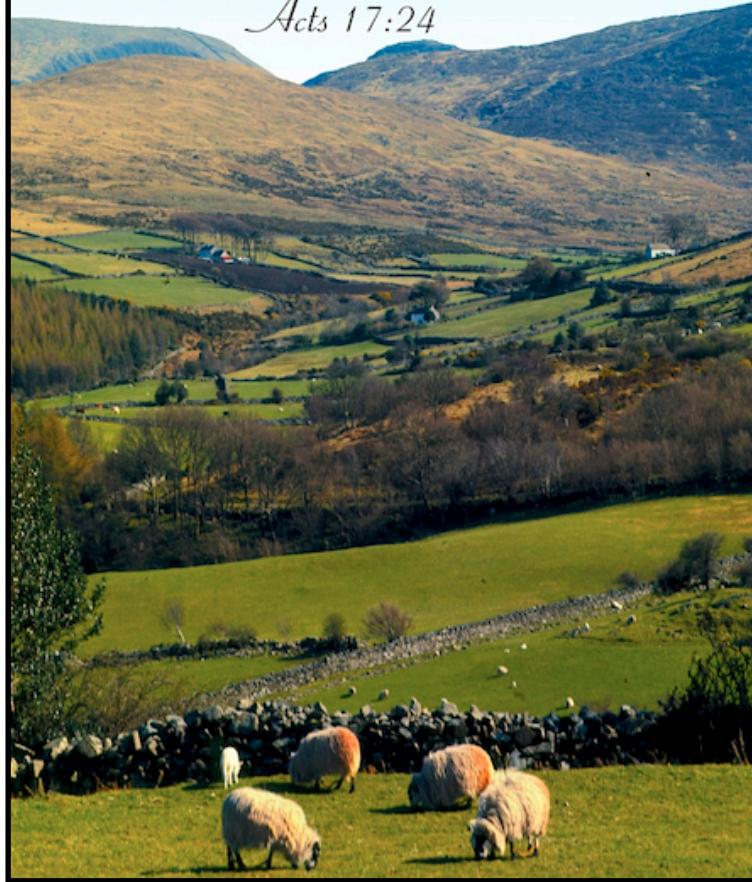


*The God who made the world and everything  
in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth,  
does not live in shrines made by human hands.*

*Acts 17:24*



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026**

*Welcome to*

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Lakewood, Colorado**

**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. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

*based on The Lutheran Hymnal (pp. 5-14)*

## Opening Prayer

### Hymn

LSB 895 – "Now Thank We All Our God"

## The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

## Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

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 His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C:   
A - men.

### 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.

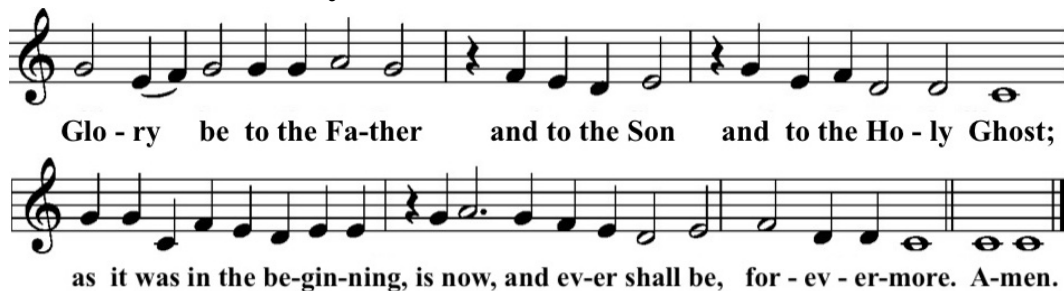
C: **Come and see what God has done, God’s wonderful acts toward all people.**

P: “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you.”

C: **“Because I live, you will live also.”**

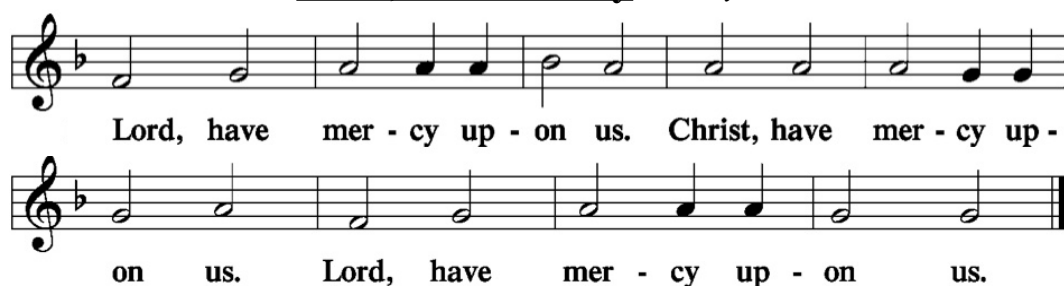
P: Glory be to God!

### Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for - ev - er-more. A-men.

### Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*



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

## **Glory to God in the Highest** *The Gloria in Excelsis*

[LSB #947:1, alt.]

All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His  
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A child of  
God for - ev - er. The Fa - ther's love, the Sa - vior's birth, Bring  
peace, good will, to all the earth, Oh, thank Him for His good - ness!

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

P: The Lord be with you:

C:   
And may He be with you.

The musical notation for the cantor's part is a single line in treble clef, showing a sequence of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

P: Let us pray:

C:   
A - men.

The musical notation for the cantor's part is a single line in treble clef, showing a sequence of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

### **First Lesson – 1 Peter 3:15-22**

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. 17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to

suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

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

C:  A musical staff in C major with a treble clef. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." are written.

