

E-Letter Wednesday, May 20, 2020



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

“EXTENDING CHRIST’S LOVE TO YOU”

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

On Sunday, May 24th the **8:00** am worship will not yet be an open service because we need to meet the current State of Minnesota Pandemic guidelines and Governor Walz’s Executive Orders. The worship at 8:00 am will be **broadcast live on Face Book** and recorded to be uploaded to YouTube and our Website later in the day.

At **10:30** am we are planning to have our first “Drive-In” style worship service. At the “Drive-In” service you will drive to our worship location, **here at St. Paul’s**, park as directed, tune your radio to the indicated FM frequency, and participate in worship. To be within all appropriate guidelines you will need to remain in your vehicle for the entirety of the service. **Bring your Bibles!**

The Order of Service is included in this e-letter. Both services are the same.

Pastor Gerald Schwanke recorded the worship service for May 17th The Sixth Sunday after Easter (Acts 17:16-31; Psalm 146; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21) The Order of Service was included at the end of Thursday, May 14 e-letter. You may view it on Facebook and on this link: <https://youtu.be/Zre-HaYuiNM>

The Installation Service on May 17 2:00 pm was also recorded. You may follow this link to view: https://youtu.be/MFzW0Zetm_4

For video and/or audio on-line worship go to the church website at www.stpaulswatertown.org To hear an audio version, click on the Resource tab, then select Sermons from the drop-down menu, then click on the date of the sermon you want to listen to. Also, the videos of the worship services are on Facebook and YouTube. There is a link on the front page of our website www.stpaulswatertown.org to the video that is on Facebook by scrolling down to the bottom of the home page and clicking on the FB icon.

LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY LEAGUE: The LWML will have our next meeting June 18, at 6:45 pm. We will not have a June outing, but a work night to make diapers. You can drop off t shirts at church till June 18 to be used for diapers. Call or email Karen Bloomdahl if you have any questions at 952.955.2167 or quilterkaren4@gmail.com.

2020 MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM:

The annual Memorial Day Program presented by Watertown American Legion Post 121 and normally held at the Performing Arts Center at the Watertown-Mayer High School will not be held this year because of the Coronavirus disease. However, a Legion honor/color guard will continue to memorialize deceased veterans at each of the four Watertown cemeteries with a rifle salute and taps. There will be a very short program. Legion members will also mark known veteran graves with individual United States flags.

The schedule for the ceremony at the cemeteries is:

9:00 Watertown Public Cemetery

9:45 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Cemetery

10:30 Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery

11:15 St Peter Lutheran Church Cemetery

Safe distancing will be followed by the Legion and they ask the public in attendance to do the same. You can also show your support on Memorial Day by flying the United States flag at your home or business.

God bless America and God bless our deceased veterans.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church "Drive-in" Worship
Seventh Sunday of Easter May 24, 2020**

Jesus Loves Me—Opening Hymn LSB 588

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so, Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide. He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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Invocation—Opening Verses—Confession and Absolution

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen! C. **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C. **Amen.**

P. Sing to the Lord a new song, C. **For He has done marvelous things.**

P. The Lord is my strength and my song; C. **He has become my salvation**

P. Give to the Lord, for He is good; C. **His love endures forever.**

P. He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, C, **In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

P. Hear, know, and trust that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. C. **Amen.**

Lift High the Cross—Hymn of Praise LSB 837

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
2. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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The Word—

Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Apostles' 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.**

Sermon—"The Origin Story" Acts 1:12-16

Prayers—Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P, Alleluia! Christ is risen! C. **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and even forevermore. C. **Amen.**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Closing Hymn LSB 461

1. I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives my ever-living head!
2. He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
3. He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
4. He lives my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

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Go out filled with the joy of Jesus' resurrection!