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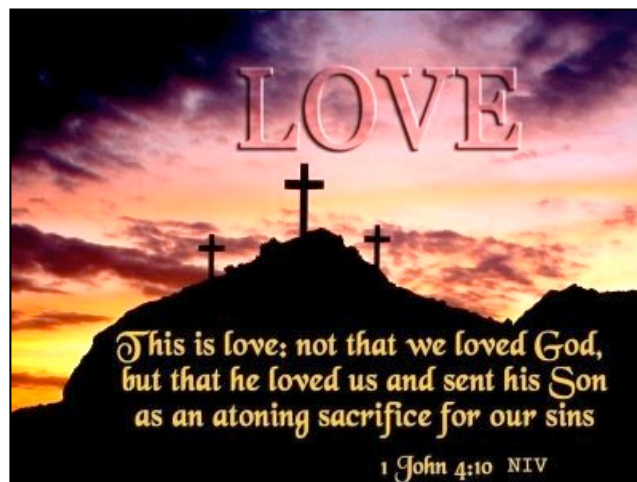
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5th Sunday of Easter – May 18, 2025

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.

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 1," as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000* (tan hymnal). Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.



Serving Us Today
Organist Carly Mess
Ushers Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 52 (pew bible, page 507)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 904, 700, 465, 698
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 65
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 13:44-52, Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon



Text – John 13:31-35

**Theme – *Jesus' "New Commandment":
Love One Another***

*The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and
Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.*

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Acts 13:44-52

Blessings and Conflict at Antioch

44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so the Lord has commanded us: *"I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth."* 48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. 50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. 51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 65

Praise to the Lord for His Great Mercy

P I will extol you, my God and King:
C **And bless your name forever and ever.**
P Every day I will bless You:
C **And praise your name forever and ever.**
P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised:
C **And His greatness is unsearchable.**
P One generation shall praise Your works to another:
C **And shall declare Your mighty acts.**
P The LORD upholds all who fall:
C **And raises up all who are bowed down.**
P The LORD is righteous in all His ways:

C Gracious in all His works.

P The LORD is near to all who call upon Him:

C To all who call upon Him in truth.

P He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him:

C He also will hear their cry and save them.

Second Lesson – Revelation 21:1-6

All Things Made New

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” 6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.”

Sermon Text – John 13:31-35

The New Commandment

31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. 33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, “Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you. 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/18)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Tues-Thurs		West-Central Delegate Conference, hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND
Sun (5/25)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Pastor-elect Samuel Naumann Installation Service at Prince of Peace, Loveland

Special Events Upcoming

- Girls' Basketball Camp at ILC: June 5-7
- Camp Koyquin Youth Camp at Pillager, MN: June 8-14
- CLC General Pastoral Conference: Tues-Thurs, June 17-19, on the campus of ILC, Eau Claire
- Christ's Explorers Young Adult Retreat, Bryson City, NC: June 19-22

Congratulations and God's Blessings to Jesse W. Cornish upon the occasion of his high school graduation. He will graduate on Saturday, May 24, from Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire. We thank the Lord for bringing Jesse to this important milestone of his life and pray for His blessing on the path of his life 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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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.

May Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Willa Mae Janssen, May 19 DeLisa Newton, May 29

Lisa Chiappetti, May 22 (Lance & Diana Clark, May 23)

Suzannah Miller, May 24

Concluding Activities at Immanuel: "Friday, May 23, 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 2:30 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:00 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Concert Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. (Please note that both Class Day and the choir concert are beginning 30 minutes earlier than usual.) On Saturday, May 24, the concluding graduation worship service will take place at 10 am 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. Dan Schierenbeck ILC President"



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 19-24

Mon John 17:9-19 The night before His death, Jesus prays for His disciples, that they may be protected by the Father's name (v11) from the Evil One (v15), filled with Jesus' joy (v13), set apart by His Word (17).

Tues 1 John 3:1-8 Seeing the love of God fills us with eternal hope. In view of this glorious future, let us not keep on sinning. Sin is lawlessness and from the Devil, but Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil.

Wed Exodus 17:1-7 After having received quail in the evening and manna in the morning, in a water shortage the people were ready to give up on God. But God did not give up on them!

Thurs Isaiah 49:8-13 The promise held out to the Lord's Servant is to the benefit of the people. It means release to the prisoners, relief from hunger and thirst, shouts of joy as the Lord comforts His people.

Fri John 15:10-17 In His great love our Savior heads to the cross, desiring that His disciples remain in His love and joy. There is no greater love than His, and showing His love to one another they will bear fruit.

Sat John 16:5-15 Facing the cross tomorrow, Jesus already promises to send the Counselor to His disciples (v7). He, the Spirit of truth, will guide them into all truth, glorifying Jesus who sent Him.