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

### **Second Lesson – John 14:15-21**

*(Upon announcement of the Second Lesson, the congregation sings:)*

C:  A musical staff in C major with a treble clef. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!" are written.

Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. 19 “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

*(The Second Lesson ended, the congregation sings:)*

C:  A musical staff in C major with a treble clef. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Praise be to You, O Christ!" are written.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

### **Confession of Faith – Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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

LSB 594 – *"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"*

### Sermon, based Acts 17:22-31

### *Reach Out for the Living God*

1. Let go of all idolatry.
2. Latch on to your Savior.

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, “For we are also His offspring.’ 29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

### Offertory



new a right spi - rit with-in me.  
 Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence, and  
 take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me.  
 Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up -  
 hold me with Your free spir -  
 it. A - men.

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Mother's Day Prayer / Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn**

LSB 819 (1-4) – *"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"*

**Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you . . .

C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn**

LSB 819 (5)

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

Today (5/10)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (5/17)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

**Travel Alert:** Next Sunday, May 17, is the date for the Annual Colfax Marathon. Please take note, as you may need to leave for church earlier than usual due to road closures. Directions for avoiding the closures will be shared with St. Paul parishioners via email later this week.

### **Extended Calendar**

- West-Central Delegate Conference: Tues-Thurs, May 19-21 (hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne)
- Annual Front Range Mission Festival: Sunday, June 14, 3:00 pm (hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland).
- 37<sup>th</sup> CLC Delegates Convention, Eau Claire, WI: Thurs-Sun, June 25-28

**The West-Central Delegate Conference** will take place Tuesday through Thursday, May 19-21, hosted by Redeemer in Cheyenne. Ed Chiappetti, Mike Sprengeler, and Pastor Schuetze plan to represent St. Paul at this conference.

**The Annual Front Range Mission Festival** is scheduled for Sunday, June 14, at 3:00 pm, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland. The guest speaker will be Missionary Bruce Naumann. See the poster on the narthex bulletin board for details.

### **CLC News & Notes**

- "Friday, May 22, 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. At 7:00 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 23, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service 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." (ILC President Dan Schierenbeck)
- ILC education program graduate Ms. Riley Naumann has received the call to teach 3-4 grades at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> ILC education program graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. <> Pastor Jim Naumann of Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND, has accepted the vacancy call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND.

## A Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, we thank You for the care and affection of our mothers, we pray for all mothers today; for expectant mothers, for mothers who get tired and frazzled with so much to do for their children, for mothers who are anxious because their children are growing older and moving away, for elderly mothers who feel unwanted and forgotten. Bless them all, and remind them of Your love and mercy in Christ Jesus. Lead us and our families to love and care for our mothers as we ourselves have been loved and helped by them, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## God Made Us Family

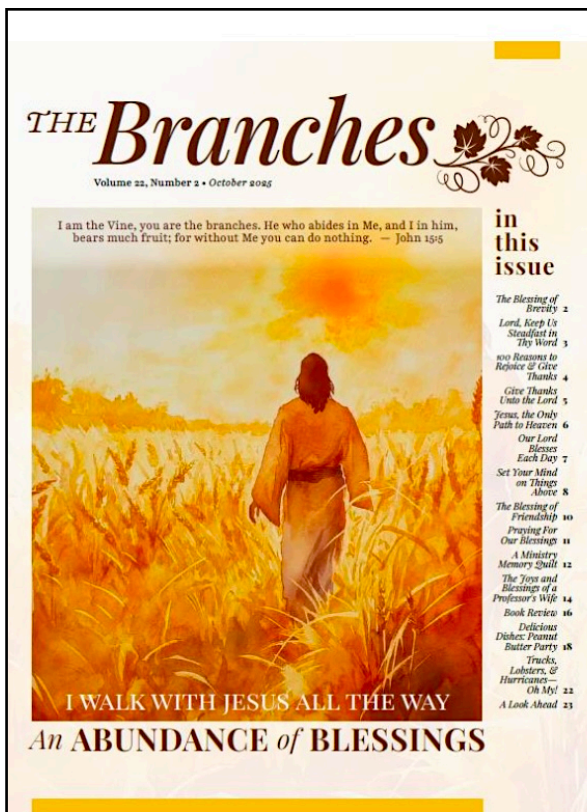
God made us a family; we need one another;  
we love one another; we forgive one another.

We work together; we play together; we worship together.

Together we use God's Word; together we grow in Christ;  
together we love all men; together we serve our God;  
together we hope for heaven.

These are our hopes and ideals.  
Help us to attain them, O God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 11-16

**Mon John 16:23-30** Jesus looks forward to a time when His disciples will take their requests straight to the Father in His name (v23). As He prepares to leave the world, He assures them of the Father's love (v27).

**Tues James 1:22-27** May the Word enter not only our ears. May it also enter our hearts and move us to act accordingly. Then we will be able to bridle our tongues and show God's mercy to orphans and widows.

**Wed Jeremiah 29:11-14** The Lord's plans for His people are truly good. He would have them seek Him with all their heart. They will find Him, and He will gather them from all places of exile unto Himself.

**Thurs Psalm 124** In Jesus' ascension to heaven (Acts 1:1-11), we see that He is more than just another man. Emphasized by repetition: it was the Lord God who was for us (v1-2). We have escaped (v7) by His help (v8).

**Fri Psalm 84** God's children love the place where He, the living God, is! How blessed are all who live in His presence and find their strength in His grace and glory (v11). Blessed is the one who trusts in Him! (V12)

**Sat Romans 8:24-28** After Jesus' ascension, the disciples looked forward to the coming of the Spirit with His gifts. He helps us in our weakness when we pray, and He helps us to trust God's good purposes for us.

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