



WE ARE IN THE WORLD BUT ARE NOT OF THE WORLD

May 12, 2024

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

All in attendance in the sanctuary are asked to complete the Connect Card located in the pew rack and they will be collected along with Prayer Cards, during the Sermon Hymn.

Announcements

Call to Worship

♪ A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing *LSB 493 v. 1-6*

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
 New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Christ, by a road before untrod,
 Ascends unto the throne of God.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 The holy apostolic band
 Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 And with His faithful foll'wers see
 Their Lord ascend in majesty.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 To them the shining angels cry,
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”

Alleluia, alleluia!

“This is the Savior,” thus they say;

“This is His glorious triumph day!”

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 “You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

“Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△: *Please rise for the last verse.*

△6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Invocation

✠: *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

C The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

C For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

P For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

C Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Everyone **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

♪ This Is The Feast

**C This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the
hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and
the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and forever.

C Amen. *(please be seated)*

Acts 1:12–26

A The First Reading is from Acts, chapter 1.

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his

bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

““May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

““Let another take his office.’

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

1 John 5:9–15

A The Epistle is from First John, chapter 5.

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.** *(please stand)*

♪ **Common Alleluia and Verse**

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

John 17:11b–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

Children's Message *(please be seated)*

Those present may fill out a Prayer card. Our volunteers

will gather them during the following hymn, to be offered up during the Prayer of the Church.

♪ In Holy Conversation *LSB 772 v. 1-3*

- 1 In holy conversation
 We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation
 Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying,
 As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying,
 His Spirit intercedes.
- 2 These holy conversations
 Begin in childlike ways;
We bring our supplications
 And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens
 To ev'ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions
 In ways He knows are best.
- 3 As holy conversation,
 In silence or by word,
In ev'ry situation
 Through Jesus, we are heard.

So let us pray securely,
Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely
Our Father ever hears.

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Sermon

9:00AM – Offering

♪ **Offertory** (*please stand*)

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits
to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on
the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the
name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of
all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all the faithful gathered again in the presence

of the King, that they may dwell in His house all the days of their lives and gaze upon His beauty manifested here in the Word and the Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the ministers of the Church, that they would be sent to proclaim God's name, just as the Father sent His Son and the Son sent His apostles, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all God's children who are hated by the world because they are not of the world, that holding fast to His sure Word, not one of them would be lost, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges, that the Lord would teach them the testimony of the truth and make them wise and effective in their offices, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who are sick and in distress, [especially _____], that holding the Son

of God in faithful hearts, they may have eternal life and an answer for all their prayers, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who eat and drink the Savior's body and blood, that they would receive His light and salvation, grow strong and courageous in heart, and never fail to have hope as they await His deliverance, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who offer these petitions, that they would be one, just as the Father and Son are one; and that they would be sanctified in the truth of God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

P Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom

You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

We welcome to the table of the Lord all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship Card, located in each pew rack.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy

Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

P The table is prepared. Welcome to the Lord's table.

♪ Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

Distribution *(please be seated)*

9:00AM - Songs During Distribution

♪ We Give Thee But Thine Own *LSB 781 v. 1-6*

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.
- 4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.
- 5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word,

Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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♪ The Church's One Foundation *LSB 644 v. 1-5*

- 1 The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
 By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.

- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
 With ev'ry grace endued.

- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,

By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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♪ By All Your Saints in Warfare *LSB 517 v. 1, 13, 3*

1 By all Your saints in warfare,
 For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
 Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
 That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
 Reflected from Your throne.

13 *St. Matthias, Apostle*
For one in place of Judas,
 The apostles sought God's choice;
The lot fell to Matthias
 For whom we now rejoice.
May we like true apostles
 Your holy Church defend,
And not betray our calling
 But serve You to the end.

△ 3 Then let us praise the Father
 And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
 Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number

Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

♪ O Lord, We Praise Thee *LSB 617 v. 1-3*

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore
Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

 O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:

 O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!

 O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:

 O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor

That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:

O Lord, have mercy!

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Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!



