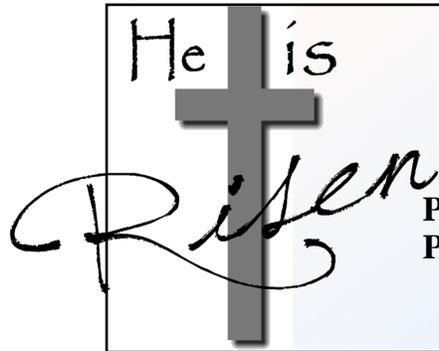


# Alleluia

	<b>St. Paul Lutheran Church</b>
	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> May 9, 2021
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**Read Before the Service:** Psalm 113

(Hymnal page 147)

## Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, be present with Your grace and mercy. Lord, open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may see and rejoice in your faithful, unending love. A love even greater than a mother's. Move us to true repentance and faith that we may receive your forgiveness and salvation that our hearts may truly rejoice. By Your grace may we also grow in godly living and show your love in all we do. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Invocation:

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C:



A\_\_\_\_\_ men.

## Opening Hymn: 742 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!

4 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One.

## Call to Repentance:

### Confession of Sins:

**C & P:** Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. I confess that I have sinned and gone astray. Lord, you have always been faithful and loving to me, but I have been unfaithful and gone after my own desires. I have often failed to be the loving child that you want

me to be. I have been hurtful and unloving to others instead of showing the forgiving love that you have given me. I have sinned against you in countless ways. Yet, I come before you because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

**Absolution:**

Pastor: As the East is from the West, so far has He removed our transgressions from us, Alleluia.

5 **Cong:** As the east is from the west \_ so far has He re-moved  
 10 \_ Our trans-gres-sions from us. \_ Al-le-lu-ia Mer-cy  
 16 High as the sky — reach-ing deep as the  
 21 Sea. — As the east is from the west \_ so far has He re-moved  
 — Our trans-gres-sions from us. — Al-le-lu-ia

**Psalm for the Day:**

(from Psalm 27)

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

**C: The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?**

P: One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek:

**C: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,**

P: To behold the beauty of the LORD,

**C: And to inquire in His temple.**

P: When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You,

**C: "Your face, LORD, I will seek."**

P: Do not hide Your face from me;

**C: Do not turn Your servant away in anger;**

P: You have been my help;

**C: Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

P: When my father and my mother forsake me,

**C: Then the LORD will take care of me.**

P: Teach me Your way, O LORD,

**C: And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.**

P: Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart;

**C: Wait, I say, on the LORD!**

**Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31**

10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good and not evil all the days of her life. 13 She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar. 15 She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household, and a portion for her maidservants. 16 She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard. 17 She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms. 18 She perceives that her merchandise is good, and her lamp does not go out by night. 19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle. 20 She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet. 22 She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies sashes for the merchants. 25 Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. 27 She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: 29 “Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.” 30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates

**Epistle Reading:**

**Titus 2:1-8**

(On back)

2:1 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: 2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; 3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. 6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, 7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, 8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

**Response of Praise:**

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.  
Death no longer has dominion over Him.

**C: "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him,  
and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Hallelujah!**

**ALL: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 12:46-50

46 While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. 47 Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You." 48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" 49 And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

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

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### Confession of Faith: The 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: 385 st. 1-5 Now I have Found the Firm Foundation

1. Now I have found the firm foundation Which holds mine anchor ever sure;  
'Twas laid before the world's creation In Christ my Savior's wounds secure;  
Foundation which unmoved shall stay When heaven and earth will pass away.
2. It is that mercy never ending, Which human wisdom far transcends,  
Of Him who, loving arms extending, To wretched sinners condescends;  
Whose heart with pity still doth break Whether we seek Him or forsake.
3. Our ruin God hath not intended, For our salvation He hath yearned;  
For this His Son to earth descended And then to heaven again returned;  
For this so patient evermore He knocketh at our heart's closed door.

4. O depth of love, to me revealing The sea where my sins disappear!  
In Christ my wounds find perfect healing, There is no condemnation here;  
For Jesus' blood through earth and skies Forever "Mercy! Mercy!" cries.
5. I never will forget this crying; In faith I'll trust it all my days,  
And when o'er all my sins I'm sighing, Into the Father's heart I'll gaze;  
For there is always to be found Free mercy without end and bound.

