

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2023**

# Order of Worship: Service of Word & Sacrament

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Carly Mess

Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Ed Chiappetti

Communion Usher: Wayne Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 33 (pew bible, p.496)
- ◆ The Hymns: 905, 869, 628, 548
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Peter 2:4-10, John 14:1-12
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

## Sermon Text – Acts 17:1-12

### *There's No Stopping the Resurrection Gospel!*

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (548)



## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – 1 Peter 2:4-10

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” 7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” 8 and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### Easter Acclamation

- P The Lord is risen!  
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord:  
C **And all the families of the nations shall bow before Him.**  
P The Lord is risen indeed!  
C **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," says the Lord. "No one comes to the Father except through Me."**  
P Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.  
C **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**  
P “I am the Vine, you are the branches,” says the Lord. “Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from Me you can do nothing.”  
C **“This is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.”**  
P “By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”  
C **“I go to prepare a place for you,” says the Lord.**  
P “I will come again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”  
C **The Lord is risen indeed!**

### Second Lesson – John 14:1-12

1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place

for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.” 5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.” 8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. 12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. [NKJV]

### **Sermon Text – Acts 17:1-12**

1 When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,” he said. 4 Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women. 5 But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. 6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, 7 and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.” 8 When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. 9 Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go. 10 As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. 12 Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

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Dear Guests, the members of St. Paul Lutheran are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation of Christians committed without reservations to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come and worship with us again!

### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (5/7)    8:30 am   Elders Meeting  
                  9:30 am    Worship Service with Holy Communion  
                  10:45 am   Bible Class & Sunday School  
Sun (5/14)    9:30 am    Worship Service  
                  10:45 am   Bible Class & Sunday School

### **Upcoming Synod Events**

West-Central Delegate Conference, Watertown SD: Tue-Thu, May 23-25  
CLC General Pastoral Conference, Eau Claire WI: Tue-Thu, June 20-22

### **New in Your Mailbox Today:**

- Summary of the recent Coordinating Council reports
- CLC President's message
- Devotional portion of the reports from the Board of Regents and the Board of Missions

**Travel Alert:** Sunday, May 21 (two weeks from today), is the date for the 2023 Colfax Marathon. Please take note, as you may need to leave for church earlier than usual due to road closures. Directions for avoiding the road closures will be shared via email to our membership a couple days out from the race.

## Synod News & Notes

**Concluding Activities at Immanuel:** Friday, May 19, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 p.m. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 20, there will be the concluding graduation worship service at 10 a.m. at the ILC Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.

**Missionary Bruce Naumann** posted a new update to his Tanzania mission blog on May 1, which you can view at: <https://clc-tz.blogspot.com>.

**From the Kinship Committee:** New Opportunity in Uganda - The Kinship Committee and CLC Board of Missions has taken on a new and exciting opportunity—supporting a group of twenty orphans in Iganga, Uganda. Pastor Daniel Mugeni and his wife, Aidah, have taken on the task of caring for these orphans, and the financial burden on them is substantial. Pastors Mike Gurath and Luke Bernthal were able to spend time with the Mugeni family in July of 2022 and saw firsthand both their genuine love for these children and their genuine need for financial assistance. Please consider becoming a sponsor of one of these children. The commitment is \$45/mo. <> Kinship is also in need of sponsors for seminary students throughout the world. The financial commitment required to support overseas seminary students is similar, ranging from \$30 to \$50/mo. <> To become a sponsor or for more information, please contact Dan Roehl at 507-381-2042 or [danroehl@hotmail.com](mailto:danroehl@hotmail.com).

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### May 8–13 '23

**Mon John 6:60-65** Having fed 5,000 with five barley loaves and two small fish, sustaining them for a while, Jesus pointed to this as a sign that He is the true Bread from heaven, who would sustain them eternally by His word. Many murmured. To believe that He was from heaven required heavenly persuasion (v65).

**Tues John 6:66-69** When many were walking away from Jesus, Simon Peter speaks for the twelve, who have come to know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. They would not walk away from Him who has the words of eternal life (v68).

**Wed 2 Timothy 2:8-13** Paul writes to Timothy from prison, but God's word cannot be imprisoned! The grave could not hold the Word made flesh (cp.Jn1:14), nor will it be able to hold those who died and live with Him by faith.

**Thur Psalm 98:1-3** Let every new day bring a new song to the Lord, for salvation and life are His doing. Righteousness, steadfast love, and faithfulness are all His gifts unto the ends of the earth!

**Fri Psalm 98:4-6** Resurrection praises may be sung by voices, stringed instruments, brass instruments and horns, because true praises to the Lord all come from the heart that sees Him as King and Savior!

**Sat Psalm 98:7-9** The praises of Him who saved us from the judgment for our sins extend to all the earth! The sea and everything in it, the world and those who dwell in it, the rivers and hills – because of Christ, who died and rose again, all can rejoice and sing, “Joy to the world! The Lord is come!”