

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10th & 11th, 2015



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

Our Worship Service

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WELCOME

Pre-service music St. Paul's Adult Handbell Choir

THE OPENING HYMN "Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You"
Christian Worship #380

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; That, I
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my
3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the

know, could nev - er be, For this heart would
dark - ened heart and mind, Else the world had
Fa - ther's bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our

still re - fuse you Had your grace not cho - sen me.
yet en - thrall'd me, To your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind.
ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and King en - throned a - bove.

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You re - moved the sin that stained me, Cleans -
Now I wor - ship none a - bove you; For
Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion, Him

ing me to be your own; For this pur - pose
your grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,
by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed

you or - dained me, That I live for you a - lone.
if I love you, You, O Fa - ther, loved me first.
ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

Text: Josiah Conder, 1789–1855, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON.....Acts 11:19-26

The Word of the Lord spreads after the first great persecution in Jerusalem. The church at Antioch experienced substantial growth, especially among the heathen.

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. ²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. ²² News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 98

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Refrain

Sing to the Lord a new song, for
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone *

Sing to the LORD a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.
The LORD has made his salvation known*
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his love and his faithfulness
to the house of Israel;*
all the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation of our God.

Refrain

Sing to the Lord a new song, for
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,*
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the LORD with the harp,*
with the harp and the sound of singing.
Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.*
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

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.

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON..... **1 John 4:1-11**
John urges us to "test the spirits to see whether they are from God." The Spirit of God can be recognized in those who acknowledge that "Jesus Christ has come into the flesh." John also tells us to love one another, since God loved us by sending his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

^{4:1} Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. ⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. ⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

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!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 15:9-17

Jesus points out the connection between love and obedience, and he tells us to put our faith into action by loving one another.

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.




C: Praise be to you, O Christ!


Please be Seated

CHILDREN’S TALK..... 10:30 AM

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”
Christian Worship #490




1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing,
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing,
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er,




Bind - ing faith - ful hearts in one;
Clothed in Christ's hu - mil - i - ty,
Faint - ing not when ills at - tend;

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Love in Christ is true and giv - ing—
Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May his will in us be done!
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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THE SERMON John 4:1-11

Please Stand

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.

Please be Seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER


Please Stand

THE PRAYERS
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.

Please be Seated

CONGREGATION HYMN“O Master of the Loving Heart”
Christian Worship #491



1 O Mas - ter of the lov - ing heart, The
2 Your days were full of kind - ly acts; Your
3 Your face was warm with sym - pa - thy; Your
4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So



friend of all in need, We pray that we may
speech was true and plain; Of those who ev - er
hand God's strength re - vealed; Who saw your face or
joy - ous, free, and true, That all your chil - dren,



be like you In thought and word and deed.
sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.
felt your touch Were com - fort - ed and healed.
ev - 'ry - where, Be drawn by us to you.

Text: Calvin W. Laufer, 1874–1938, alt.
Tune: AZMON (CM) Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829, alt.

Please Stand

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.


The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.




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

Please be Seated


THE CLOSING HYMN“Son of God, Eternal Savior”
Christian Worship # 492



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,
2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us,
3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er
4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,



Source of life and truth and grace, Word made
King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the
In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and
So may we for oth - ers live. Free - ly



flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors
storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid its
health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and
have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly

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all our hu - man race, You our head,
cru - el dis - cords cease. By your pa -
joy - ful, young and old. Is there want
may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold

who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will
tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent
or pain or sor - row? Make us all the
and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of

ev - er plead: Fill us with your love and
hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for
bur - den share. Are there spir - its crushed and
land and sea; We but stew - ards of your

pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.
plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain.
bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, abr., alt.
Tune: LORD, REVIVE US (87 87 D) *The Revivalist*, Troy, NY, 1868.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Mrs. Marie Becker
Adult Handbell Choir Director.....Miss Jess Lembke

Announcements

2nd PASTOR DIVINE CALL: On Sunday, May 3 St. Paul’s called Pastor Mark Schutz to be an Associate Pastor here at St. Paul’s. He currently serves Hope Lutheran Church in Spearfish, South Dakota. His congregation has a total membership of 153 souls. He is married, with three children. He has served his congregation since 2008, when he was assigned following his graduation at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. When he was contacted following our call meeting, he indicated that he was also called by Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown,

Wisconsin a couple of hours prior to our meeting on that same day. Obviously, both our district officials and we were surprised to learn this on Sunday evening. Even though this is unusual, it does occasionally happen. After receiving the two calls on Sunday, Pastor Schutz writes: *“Dear Brothers in Christ, I am writing to inform you that on Sunday, May 3, I received Divine Calls to serve as the Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, WI and the Associate Pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran in Franklin, WI. Please keep me, my family, and all three of our congregations in your prayers. In Christ, Pastor Mark Schutz.”* Please keep Pastor Schutz in your prayers as he assesses these current calls. We continue to rely on the Holy Spirit to lead Pastor Schutz to use his gifts in the best way to serve his Lord.

BAPTISM: This morning after the second service, Jay Richard Mohelnitzky will be received into God’s family through the waters of baptism. His parents are Justin and Kayli Mohelnitzky. Godparents are Rusty and Lauren Elm, Jeremy Mohelnitzky and Martha Mohs. We ask the Lord to bless Jay and his family as they grow together in Christ.

THANK YOU!: We thank Jess Lembke for directing our Adult Handbell Choir. She is a student at Wisconsin Lutheran College and will be graduating this year. Her willingness to serve here at St. Paul’s is very much appreciated. We also thank all who are serving as members of our Adult Handbell Choir.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This week’s altar flowers are donated by Mark and Rosie Derouin in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary; and by Kathy Stellwagen honoring her mother and grandmothers.

CONFIRMATION & EXAMINATION: The Confirmation Examination will be this Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30pm. The Confirmation service will be Sunday, May 17th at 10:00am. Everyone is invited to join us for these services.

ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP: Our Ascension Day worship service will be this Thursday, May 14th, at 6:30pm. Please join us that evening as we celebrate Jesus’ Ascension to heaven.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING: The Board of Elders will meet on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 PM.

ST. PAUL’S PIANO RECITAL: St. Paul’s piano students will be having their piano recital on Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 PM in the church. All are invited to come and listen to some beautiful music performed by our students.

GRASS CUTTING CREWS: It once again is getting to be the time to setup the grass cutting crews for church. There are sign-up sheets on the counter in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Gordy Lesser (421-5687).

KITCHEN REORGANIZATION: Beginning June 1st the school kitchen will undergo extensive reorganization. If you have any items stored in the kitchen at this time, please remove them prior to June 1st. If the items need to stay in the kitchen, please clearly label them. Any items not claimed will be donated to Southside Ministries.

150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: St. Paul’s was founded in 1865 when a group of German Lutherans, in the township of Franklin, met on September 21, 1865, in the house of H. Sanders on Smith Road (now 51st Street) for the purpose of organizing a new Lutheran congregation. At that meeting, H. Wolter was chosen to be the Chairman and H. Sanders as Secretary. Mr. Wolter would donate the land necessary to build the new church and cemetery. Planning and work on a new church building began shortly after that meeting, and the church would be completed in two months. On November 14, 1865 Pastor Phillip Brenner was called to be the first visiting pastor of St. Paul’s. Worship services were held in the house of H. Wolter until the new church would be completed in late 1865.

The Board of Elders would like to form a committee of men and women who would be willing to help plan events related to the upcoming 150th anniversary celebration of St. Paul's congregation. Anyone interested in being part of this committee should contact Pastor Adams or Steve Baade, the chairman of our Board of Elders.

2016 AUCTION AND GALA: On February 20th, 2016, we will be hosting our 3rd Auction and Gala. We need you to make it a success! It is a great opportunity to meet new families, get involved, and make a HUGE difference in the lives of our school kids! The last two auctions raised over \$55,000! The money was well spent on upgrading the technology throughout the school – modernized infrastructure, Chromebooks and iPads were installed and purchased. The kids are so excited to use this new technology! Please consider your involvement and the impact you can make. There are opportunities for every level of commitment, from auction chairs to much-needed, but short-lived tasks and everything in between. **Please send your contact information and any questions to Auction@stpaulsfranklin.org**

PRISM CONCERT: The WLHS Prism concerts will be held Friday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the WLHS gymnasium. Enjoy the God-given talents of our student ensembles, solos, duets, choirs and bands. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets will also be available at

the door, \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are assigned first come, first served in one of four separate sections. Purchase tickets in person at the WLHS front office to reserve a specific table within a section, or by mail using the ticket order form at www.wlhs.org. For more information, please call [414-453-4567](tel:414-453-4567).

WLHS FISHERS OF MEN CLASSIC: Registration is now open for the WLHS 11th annual Fishers of Men Classic fishing tournament held at Smokey's Bait Shop on Pewaukee Lake on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 5:00 a.m., including worship service. Cost is \$35 per person and includes: lunch, trophies, and a \$20 donation to the WLHS science department. Boat launch fee is an additional cost. Registration can be found online at www.wlhs.org or by contacting Mike Sebald at [414-453-4567 ext. 2262](tel:414-453-4567).

CRAFTERS NEEDED: The Colors of Christmas Craft Fair will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Interested crafters or volunteers are asked to contact Sandy Krueger at craft.fair@wlhs.org for additional information.

WLHS WORK DAYS: Now that spring is here, it’s time for some spring cleaning! Consider “hiring” WLHS students for a day or a few hours for a “work day” and donate appropriately in lieu of paying the students. All money raised will go to WLHS’ mission project “Ahora en Sonora,” to build a church in Mexico. Work may include: window washing, yard work, cleaning, painting, etc. Those interested should contact Roger Festerling by e-mail to workday@wlhs.org or by calling [414-453-4567 ext. 2222](tel:414-453-4567). **The last three weekends in May are your last chance to hire these students.** A special weekday team can be negotiated if a weekend will not work for you.

SAVE THE DATES: Our Vacation Bible Camp dates for this summer have been set with the staff from Camp Phillip. Our VBC program will be on July 6-10 from 9am – 3pm. Registration forms will be available at a later date. Help needed forms are in today’s bulletin.

Volunteers

- GREETERS THIS WEEK (May 10 & 11)**

8:00 AM- Allyn & Patsy Curler
10:30 AM- Richard & Betty Patin
6:30 PM - Donna LaBlanc
- GREETERS NEXT WEEK (May 17 & 18)**

8:00 AM- Bob & Carol Goelz
10:00 AM- Andrew Backus
6:30 PM- Dave & Janet Long

USHERS FOR MAY:

8:00 AM TEAM #1-Bob Hille, Larry Stujenski, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
10:30 AM TEAM#5-Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
6:30 PM TEAM#9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

April 29-May 12-TEAM #2; Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra
May 13-May 26-TEAM #3; Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-107, Communed-95; 10:30 am-132, Communed-78; 6:30 pm-43, Communed-37; Total Attendance 282; Total Communed-210; Sunday School-8; Bible Class-24

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 10

Worship 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

Monday, May 11

Worship Service6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 12

Confirmation Examination.....6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 13

Senior Choir Rehearsal6:30 PM
Board of Elders6:30 PM

Thursday, May 14

Ascension Worship6:30 PM

Friday, May 15

School Devotion..... 8:30 AM
Preschool Power Hour 10:45 AM

Sunday, May 17

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School 9:15 AM
Confirmation Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM