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6th Sunday of Easter – May 25, 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.

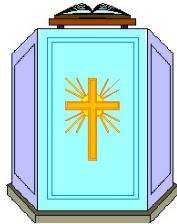
Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 1," as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000* (tan hymnal). Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes or drop it into the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



Serving Us Today
Organist Lisa Sprengeler
Ushers Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 57 (pew bible, page 508)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 494, 491, 493 (1-5), 493 (6)
- ◆ Responsive Reading: Psalm 47
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53

Sermon



Text – Ephesians 1:15-23

Theme – *Praise the Lord! The Risen Savior Has Ascended to God the Father's Right Hand!*

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

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Acts 1:1-11

Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit / He Is Taken Up Into Heaven

1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 47

Give Praise to God, the Ruler of the Earth

P Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!:

C Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

P For the LORD Most High is awesome:

C He is a great King over all the earth.

P God reigns over the nations:

C God sits on His holy throne.

P God has gone up with a shout:

C The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

P Sing praises to God, sing praises!:

C Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

P For God is the King of all the earth:

C Sing praises with understanding.

Second Lesson – Luke 24:44-53

*Jesus Opens the Disciples' Understanding of the Scriptures
He Blesses them Before Ascending to Heaven*

44 Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things. 49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

Sermon Text – Ephesians 1:15-23

God Raised Christ from the Dead and Seated Him at His Right Hand

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/25)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	3:00 pm	Pastor-elect Samuel Naumann Installation Service at Prince of Peace, Loveland
Sun (6/1)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

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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.

ManUp! Retreat: When: September 25-28, 2025 – Where: Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI – Why: Biblical Encouragement for Men (18 and older) – What: Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team Building and Encouragement for Men, and Worship, as well as activities like Rock Climbing, Hiking, Arrow Tag, Mountain Biking, Trivia Challenge, Grilling, Bonfires, and Music. <> 2025 Theme: Ephesians 2: 8-10 “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” <> Registration: \$75 (\$150 after August 30) <> Deadline: August 30, 2025

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 26-31

Mon John 17:20-26 Jesus prays not only for His disciples, but also for those who will believe through their testimony. He desires them to be one with God and with each other, that the world may know God's love.

Tues 1 John 5:12-21 The one who has the Son has life. Thus to prevent one from having the Son is to be a purveyor of death. But whoever is born of God (v18) repents of sin and looks to Christ, the true God (v20).

Wed Exodus 17:8-16 The Lord preserves His people through the "banner" of God's staff (v9), held up by Moses. When Moses' arms tire, those who are one with him, Aaron and Hur, support both of his hands.

Thurs Luke 24:44-53 After His resurrection, Jesus continued to open the disciples' minds to the Scriptures. On Ascension Day He was "taken up into heaven" (v51), and they returned to the city, blessed and very joyful.

Fri Ephesians 4:7-13 The blessings of the ascended Lord to His Church are many and great, intended to build up the body of Christ until we all reach oneness in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God (v13).

Sat Genesis 5:21-24 Enoch "walked with God" (v22,24) and, reconciled to God through the promised Savior, he was taken by God without dying (cp. Heb 11:5). Elijah was another taken without dying (2Kngs2).