

# *St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*Holstein, IA*

*May 12, 2024*

*9:00 A.M.*

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one.*

*This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

## **GATHER**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

We begin our worship in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

**Amen.**

We gather in the presence of our God to celebrate the blessings of life.

**We gather to respond to the call of God and share our common faith which binds us together as the body of Christ.**

Let us worship and give praise to God who calls us to commitment.

**God of love, we thank you for the gift of life and the beauty of creation. We worship you. We praise you. We give thanks to you!**

### **Opening Hymn**

*A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing!*

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### **Opening Prayer**

**Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 1**

**(read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
**nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

<sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
**and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with  
leaves that do not wither;  
**everything they do shall prosper.**

<sup>4</sup> It is not so with the wicked;  
**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
**nor the sinner in the council of the righteous**

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## 1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Children's Message

### Gospel Acclamation

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris 'n in - deed.

## John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed: <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

<sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Sarah Morphey

Hymn of the Day

*Bind Us Together*

**Refrain:** Bind us together, Lord, bind us together  
with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord;  
Bind us together in love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.  
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing: **Refrain**

You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine.  
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. **Refrain**

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### Statement of Faith

We believe God is the Creator of the universe and the source of all goodness and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is both human and holy. He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us. We believe the church of God is the people of faith throughout the world. We believe our sin is forgiven and we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

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### Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

### Children's Offering / Offering

#### **Do, Lord, Remember Me**

Do, Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me.  
Do, Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me.  
Do, Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me,  
Do, Lord, remember me.

When I'm crossing Jordan, oh do remember me...  
Do, Lord, remember me.

When I've got no friends at all, oh do remember me...  
Do, Lord, remember me.

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun...  
Way beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too...  
While He's calling you.

Do, Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me...  
Do, Lord, remember me.

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**Offering Prayer**

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Response:** We pray,  
hear us, risen Lord.

**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.**

***SENDING***

**Blessing**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Song**

**How Great is Our God**

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

**Chorus:** How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. **Chorus**

**Chorus**

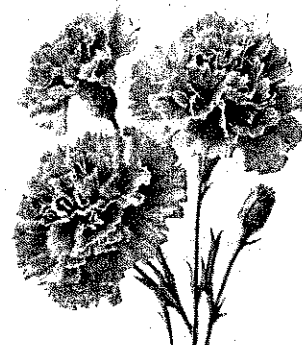
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**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Blessing of the Bikes**

*In celebration of Mother's Day some of our wonderful WELCA ladies will be handing out carnations to all women! Please grab one on your way out today! Happy Mother's Day!*



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### Worship Participants

<b>Ministers:</b>	All the members
<b>Pulpit Supply:</b>	Sarah Morphew
<b>DYME:</b>	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
<b>Organist:</b>	Sharen Borchers
<b>Pianist:</b>	Kris Kistenmacher
<b>Lector:</b>	Susan Endrulat
<b>Deacons:</b>	Andrew Butcher and Braden Else
<b>Greeters:</b>	Larry Garland & Colleen Hare
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Layla Peterson and Wyatt Modrell
<b>Special Music:</b>	Carson Schumacher, Tammy Schumacher, Dixie Brueck
<b>Sound &amp; Video:</b>	Doug Wessling and Tyler Gebers
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Jim and Jean Meier Jerry & Kathy Sindt

### St. Paul Church Calendar

#### SUNDAY, May 12 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 AM Worship / Blessing of the Bikes
- 10:00 AM Last day of Sunday School for the year
- 10:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship

#### TUESDAY, May 14

- 9:00 AM Sewing Day
- 7:00 PM Trustees meeting

#### THURSDAY, May 16

- 7:00 PM Task Forces meet
- 8:00 PM Congregation Council meeting

#### SUNDAY, May 19 ~ Day of Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion  
*Senior Recognition Sunday*
- 10:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship