

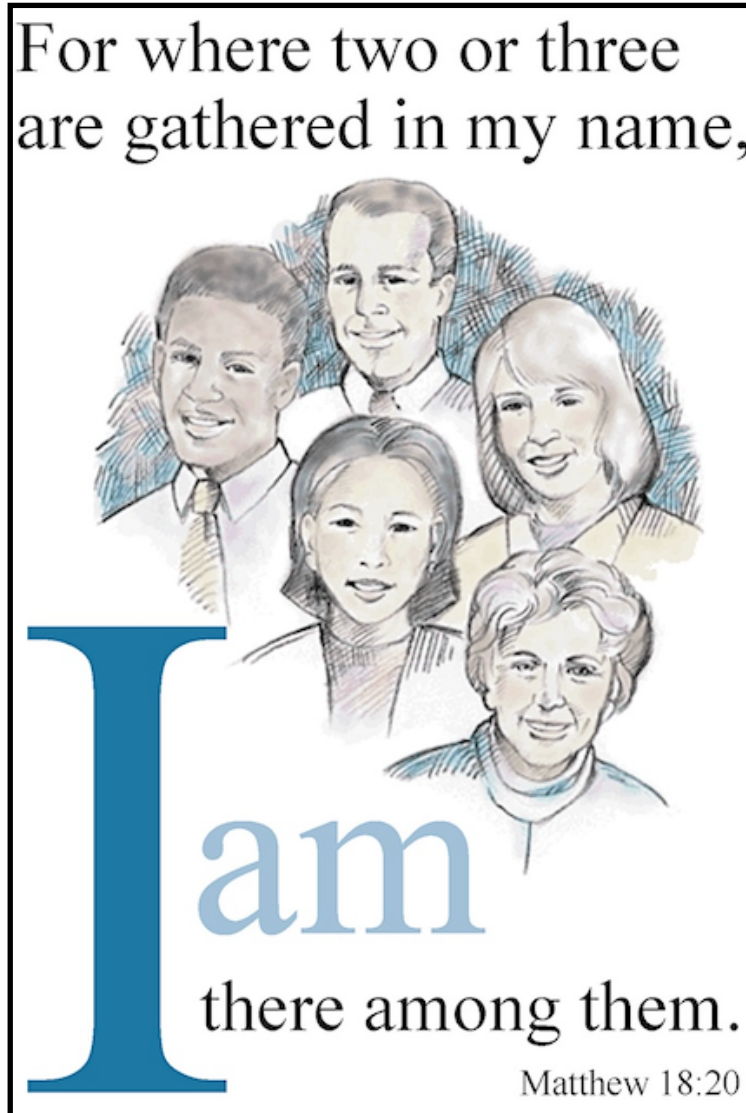
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7th Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2024

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, 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 worship with us again!

Find today's order of worship printed in this bulletin starting on page 1, below. Large print copies are on the shelf under the tract rack, or speak to an usher who will be happy to share one with you.

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer
Psalm 3 (pew bible, page 481)

*To Your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship there.
Here are Sacrament and Word; Here believers meet their Lord.*

*While I listen to Your Law, Fill my soul with holy awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me Life and immortality.*

*While Your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear You speaking from the sky.*

*From Your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."*

Serving Us Today
Organist Lisa Sprengeler
Ushers Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin



ORDER OF WORSHIP

+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

Opening Prayer

Hymn

912 – *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.


C 
A - men.

Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C 
Who made heav'n and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation sings:

LSB #488

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fiere - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

P Let us pray:

A - men.

+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – 1 John 4:13-21

We Love Because He First Loved Us

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of

the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!

C 
 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Second Lesson – John 17:11-19

Jesus Prays for His Believers

C 
 Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

C 
 Praise be to You, O Christ!

