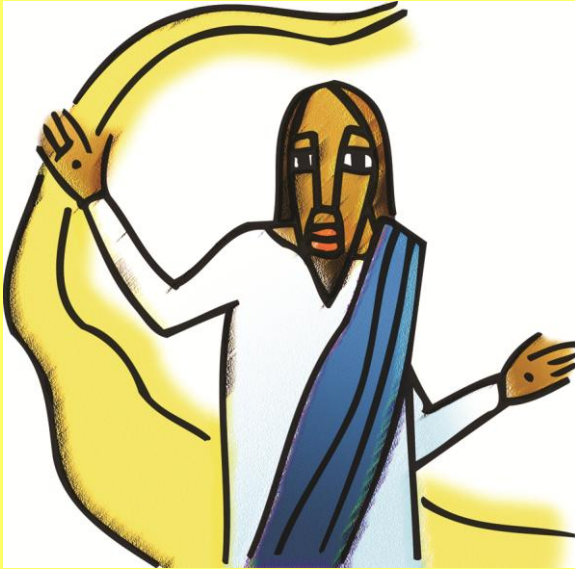


ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
127 YORK STREET
HANOVER, PA



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

Rev. Jason Northridge, Pastor
srpastor@stpaulsyorkst.org
717-467-1644

Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus
Steven Ruppright, Director of Music Ministries
Lori Rebling, Director of Hand Bells
Gretchen Walter, Director of Children's Music
Ministers: The Members of St. Paul's
Church Office: 717-637-5941
Email: assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org
Website: www.stpaulsyorkst.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpaulsyorkst

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER +

May 3, 2026

INTRODUCTION

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen**

P I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my siblings, that I have sinned by my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

C **Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

P Siblings in Christ, I invite you to confess your sins.

C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my siblings, that I have sinned by my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

P Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

*GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

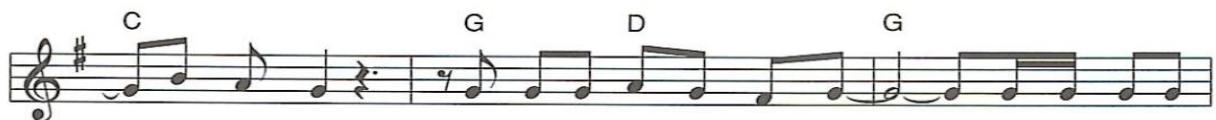
verse



We are called (we are called) We are claimed (we are claimed) We are loved
We are here (we are here) To pro - claim (to pro - claim) God is here

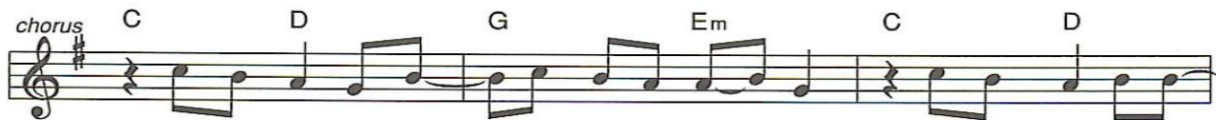


(we are loved) by the ho - ly name We are healed (we are healed) We are whole
(God is here) Calls us each by name We are here (we are here) To give praise



(we are whole) the Sav - ior ran - somed our souls — and we're singing
(to give praise) The love of God will not change — and we're singing

chorus



Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a



Oh — Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

L The First Reading according to Acts, the 7th chapter.

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

read responsively

A ¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

C ² **Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

A ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

C ⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

A ⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C ¹⁵ **My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

A ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

A Holy wisdom, Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

L The Second Reading according to 1 Peter, the 2nd chapter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and

"A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

D DM7

Help us O Lord to hear your word

D7 G

O - pen our hearts to feel your word

Em7 G/D A

Give us the strength to live your word each day

*GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my

name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

Following the Children’s Sermon, Children and Children’s Choir leaders are dismissed to Children’s Choir rehearsal and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ELW 810

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

*NICENE CREED

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick, especially those we name aloud or silently in our hearts... (*A brief silence.*) Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!"* *Schackley*
Adult Choir

*"Hallelujah! Resurrection Day! music by Larry Schackley
Tune: © 2011 Lorenz Publishing Company All Rights Reserved
Reprinted/Podcast/Streamed with permission under One License #A-707280.
All rights reserved.*

(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give>. If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

♩ = 108 D Em11 D/F# D7 G D/F# Em7 A7

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord;

5 D Em11 F#m7 Bm7 Em7 Gmaj7/A A7 D C/D D7

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord. And we

9 G F#m7 Bm7 Em7 G/A A7 D Em7 D/F# D7 G Em7

of - fer up to You the sac - ri - fic - es of thanks - giv - ing; And we of - fer up to

14 F#m7 Bm7 Em7 G/A A7 D

You the sac - ri - fic - es of joy.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray,
Risen One,

C you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

ELW 144

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**

C Em⁷/B Am⁷ C/G FM⁷ F⁶ G⁷ Dm Dm⁷

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

G⁷ C C⁷ F F/E Dm⁷ B⁷/D[#]

Lord God Al - mighty; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a

Em Em⁷ Am Dm G⁷ F/C C

to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
 You have filled all creation with light and life;
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

P We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*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.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

All are welcome to commune.