**Sermon Text: Isaiah 49:13-16**

13 Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted. God Will Remember Zion 14 But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me." 15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.

Today's Theme:

## **More Mindful than Our Mothers**

**Hymn: 625** Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

1. Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
Yea, if He were not dwelling there, How dark and poor and void it were!
2. Oh, blest that house where faith ye find And all within have set their mind  
To trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!
3. Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need  
And weary not of care or cost! May none to them and heaven be lost!
4. Blest such a house, it prospers well, In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
And in their children's lot is shown How richly God can bless His own.
5. Then here will I and mine today A solemn covenant make and say:  
Though all the world forsake Thy Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

**Prayers of the Church:**

**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.

L: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

6 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

12 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from your pre - sence, and take not your ho - ly Spir - it from me. \_

22 — Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

28 hold me with your spir - it free. Cre - ate in me a clean

heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

**Benediction:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**Closing Hymn: 785** Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather.  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever.  
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh.  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them safe and holy.



**Scripture Treasure to Remember:**

**2 Timothy 3:15**

*“From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday** - Board of Doctrine Meeting at 12:00 noon.  
Catechism Class at 4:00

**Wednesday** - Skype Bible Study at 9:30.  
Bible Study with Karrie at 3:30

**Thursday** - Shut-in visit with George at 3:30

**Friday** - Catechism Class at 4:30

**Next Sunday**- Worship Service with Communion at 10:00

### **Thank You**

We thank Pastor Pfeiffer for bringing us the word this morning. Pastor Pfeiffer is serving Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

### **Voter's Meeting Report**

**Treasurer's Report** - We thank the Lord for bringing us through a difficult quarter financially. At the beginning of March we were at an all time low with a negative cash flow of \$-1259.13. Thanks to unusually high offerings in March of \$9320.63 have money in our account to keep up with our expenses. We thank all those who have given freely for the support of our congregation. On average our expenses are about \$6000 a month.

**Communion** - As the restrictions prohibiting our joint worship continues, we want everyone to know that your pastor is able to come and give communion to anyone in their home. If you would like to have private communion please call the pastor and set up an appointment.

**Upcoming Events** - May 23 Pentecost

June 16 - Pastor's Vacation - Online service on June 20.

June 24-27 CLC Convention. Online service June 27.

July 1-12 Pastor and Julie Quarantine - Online service

### **ILC Graduation Activities**

Friday, May 21, the Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The final concert of the Mass Choir and Tour Choir will be that evening at 7:30 pm. The Graduation worship service will be on Saturday, May 22 at 10 am. We pray that the students will take the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD in their daily walk with Him.

### **CLC Call News**

Teacher Mikkela Hammond of St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA has been called by Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE to be their second full-time teacher for Grades 3-6. • Immanuel in Mankato, MN has modified the call of Mr. Matthew Kranz from 5th & 6th grade to fill their vacant high school position. And also the call of Mrs. Stephanie Roettger from Kindergarten to 5th & 6th grade. • Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah in Eau Claire, WI has returned the call by Redeemer in Sister Lakes, MI. • Recently colloquized Pastor Johnathan Schnose has been given a permanent call to Bethel in Morris, MN. He will be installed on Sunday, May 16. • Mrs. Beth Sandeen has returned the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor. Mrs. April Sydow, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has now received this call. This role is to complement Mr. Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor. • Teacher Nathan Buck of Valley Bible Academy in Clarkston, WA has accepted the call to teach the 5th-6th grade at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.



We thank the Lord for the gift of our mothers. What a blessing you have been to teach us and demonstrate the Love of God for us. May God bless you richly.

**MOTHER'S DAY QUOTES:** Napoleon is to have said: "*France will never rise above the level of her mothers.*" Dean Norman A. Madson paraphrased it as follows: "*A Christian congregation will never rise above the level of its Christian mothers.*" Luther paraphrase: "*Motherhood is by far the most important, most influential calling on earth. For the mothers who nurture and care for their children are shaping tomorrow's world leaders, tomorrow's physicians, ministers, workers, teachers.*"

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