



# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

**WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!**  
*If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St. Paul's, visit [www.stpaulsoke.com](http://www.stpaulsoke.com).*

## SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Paula Schopflin  
Prayer Leader: Joyce Martin  
Ushers: Robert Adair, Russ Bainbridge, Steve Krause, Benji Sitton & Kenrick Veit  
Children's Message: Romi Behrens  
Altar Guild: Joyce Martin  
Communion Assistants: Robert & Alana Adair, Jill Botkin, Ann Caine, Joyce Martin, Abby & Maelee Moeller  
Video assistant: Tracy Caine  
Acolyte & Crucifer: Maelee Moeller & Luke Purdum

**PRELUDE:** *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* Twilight Tones

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*  
Gracious God,

***Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** #631 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* vs 1, 2 & 4

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Lord be with you.

***And also, with you.***

## Kyrie 3 & 4

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **FIRST READING**

### **Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM 66:8-20**

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;

***let the sound of praise be heard.***

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living

***and has not allowed our feet to slip.***

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us;

***you have tried us just as silver is tried.***

<sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net;

***you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.***

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,

***but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.***

<sup>13</sup>I will enter your house with burnt offerings

***and will pay you my vows—***

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips

***and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.***

<sup>15</sup>I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;

***I will give you oxen and goats.***

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe,

***and I will tell you what God has done for me.***

<sup>17</sup>I called out to God with my mouth,

***and praised the Lord with my tongue.***

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart,

***the Lord would not have heard me;***

<sup>19</sup>but in truth God has heard me

***and has attended to the sound of my prayer.***

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,

***nor withheld unfailing love from me.***

## **SECOND READING    1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The image shows musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!". The middle staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line with lyrics: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!".

***Repeat***

The Holy Gospel according to John.

***Glory to you, O Lord***

## **GOSPEL READING**

**John 14:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Romi Behrens**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

***Led By The Spirit***

SPLC Adult Choir

## **MESSAGE**

**Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

## **HYMN**

***Let Every Christian Pray***

Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth the Church of Christ on earth to see and save the lost:  
God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit’s power can fit us for this hour: come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Instruct, inspire, unite and make us see the light: come, Holy Spirit, come!

## **Nicene Creed**

*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**

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

***Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.***

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us. Equip your Church with the gifts to fulfil our calling that we may love as you loved, serve as you served, and willingly follow wherever you lead. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, gifting your people, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

***Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for your single-minded commitment to your Father’s will. May we be free from distractions of envy or self, that we might walk the way of the cross and know the power of your risen life. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, treading boldly on the path of suffering, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

***Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

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

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN***

## DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

## THE BLESSING

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

## POSTLUDE-

**Ron Wallace**

**SENDING** Go in Peace. Share the good news. ***Thanks be to God.***



Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the link on our website, [www.stpaulsokc.com](http://www.stpaulsokc.com).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **XYZ**

Thursday, May 21, at 1:00 p.m. for a fun afternoon of Bunco. It's a fun and simple dice game. Diane Dewing is hosting and asks that you sign up in the narthex or let her know that you'll be coming so we know how many tables to set up. Come. We'd love to have you join us.

### **HARVEST HILLS SUPPLIES NEEDED**

We have a request from Harvest Hills Elementary to help some of their families. They are in need of certain cleaning supplies & toiletries. The counselor will hand out the items as needed. Supplies requested: toilet paper, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish soap/detergent, paper towels/plates/napkins, toothbrush & toothpaste, hand/body soap, shampoo & conditioner and sanitary products. Questions: contact Patti Spain

### **BUILDING SECURITY**

When leaving the building, please be sure all doors are closed and locked. We have had a few instances of doors being left propped open or left unlocked. Please help us keep our building safe and running efficiently.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **MAY**

**5/10- 9:30- Worship - Mother's Day**

**5/11- 9am Canticle Ringers**

**5/13- 6:30 Adult Choir Potluck & Rehearsal**

**5/17- 9:30- Worship**

5-7pm Youth Night

**5/21- XYZ**

**5/24- 9:30- Worship - Pentecost**

**5/25- Memorial Day - Office Closed**

**5/31- 9:30- Worship**