SERVING in the LORD'S HOUSE

Pastor Rev. Aaron B. Chittick

Admin. Assist. Laura Oswood **Organist** Kay Kaupp

Treasurer Donna Hobday **Altar Guild** Barb V

Interpreter for the Deaf Mary Smith **Banners** Dusti D

Today – May 12

Next Sunday – May 19

Acolyte Madison M
Assistant Loren Green
Ushers Ron Patch
 Jimmy Powell
Reader Donna Hines
Sound Max G
Candles Aaron Garn
Counters Jacque Osborn
 Liz Donbrock

Makenzie P
Paul Meyer
John Sennish
Chris Donbrock
Tim Meyer
Jimmy Powell
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Kelsey Sobeski
Kira Grant

Cookies

IN OUR PRAYERS

Cancer patients: Joyce Adams; Sidney Bills; Scott
Brandenberg; Sue Davenport; Debbie; Rob Eickmann;
Debbie Gaunt; Samantha Greenburg; Bill Livingston;
Liz; Jim Mallow; Lynn McCurley; Chris Mills; Monica;

Noah; Dixie Pawloski; Patrick Reardon.

Family & Friends: Brian; Clark; Cathy Harari; David Hobday; Debbie Jenner; Fred Jenner; Kay Kaepf; Vicki Keokuk; Patricia; Doreen Robinson; Bill Tunison; Zoe.

Shut-ins: MaryAnn Morrill; Mary Osbon; Bea Richardson; Gail Tryner.

Those in military service: Lance Bonkoske; Jeffrey Kaepf; Tristan Karl; Joe Meyer; Logan Ostrander; Ryan Schlueter; Heath Taner; Chelsea Terrones; Arie Vincegerra.

OFFERINGS May 5 (Includes Direct Payments):

General Fund-\$4,998; Youth-\$6; Narthex-\$70; Total-\$5,074.

ATTENDANCE May 5 Worship: 9am-68, 11:30am-11; Sunday School: Adults-15, Kids-7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please have all announcements to the office by 8:30am, Wednesdays.*

Interpretation for the Deaf We will have Mary to interpret for us on May 12 and 19. After that, Amy will interpret the first Sunday of every month. We'll do our best to keep you updated to any changes in the schedule.

Flower Order Pick Up Flower orders will be available for pick up after 4pm on May 20. Please get them quickly, so they stay healthy and beautiful. Thank you for supporting our Youth Group!

Service Opportunity Altar Guild is in need of help for the month of June. If you would be willing to help please contact Barb Vainner for more details.

2024 Graduates Please contact us if you know a member of St. Paul who is graduating this year from high school, college, trade school, graduate school, etc. Let us know their name and school. Known Graduates: Brooklyn Dalchow, Nakota Dayton, Madeline Garn, and Chayse Moore.

CandyGrams will be for sale May 19 - June 2. Send a sweet treat and a kind message to your friends. CandyGrams will be delivered for Friends Day, June 9. Purchase CandyGrams from the church office or in the Narthex between worship services. \$1 for church mailbox delivery. \$2 for USPS home mailbox delivery. Proceeds go to the Narthex Project.

LWML Lunch & Meeting Tuesday, May 14 @ 12pm - Fellowship Hall. Bring your sack lunch. Dessert and coffee will be provided. Enter through the patio door.

Narthex Painting is ongoing. This will take longer than originally planned

1. Please **follow the signs on the main door.** If it says do not enter, then use the patio entrance during office hours. The signs will be a reliable way to communicate to everyone.
2. **\$200 FINE: Anyone entering the work zone when signs are posted** is subject to a \$200 fine. No access to the basement, Janitor's Room, Copy Room, Sanctuary, etc. off and on throughout the painting.
3. We will have **worship in the Sanctuary.**
4. **Thank you for being flexible.**
5. **This plan is subject to change.** Because that's how things roll.



THIS WEEK at ST. PAUL COLDWATER

- Sun 5/12 9:00am Worship
 10:00am Coffee Time
 10:30am Sunday School for All Ages
 11:30am Worship - Interpreted for Deaf
- Mon 5/13 7:00am Narthex Painting Continues
- Tue 5/14 12:00pm LWML Lunch & Meeting
- Wed 5/15 9:00am Staff Meeting
- Sat 5/18 9:00am Men's Bible Study
- Sun 5/19 9:00am Worship
 10:00am Coffee Time
 CandyGrams for Sale
 10:30am Last Day - Sunday School for All
 11:30am Ages
 Worship - Interpreted for Deaf