:17-3:1). Since the entire Old Testament priesthood was the matrix for Jesus, He supersedes even good-old Moses (3:2-6). During the Wilderness years, God was forced to teach them a hard lesson (7-11). Let's be careful to not despise Jesus as they did—because unbelief is fatal (12-19).

Thurs Ch. 4 Since God does not want anyone to miss out on heaven (1-10), He has a process by which He gets His plans through to us. Know what it is? It's His Word, which is *living, powerful, and sharper than any sword*, for He has engineered His Word to pierce through our hard shell and get down into our brain and heart. [God has us figured out and knows how to help us.]

Fri If we need more convincing, let's return to the earlier picture of Jesus as High Priest (4:14-16). Jesus is the essence of priesthood, for in heaven He is still compassionate, still understanding what it's like to be human, and His self-sacrifice is still being honored (5:1-4). Remember the gory details? *When He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to God, He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation.* Amazing grace!

Sat By now we should be able to lead others to Jesus (5:12-14), so let's move forward in our life under Christ, advancing in our understanding of God's accomplishments, not casting away *the good Word of God and the powers of the age to come* (6:1-11). Let's imitate the good example of those who through faith and patience inherit the promise. What promise? The self-same promise God made to Abraham (6:13), the promise on which God will never renege, for God has committed Himself by an oath—that we can flee for refuge to Him, hold Him to His word, and thus lay hold on the hope God has set before us. How/where does Jesus fit in? He has already entered the Sanctuary of heaven and holds the door open for us. Hallelujah and Amen!