

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Holstein, IA

May 18, 2025

9:00 AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of your own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 11:1-18**

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148
(Read Responsively)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.
- ² Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
- ³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
- ⁶ who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.
- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
- ⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;
- ¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² young men and maidens,
old and young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Alleluia

ALLELUIA

Larry Olson

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Those who fol - low me will not walk in dark - ness.

Those who fol - low me will have the light of life.

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John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Vicar Emily Anderson

Hymn of the Day ***God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*** #400

Recognition of our Graduates

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

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

And also with you.

MEAL

Children's Offering /Offering

Offering Prayer

Risen One, 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.

The Table

We declare ourselves to be Easter people.

We are here because Jesus is the Good News for all people.

He took the sad news of our sin and guilt and turned it around through his dying and rising for us.

Now, we are a part of the new people in Christ, and we come to celebrate his resurrection and presence.

Jesus was broken for us and torn apart for us to be healed.

He rose from the grave to unleash new life in the world. We thank you, God, for this meal given in love for us.

Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

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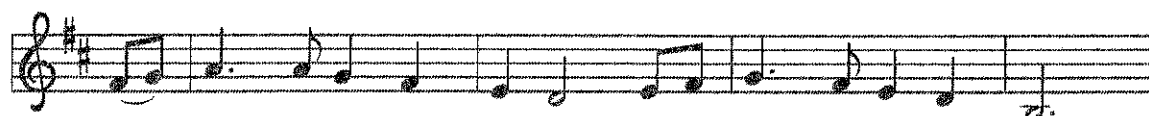
****Distribution of the Sacrament****

*All who trust in Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper,
where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life.*

*Please tell the server if you desire grape juice as an alternative to wine,
or if you require a gluten-free wafer.*

Please join us in singing:

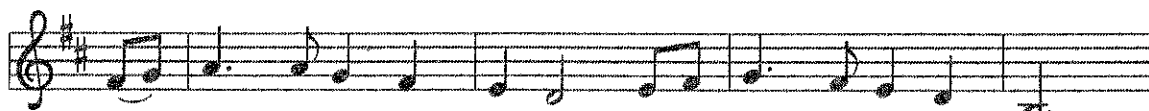
Be Known to us Lord



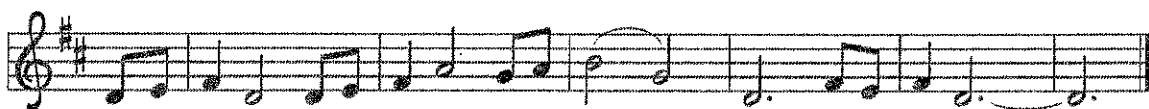
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Come to the River of Life

Chorus: Come to the river of life, you will find healing here;
Come to the river of life, come and drink freely here.
Come if your heart is searching, come if your soul is thirsty;
Draw near and drink of the mercy of Jesus Christ at the river of life.

There is a river whose streams make glad, the city of God, the city of God;
So, come if you're wounded or sad, there is a river, there is a river.

Chorus

It flows from the land of eternal light, where there's no more sorrow and no more
night;

Into the hearts that are lifted to Him, filling his children again and again.

Chorus

Moen, 1995 Integrity's Hosanna! Music, CCLI #833795

Prayer After Communion

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell
of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and
weary world.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

Closing Song

Send Down the Fire

(see pg. 9)

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

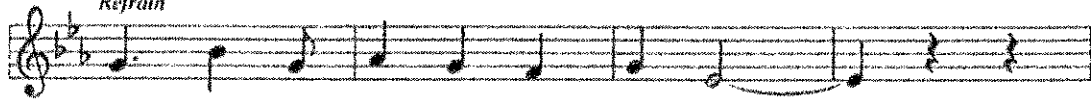
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

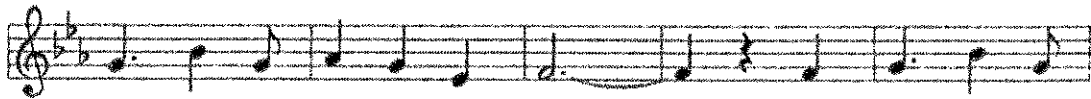
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Send Down the Fire

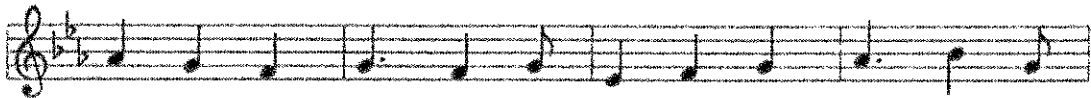
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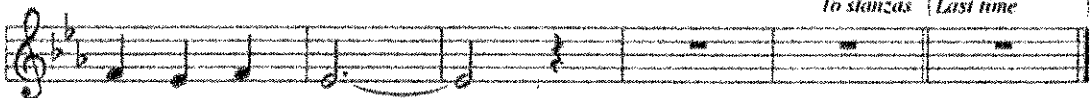
Send down the fire of your jus - tice.