If you wish to receive communion from your seat, let an usher know.

If you are in need of gluten free wafers, please ask at the bread station.

Grape juice is available in the prefilled cups next to the empty ones.

AGNUS DEI



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Rejoice and Celebrate"

chorus C F G C

Re - joice in the Lord al - ways Ce - le - brate what

F G C F G C

God has done Re - joice and ce - le - brate we are one

verse C F G C F G

Some days we're gon - na feel lone - ly Some days we're gon - na feel
We were bap - tized in - to the pro - mise God's fam - ily we'll al - ways

C F G C

blue be Some days we're gon - na feel the help - less or We've got - ta
We're born each day through the Sav - ior Who

F Fadd9 G

let God's sav - ing grace shine through!
hum - bly gave his life for you and me!

COMMUNION HYMN

"This Is the Day"

Sing Three Times

♩=120

F

C⁶ C⁷

C⁶ C⁷



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made;

5

B^b/F F

B^b/F F



We will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

9

B^b

F

B^b

F/C

C^{7sus} C⁷



This is the day that the Lord hath made; We will re-joice and be glad in it.

13

F

F/C

C⁷

F



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Father I Adore You"

♩=72 VERSE

F Gm C F Gm

Part I Part II

1. Fa - ther, I a - dore You, lay my life be -
 2. Je - sus, I a - dore You, lay my life be -
 3. Spir - it, I a - dore You, lay my life be -

4 C F Gm C F

Part III

-fore You, how I love You.
 -fore You, how I love You.
 -fore You, how I love You.

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

*BLESSING

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!



***DISMISSAL**

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***POSTLUDE**

* Please stand as you are comfortable

Portions from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS103665 "Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream some or all of the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-707280. All rights reserved."

"Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream some or all of the music in this service obtained from CCLI with license #A-779220. All rights reserved.

	<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 10</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Pastor Jason Northridge (5/2)	Russ Kaltreider (5/9)
Assisting Minister	Frank Hueske	Russ Kaltreider
Acolyte	Dilynn Long	Jocelyn Fissel
Lay Reader	Melissa Shue	Bill Sowers
Communion Distributors	Bill Sowers	Frank Hueske
	Deb Sowers	Sherry Cracium-Bolin
Ushers	Russ Johnson	Russ Johnson
	Christopher Johnson	Christopher Johnson
Altar Committee	Becky Davis	Becki Davis
	Norma Lucabaugh	Norma Lucabaugh
	Janet Haack (Linens)	Janet Haack (Linens)

THE RADIO BROADCAST and THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Clark Barrick's birthday on May 8th by Brenda, Joan and Elaine.

BOTH ALTAR FLOWER VASES are sponsored to the glory of God and memory of Rosalind Adams by Karen McDermitt and family.

PASTOR JASON CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAYS. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

GERANIUMS SPONSORSHIP FORMS are available on the tables beside the bulletin baskets. Deadline to order is today, May 3rd.

MAY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING goes to St. Paul's Sabbatical Policy Funding.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio-May 10, 24 & 31 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-May 31 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine-May 31 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins-May 24 & 31 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame-May 24 & 31 (\$10 each date)

CONFIRMATION CLASS AND PARENTS meet TODAY following worship. Meet in the Youth Room.

CELEBRATIONS IN MAY! Join us as we celebrate and honor our teachers and Bible study leaders on **May 17** at worship. And then we'll have an "end of school year" intergenerational celebration during Faith Formation on **May 24**. Join us in Fellowship Hall for our celebration!

JOIN US ON MAY 24 FOR AN INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITY! We'll meet in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and celebration of what we've learned this year. Come find out about summer opportunities!

GET READY, GET SET, REGISTER FOR CAMP! St. Paul's will pay for a St. Paul's member, or an individual sponsored by a member, to attend Camp Nawakwa, Camp Kirchenwald, or Mar-Lu-Ridge, for one week of summer camp at the tier 1 classic rate with funding by our February's designated giving and the Adventures in Ministry Fund; Check out the summer schedules here:

<https://www.lutherancamping.org> and **<https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org>**

For more information see Laura Silver, our CampPerson.

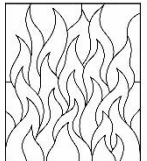
ST. PAUL'S NEWLY FORMED FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE WILL BE SPONSORING A ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PICNIC at St. David's U.C.C. Grove Building on Hobart Road in Hanover on Sunday, June 14th, beginning with a Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs and broasted chicken with various condiments, and beverages. All those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet across from Pastor's office. Please sign-up to attend and mark your calendars for Sunday, June 14.

COOPERATIVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 - We are planning on having VBS for children ages 5 – 10 on Monday, July 27 thru Friday, July 31 from 9:30 - 12:00 noon located at St. Mark's Fellowship Hall and is a cooperative ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (York Street) and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

The theme this year is "**Camping with God**". Registration will start on May 26 and is limited to 40 with a waiting list. We will need quite a few volunteers with clearances. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call 717-637-5941 or email assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org. Please consider volunteering to help with this important community event.

PLEASE BE INFORMED that our **Administrative Assistant, Carmen Buckley**, is on medical leave. She had surgery on her right elbow. We send Carmen all our prayers and our commitment to assist her through a peaceful recovery period. The physical church office will be closed for at least a one-week period beginning May 4. During this time voicemails and emails will be handled by Pastor Jason. Thank you, again, for your patience and understanding.

IF YOU COLORED A FLAME PAGE, please return it to Pastor Jason by May 17th. Additional pages are available on the counter outside the sanctuary on the pulpit side.



Getting rid of ‘all the crap’

And Jesus said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” -Luke 12:13

The father of small children was commiserating about how hard it is to keep the house clean with energetic, active, creative kids at home.

“What really gets to me about cleaning the house,” he said, “is all the crap.”

Crap. Not just the toys and stuffed animals that overflow from toy bins, under beds and closets. The adult stuff, too – the gadgets crowding the kitchen, the cleaning products jammed under the sink, the stuff crammed in the medicine cabinet, the junk all over the yard, and on and on.

The crap factor comes to mind in Jesus’ parable of “the rich fool” in Luke 12:17-20. The fool has so much stuff, he wants bigger barns to hold it all. The parable should strike a chord with us in America, where accumulation is such a big problem that self-storage (our bigger barns) is booming business.

A man of few possessions, Jesus kept everything simple. He must have known how hard it is to focus on godly living when our lives are cluttered with stuff. Of course, Jesus’ parable talks about possessions, but the same principle applies to the mind and heart’s clutter of ideas, loyalties and desires that distract us from God.

How cluttered is your house? Your mind? Your soul?

This month, consider a house cleaning to get rid of unneeded, unnecessary stuff. And prayerfully consider what “clutter” may be in your mind, heart and soul as well. What needs to be tossed out, recycled or donated in order that your house and your spirit can focus on what’s truly important? That is, the things of God.

--Rob Blezard

*Copyright © 2022, Rev. Robert Blezard. Reprinted by permission.
Rev. Blezard serves as pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, MD,
and as content editor for www.stewardshipoflife.org.*

SUN., MAY 3 8:30 am Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
 9:30 am Worship Service –5th Sunday of Easter
 Immediately following Worship Coffee Hour – lounge
 Faith Formation – Children - 2nd floor
 Confirmation Class – Youth Room
 Adult Choir II rehearsal
 Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED MAY 5 - 7

MON., MAY 4 6:30 pm Girl Scout groups - 2nd floor

WED., MAY 6 12:15 pm Midweek Devotions – lounge
 5:00 pm Property Committee meeting – Conf. Room – 2nd floor
 6:30 pm All Committee Night - sanctuary

THUR., MAY 7 6:00 pm Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room and Gym
 7:00 pm Adult Choir I rehearsal - sanctuary

FRI., MAY 8 3:00 pm Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
 6:30 pm Music and Motion recital – Everyone is welcome!

SAT., MAY 9 9:00 am Grocery Ministry – Boy Scout Troop 102
 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Service – Russ Kaltreider
 6:45 pm Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

SUN., MAY 10 8:30 am Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
 9:30 am Worship Service –6th Sunday of Easter
 Immediately following Worship Coffee Hour – lounge
 Faith Formation – Children - 2nd floor
 Adult Choir II rehearsal
 Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST



Just as a reminder, Pentecost Sunday is now just around the corner (May 24th), and it has been the tradition here at St. Paul's to decorate the church on that day with lovely red geraniums. Again this year, in addition to decorating the chancel on Pentecost, we would like re-purpose those same geraniums by planting them in some of the vacant spaces in our flower beds around the church. They bloom all summer long with only a little care and they are a lovely addition to our present landscaping. Please consider donating one additional geranium this year along with your regular contribution and let's brighten up the "church yard" and make our corner of Hanover a brighter and prettier place.

You have the opportunity to purchase a geranium to keep for yourself or donate back to St. Paul's to be planted outside on the church grounds. The geranium sponsorships will be listed in the Pentecost Sunday bulletins. Please fill in the form below, attach **\$6.00** for each geranium and place in the offering plate or return to the church office. Checks should be made payable to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church" and marked "Geraniums" in the memo. Please plan on picking up the plant(s) after the 9:30 a.m. service on May 19th or consider donating them to St. Paul's to plant outside.

Return this form to the church office by **Sunday, May 3rd**

Enclosed is _____ for the following:
(total dollar amount)

I plan to keep _____ geranium(s)

I would like to donate _____ geraniums back to St. Paul's to be planted outside on the church grounds.

In honor or In memory of (circle one)

By _____

In honor or In memory of (circle one)

By _____