

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are a guest today, please sign our guest book! Welcome here! We're very glad you came!

Children in Worship: We welcome and encourage children to share in worship. Even very young children see faith in action as we pray and sing and commune together. Children's lessons are available at both entrances, or by checking with any of the ushers.

Communion: If you are unable to reach the serving pastor during communion - they can come to you. Please let an usher know and they will make sure you receive communion.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available at the sound booth.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one for yourself or a loved one!

Cell phones and pagers should be turned to silent.

Washrooms: located in the narthex and Education Wing, upstairs and down.

Elevator: located next to the church office.

Masks are optional at all services.

Visitation: If you are homebound or in the hospital or know of someone who is and would like to receive visits from our Visitation Team or receive communion at home, please call the office.

Drop Box: The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office is available for envelopes or small items.

Office Information: Please have all announcements in to the office by Thursdays at 10am if you want them in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. Bulletins are printed by 11am on Thursdays. If you have events or meetings to go on the monthly calendar, get them to the office the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.

Office Hours: 9am - 4 pm Monday to Friday.

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Sunday, June 1, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service on this Seventh Sunday of Easter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 1
10:00am - Family Service

Monday, June 2
6:30pm - Junior Youth

Tuesday, June 3

Wednesday, June 4
6:30pm - Senior Youth
7:00pm - Scouts/Pioneer Girls

Saturday, June 7
10:00am - Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday, June 8
10:00am - Family Service
10:00am - Confirmation



WHY WORSHIP MATTERS

Worship is central to the Christian life.

The crucified and risen

Christ is present at the center

of the assembly gathered around

the means of grace. Through the word

proclaimed and sacraments celebrated,

the Holy Spirit is at work.

Lives are changed.

Sins are forgiven.

The alienated are reconciled.

Strangers are welcomed.

Unbelief gives way to faith.

God is praised.

Worship matters!

OUR MISSION

God's purpose for

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is:

Accepting all people through God's grace,

sharing our faith in Christ,

and making disciples.

KEEP IT REAL! BRING IT HOME!

God Pause

Devotion

The gospel reading opens with Jesus' prayer for his disciples who are immediately present. The focus shifts quickly, however, to include those who will come to faith in Jesus because of their words—which certainly imagines us and our words as well. We live in a world of words, a world that is constantly being inundated and assaulted by the words of social media. Many of those words are kind and true, but far too many are hurtful and false. In such a world, our words pointing to Jesus Christ are needed even more. Those words pointing to Jesus are far more powerful when they come from a life lived for Jesus and our neighbor. When our words and our lives are congruent, then we can make sense of the words ascribed to Mother Teresa: "Spread the love of God through your life, but only use words when necessary."

Prayer

Lord Jesus, make each of us preachers of the Word, that through the word of our lives and our spoken words, you may be lifted up as Lord and people may be brought to faith and discipleship. Amen!

Luther Wayne Kendrick '72 M.Div.Retired, Trinity Lutheran, Cumberland, WI



Quilt Fundraiser - Silent Auction

The St. Paul's Quilting ladies will give ALL proceeds to the Church Mortgage.

There are reserved bids on all the quilts. The ending day will be **July 6th, 2025.**

Alleluia
He is
Risen

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER JUNE 1ST, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: "Heart of Worship"

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 97

L: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**C: Clouds and darkness surround the Lord,
righteousness and justice are the
foundations of God's throne.**

L: Fire goes before the Lord,
burning up enemies on every side.

**C: Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

L: The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

**C: The heavens declare your righteousness,
O Lord, and all the peoples see your glory.**

L: Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! Bow down before the
Lord, all you gods.

**C: Zion hears and is glad, and the
cities of Judah rejoice, because of
your judgements, O Lord.**

L: For you are the Lord, most high over
all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**C: You who love the Lord, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and
rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

L: Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

**C: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let
us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and
confess our sins in repentance and faith.

**C. Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we
come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you
our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own
strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.
We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless
and not believing. We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, for-
give us and raise us again to new life in your Son, our
Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

L: Hear the Word of God: "if we confess our sins to him, he is
faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us
from all wickedness." In Christ + your sins are forgiven.
Rest in his mercy.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray together:

**C: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your
one will. Make us love what you command and desire
what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this
world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forev-
er. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SONG: Sunday School Performance

GOD'S WORD: Reader Susan Nickel

FIRST READING: ACTS 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a
slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her
owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While
she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men
are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a
way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But
Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I
order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her."
And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw
that their hope of making money was gone, they seized
Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace be-
fore the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before
the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our
city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are
not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The
crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had
them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be
beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe
flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer
to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he
put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the
stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and sing-
ing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to
them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that
the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediat-
ely all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were
unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison
doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill
himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had es-
caped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm
yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights,
and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Si-
las. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what
must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the
Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your house-
hold." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all
who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he
took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire
family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up
into the house and set food before them; and he and his
entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in
God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay ac-
cording to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Ome-
ga, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will
have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by
the gates. ¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with
this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the de-
scendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷The Spirit
and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears
say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let
anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The
one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming
soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord
Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 17:20-26

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on
behalf of those who will believe in me through their
word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me
and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world
may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you
have given me I have given them, so that they may be
one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they
may become completely one, so that the world may know
that you have sent me and have loved them even as you
have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom
you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my
glory, which you have given me because you loved me
before the foundation of the world. ²⁵"Righteous Father,
the world does not know you, but I know you; and these
know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known
to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with
which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

SONG: "You're Worthy Of My Praise"

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: "Oh The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray together,

**C: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of
grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us
again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with
this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the
world. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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THE BENEDICTION

L: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, light your way with resurrec-
tion dawn, now and always.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG: "Christ As A Light"

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember:

Emily and Sara Doerksen, Dalia Dyck, Adelaide Freund, Chris
Funk, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Linda James, Pastor David
Lowe, Glorian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk,
Helmuth Renz Ray Schalla, Pastor Trudy Thorinsen and the
Congregation of Grace-St. John's Carman, Khrista Vogt, Mary
Wiebe, and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

WORSHIP IN THE CITY

If you are planning to attend Worship in the City this year (June
15) and want to help out, the organizing committee is looking
for ushers. Please contact Ben Ginter if you'd like to contribute!
His email is: Bmginter11@gmail.com

NEW DIRECTORIES

Please submit an updated digital photo of your family to the
office! There is going to be a new edition of the Pictorial Direc-
tory in time for September! Kids have grown older, kids have
been added, parents have grown grayer and time has passed
for all. If you feel your old picture still looks like you, great - it
won't change! Get this info to the office ASAP.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today's services.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 25: Traditional - 125; Family - 82
Sunday School: Students - 26; Teachers - 10

OFFERING: \$4,554.50



And the glory which You
gave Me I have given them,
that they may be one just
as We are one.

John 17:22