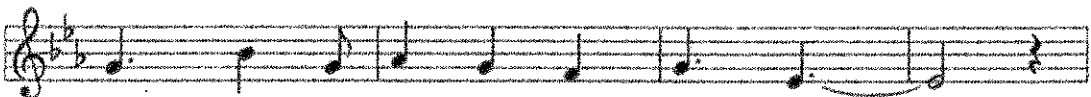
send down the rains of your love; come, send down the



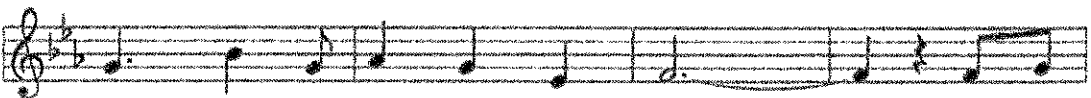
Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and we shall be



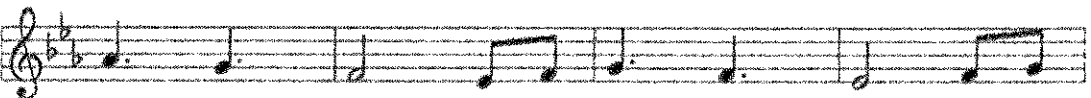
peo - ple of God.



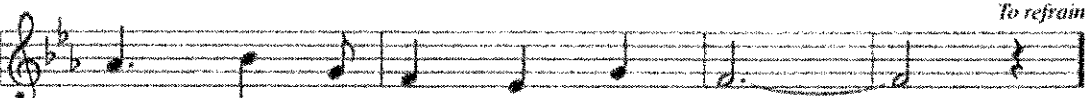
- 1 Call us to be your com - pas - sion.
- 2 Call us to learn of your mer - cy.
- 3 Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
- 4 Call us to wit - ness your king - dom.



teach	us	the	song	of	your	love;	give	us
teach	us	the	way	of	your	peace;	give	us
teach	us	the	fire	of	your	truth;	give	us
give	us	the	pres - ence	of	Christ;		may	your



hearts	that	sing,	give	us	deeds	that	ring,	make	us
hearts	that	feel,	give	us	hands	that	heal,	make	us
right -	eous	souls,	till	your	jus -	tice	rolls,	make	us
ho -	ly	light	keep	us	shin -	ing	bright,	ev -	er



ring	with	the	song	of	your	love.
walk	in	the	way	of	your	peace.
burn	with	the	fire	of	your	truth.
shine	with	the	pres -	ence	of	Christ.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SEND DOWN THE FIRE, Marty Haugen

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Worship Participants

Ministers: All the members
Vicar: Emily Anderson
DYME: Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist: Sharen Borchers
Pianist: Kris Kistenmacher
Lector: Kathy Sindt
Deacons: Justin Georg and Mitch Trost
Greeter: Jan Grell
Acolytes: Laney Georg and Vada Martin
Sound & Video: Kyle and Kreighton Krager
Coffee Hosts: Kathy & Jerry Sindt
Jennifer & Mike Glawe

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, May 18~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion
Graduate Recognition
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship

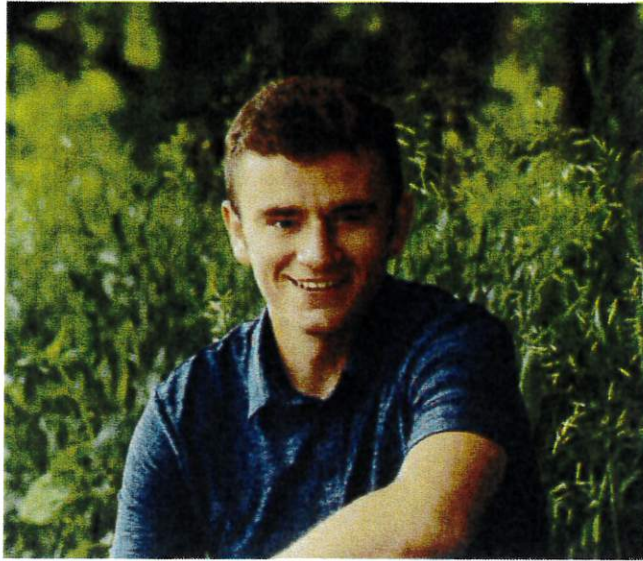
TUESDAY, May 20

9:00 AM Sewing Day

SUNDAY, May 25 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship

Congratulations Class of 2025



Brody Bisenius

Son of Adam & Amy Bisenius

Brody plans to attend South Dakota State University and major in communications with a minor in either music or theatre.

One of Brody's favorite memories at St. Paul was being given the chance to go to the New Orleans Youth Gathering.

Kyle Burk

Son of Phil & Laura Burk

Kyle is planning to attend Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. He will be studying Agricultural Business and playing football.

Some of Kyle's favorite memories include attending LOGOS, participating in the HS forum group, the New Orleans Youth Gathering, and most of all being able to grow in his faith and leadership here at St. Paul.



Congratulations Class of 2025



Gavin Vohs

Son of Tricia Vohs and Eric Vohs

Gavin will be attending Iowa State University and plans to major in Agricultural Business.

Gavin's favorite memory is being able to attend Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp. "I loved meeting new people, playing all the fun games, and growing my faith and learning more about God."

Austin Wood

*Son of Jeannette & Lonny Kay,
Mike Wood and Brooke
Chambers*

Austin will attend Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar, Iowa and pursue a degree in the John Deere Service Tech program.

Austin's favorite memory at St. Paul was grilling 100 burgers with Cody Rasmus for his last LOGOS event. It was an enjoyable experience, and I felt a sense of fulfillment in serving my LOGOS family.

