

**E-Letter Wednesday, May 27, 2020**



## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### “EXTENDING CHRIST’S LOVE TO YOU”

*“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!”* Romans 11:33 (ESV)

On Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> the **8:00** am worship was not yet an open service because we needed to meet the current State of Minnesota Pandemic guidelines and Governor Walz’s Executive Orders. The worship at 8:00 am was **broadcast live on Face Book** and recorded then uploaded to YouTube and our Website. The link is: <https://youtu.be/PDoK7AQ8eVs>

Sunday, May 31 **8:00 am** St. Paul's will not yet be an open service as we need time to decipher the current guidelines from the State of MN, CDC, and Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. This Sunday's style of worship will be a repeat of last Sunday but a different service. The 8:00 am will be broadcast live on Facebook and recorded to be uploaded later in the day to St. Paul's website ([www.stpaulswatertown.org](http://www.stpaulswatertown.org)) and on Facebook.

Then at **10:30 am** we are having another “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 87.9 the 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 at the end of this message. Both services are the same. Pastor George will be presenting both services. The 10:30 am is not a prerecorded service. He will be outside leading us in worship.

For video and/or audio on-line worship for the last few months go to the church website at [www.stpaulswatertown.org](http://www.stpaulswatertown.org) To hear or see the worship service, click on the Resource tab, then select Sermons from the drop-down menu, then click on the date of the sermon you want. 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](http://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.

**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!

**CONNECT:** Please let the church office know if you plan on resuming your meetings and/or activities that it can be put on the calendar and in the Newsletter. Keep the members informed of your ministry as well as others that may be interested in joining your group. These are uncertain times and you may not plan to gather in May yet but when you do, please let the office know. 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.

### **KDUZ RADIO June 2020 Lutheran Hour Sermon Topics**

Each Sunday during June at 12:30 pm listen to the Lutheran Hour broadcast on radio station KDUZ 1260 AM. This month you will hear the following program broadcast topics:

June 7 "**An Undeserved Salute**" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Sermon on the Mount topic from Matthew 5:1-16.

June 14 "**What You're Getting Into**" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Sermon on the Mount topic from Matthew 5:17-20.

June 21 "**Powered by Touch**" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Sermon on the Mount topic from Matthew 5:21-32.

June 28 "**(Sermon Title To Be Announced)**" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Sermon on the Mount topic from Matthew 5.

**LWML:** The LWML will not meet in May. We 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](mailto:quilterkaren4@gmail.com).

**MAYER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL:** At this time, a traditional graduation ceremony is planned for the class of 2020 on Saturday, June 27 at 10:00 AM, with Saturday, July 25 at 10:00 AM serving as the back-up date.

Prom has been rescheduled for Friday, July 10. The event will begin with the Grand March at 6:30 PM.

### **LIFELINE LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

**June 7** "As you love the Savior, and through Him the members of your family, seek to remember how it is when Christ attends a wedding. He is not only to be a permanent and prominent Guest in your home; He should be its most visible centerpiece, enriching your marriage and empowering your relationships with others." *Rev. Dr. Armin Oldsen, former speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE:** Trisha Schauer, Michael Menth, Adam Sweeney, Jeremy Hecksel, Brenda Anderson, Bryan Dykhoff, Susan Barnes, Harold Schuettpelz, Mariah Guetzkow, Georgiana Schafer, Christopher Wilkening, Cameron Murdock, Glory Kohls, Evan Bauman, Stacey Larson, Marlys Wheeler, Brandon Hilk, Wallace Hermann, Barbara Lunow, Patti Cordes, Daniel Schuette, Diane Weber, Eleanor Dykhuizen, Westin Raser, Faith Unglaub, Chloe Erickson, Joy Hart-Neff, Kyle Jones, Megan Schilling, Elvera Gustafson, Andi Menth, Ardis Stewart, Liam Raser, Reed Schauer

**ST. PAUL'S WEBSITE:** Please take the time to register and check out St. Paul's website. If you had registered on the old site, you would need to change your password as things have changed. If you have not registered, you will need to do that as then you will have access to much more information. Please be patient with the new site as we not only work out the bugs but learn to navigate the many new options the site contains. Our administrator of the new site is Amanda Schaust. For questions or help you may email her at [amanda.schaust@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.schaust@gmail.com)

The good news is that if you are a Bible Study leader, Officer, or Ministry Leader, you may add articles/information to your section to keep everyone informed. Example of this is under the tab "Resources" click on "Newsletters". The church office is now able to add the Newsletters/e-letters to the website for all to view. Another example is under the tab "Ministries" click on "Small Groups" then the Small Group Bible Study Leaders would add/edit information about their Bible Studies. You will first need to contact Amanda to establish your access. Please email her at the above address.

There is also a "Donate Now" button that will link you to Lutheran Church Extension Fund (Joyful Response). You may donate either one time or recurring

The Calendar on the Website is up to date if you want to see what is coming up for Worship/Meetings/Bible Classes/Reservations etc.

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**"Drive-in" Worship Order of Service**  
**The Day of Pentecost May 31, 2020**

**Opening Hymn "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" (LSB 496)**

1 Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine; Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.

2 Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace; Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.

3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine; In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

4 Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine; Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.

5 Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine; Cast down ev'ry idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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**Invocation—Opening Verses—Confession and Absolution**

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

C. **Amen.**

P. Nicodemus said to Jesus, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

C. **Jesus answered him,** "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (*John 3:2b-3*)

P. Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

C. **Jesus answered,** "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (*John 3:4-5*)

P. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

C. **In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. (*Ephesians 1:11-14*)**

P. In Him we have redemption through His blood,

C. **the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. (*Ephesians 1:7*)**

P. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,

C. **and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (*1 John 2:2*)**

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

C. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" (LSB 498)**

1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And make our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.

2 To You, the Counselor, we cry, To You, the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the fire of love, The soul's anointing from above.

3 In You, with graces sevenfold, We God's almighty hand behold While You with tongues of fire proclaim To all the world His holy name.

4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart, And shed Your love in ev'ry heart; The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow; With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.

7 Praise we the Father and Son, And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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### **The Word**

Numbers 11:24-30

Acts 2:1-21

John 7:37-39

### **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 "There's nothing quite like a fire" Acts 2:1-21**

### **Prayers**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **Benediction**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C. Amen.

### **Closing Hymn "O Day Full of Grace" (LSB 503)**

1. O day full of grace that now we see Appearing on earth's horizon, Bring light from our God that we may be Replete in His joy this season. God, shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.

2. O day full of grace, O blessed time, Our Lord on the earth arriving; Then came to the world that light sublime, Great joy for us all retrieving; For Jesus all mortals did embrace, All darkness and shame removing.

3. For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the cross unhangings; And then He arose and moved the stone That we, unto Him belonging, Might join with angelic hosts to raise Our voices in endless singing.

4. God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing, That we might no more from Him be lost, All darkness for us dispelling. His flame will the mark of sin efface And bring to us all His healing.

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***Go out filled with the joy of Jesus' resurrection!***