

E-Letter April 30, 2020
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

"EXTENDING CHRIST'S LOVE TO YOU"

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."
1 John 4:7-9 (NIV)

CHURCH SERVICES AND ALL EVENTS HAVE BEEN
CANCELLED through May 4th.

Pastor Gerald Schwanke has recorded the worship service for May 3rd The Fourth Sunday after Easter (Psalm 23, Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10). The Order of Service is included at the end of this e-letter. The video can be viewed by going to this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEYbCODJmLI>

Pastor Don Andrix has recorded the worship for Sunday, April 26 The Third Sunday after Easter (Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1:17-25, Luke 24:13-35). The Order of Service was included at the end of April 23rd e-letter. The video can be viewed by going to this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VJeQyoAkv0&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR11arDQQHSdhVhN3nE3eDCq_CZu0GiOwOSvl_kPmtNduz2aHnD7zitlSmU. You may also go to Facebook/St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

WE LIFT BEFORE THE LORD IN PRAYER: Vern Richter is in the Nursing Home. Harold Ketcher is in the Hospital.

BARNABAS MEAL will be served on Thursday May 7th as take out and curbside service only! Start time is 5:30. Please continue to use social distancing and they will bring your meal out to you. You do not need to even get out of your vehicle. If you can help with cooking or serving, please contact Steve Neddermeyer at 612.308.5626 or the church office at 952.955.1498.

CALLING ALL SEWING MEMBERS: When we return to Worship we will have face masks available to whomever comes if they want one. If you can help with the sewing of these masks, please contact the church office at 952.955.1498.

CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you to those who have chosen to mail in their contributions and/or dropped them off and put them in the red basket by the office window. The St. Paul's Lutheran Church's mailing address is P O Box 697 Watertown, MN 55388. For your convenience, you can now go to St Paul's website and use the Donate Now button!

Please call a fellow member especially if you suspect they have no email. Help each other to stay connected and informed. Have them call the church office to get on the mailing list.

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Pastor Andrix is available 24/7. The church number is routed to Pastor Don's cell phone when the church office is not open

ORDER OF SERVICE

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2020

INVOCATION

HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (LSB #465)

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds, In praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and

our Lord, To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

42And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43**And awe^d came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. **44**And all who believed were together and had all things in common. **45**And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46**And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **47**praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved., and much grace was upon them all.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

19For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. **20**For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure; this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. **21**For to this you have been called because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. **22**He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. **23**When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. **24**He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. **25**For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

1"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. **2**But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. **3**To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4**When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. **5**A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not

know the voice of strangers." **6**This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. **8**All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. **9**I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. **10**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

SERMON: John 10:1-10

"Jesus Is The Door-The Door Connected To Life"

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(Apostle's Creed, spoken together)*

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.

Offering Information

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection" *(LSB #478)*

1. The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad, The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God. From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free, Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.
4. All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son, All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One! Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

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