Our Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. \diamond I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin

Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. \diamond I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

649 – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Sermon – Text: Acts 11:19-30

Barnabas and Saul at Antioch

19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. 22 The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, 24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. 27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). 29 So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. 30 And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

The Hand of the Ascended Savior Is with His Christians

1. To bless us with growth.
2. To provide us with workers.
3. To supply our needs.

+++ **We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord** +++

Offertory



This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (5/19)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Special Events Upcoming

- Class Day / Spring Concert at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI: Friday, May 17
- Graduation Ceremony at Immanuel: Saturday, May 18
- West-Central Delegate Conf: May 21-23 (hosted by Grace Luth. Church, Valentine, NE)
- CLC Youth Camp: June 9-15 (on the campus of ILC, Eau Claire)
- 36th CLC Delegates Convention: June 20-23 (at ILC, Eau Claire)

Congratulations and God's Blessings to John Sprengeler upon the occasion of his high school graduation. He will graduate this Saturday from Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire. We thank the Lord for bringing John to this important milestone of his life and pray for His blessing on the path that lies ahead. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths"* (Proverbs 3:5-6).

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Travel Alert: Sunday, May 19 (two weeks from today), is the date for the 2024 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 few days out from the race.

The May CLC World Missions Prayer List, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann, is available in the tract rack. Help yourself. You may also view the list at: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com.

Call News: Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has accepted the call to be the upper grade teacher of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 13-18

Mon Luke 24:50-53 Waiting for the promised Spirit must have been a time of looking back on the days of Jesus' visible presence, as well as looking forward to the rich blessings still in store for God's people.

Tues Ephesians 1:15-23 As great as the power which raised Jesus from the dead, so great is God's power for us who believe (v19). The apostle prays that we may know how rich is our inheritance in Christ Jesus.

Wed John 14:1-12 Even before His death on the cross, Jesus promised to come again and take His disciples to be with Him. With Him they would come to their loving Father, know Him, and work for Him.

Thurs 1 John 3:19-24 God sets His believers' hearts at rest in His presence, and by His Spirit they believe in the name of His Son, and love one another, "praising and blessing God" (Lk24:53).

Fri Isaiah 64:1-2 In the midst of trouble and oppression, God's prophet Isaiah calls out to the Lord for His powerful rescue, that all people might know that He watches over His own and delivers them.

Sat Psalm 110 David in this Psalm speaks of the Lord's great and powerful King, the Christ, who not only delivers from earthly enemies, but is also an eternal Priest, reconciling His people to the heavenly Father!

Quotable Quotes for Mother's Day

- ▶ Motherhood is a partnership with God. *"For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD."* 1 Samuel 1:27-28
- ▶ Being a mother is one of the highest salaried jobs since the payment is pure love. *"For whatever one sows, that will he also reap."* Galatians 6:7
- ▶ A mother is a person who sees that there are only four pieces of pie for five persons and promptly remarks that she's never cared for pie. *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* Acts 20:35
- ▶ The best academy – a mother's knee. *"Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart."* Proverbs 29:17
- ▶ Mother means selfless devotion, limitless sacrifice, and love that passes understanding. *"Love is patient and kind ... it does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful ... Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."* 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- ▶ The mother's love is like God's love. He loves us not because we are lovable, but because it is His nature to love, and because we are His children. *"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."* 1 John 4:10-11
- ▶ A mother is neither cocky, nor proud, because she knows the school principal may call at any minute to report that her child has just driven a motorcycle through the gymnasium. *"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."* Proverbs 27:1
- ▶ Mothers are like fine collectibles – as the years go by they increase in value. *"Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old."* Proverbs 23:22
- ▶ Through the ages no nation has had a better friend than the mother who taught her child to pray. *"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."* Colossians 4:2
- ▶ A man's work is from sun to sun, but a mother's work is never done. *"She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household ... Her lamp does not go out at night."* Proverbs 31:15,18
- ▶ Women should not have children after 35 (35 children are enough). *"Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them."* Psalm 127:5
- ▶ If evolution really works, how come mothers have only two hands? *"A joyful heart is good medicine."* Proverbs 17:22
- ▶ A father may have his will – but mother has her way.
- ▶ Many a man has kept straight because his mother bent her knees. *"The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."* James 5:16



God's blessing upon all our mothers!