

*Sixth Sunday
of Easter*

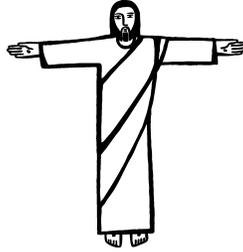


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Welcome to St. Paul's, Parkside, and Zion Lutheran Churches

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Future services will be recorded and aired on YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV.

*MeTV will broadcast Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m. on
the following channels:*

For DirecTV –Ch. 67

For Cable, Fios, and Dish: Ch. 5

For “Rabbit Ears”: Ch. 67-1

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal. In the presence of the living God,
- C we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit.
- P Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ + proclaims, “Do not be afraid!” Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God. Amen!

Opening Hymn

Just As I Am, without One Plea

The musical score is written in a three-system format. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are arranged in four lines, corresponding to the four verses. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the upper register.

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry
shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Children's Time: Pastor Jeremiah Smith

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

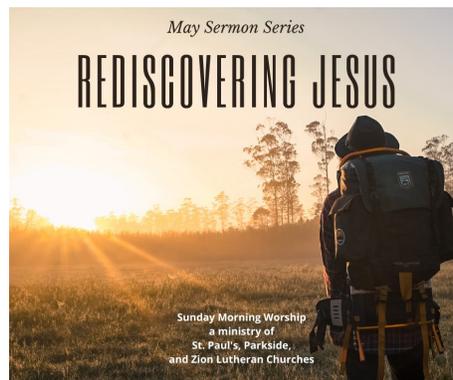
[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

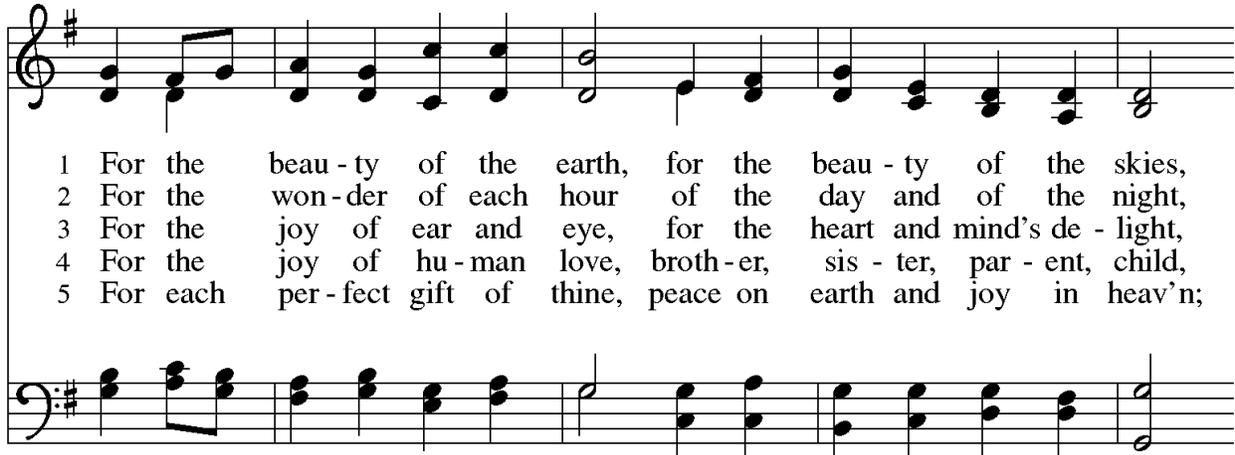
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner

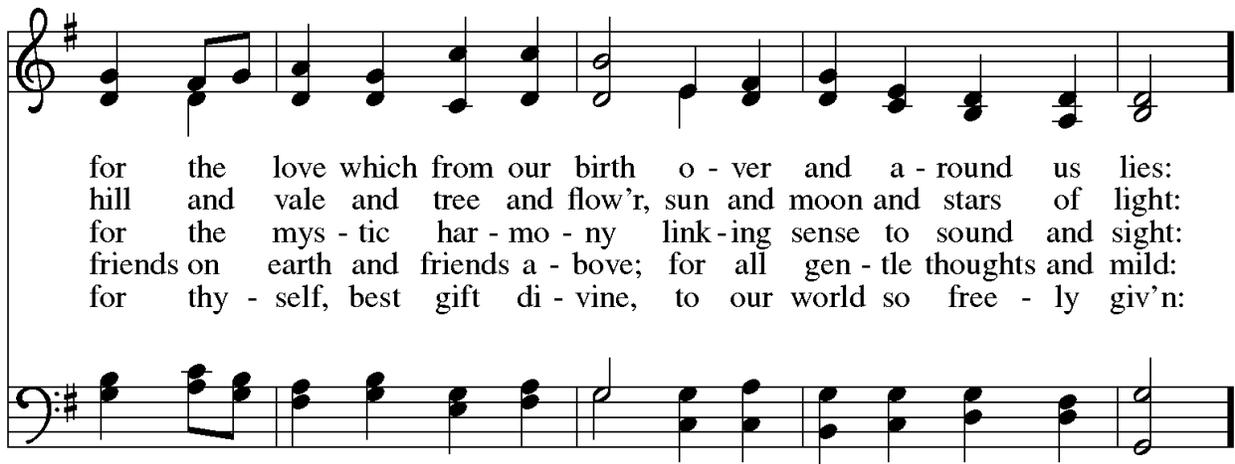


Hymn of the Day

For the Beauty of the Earth

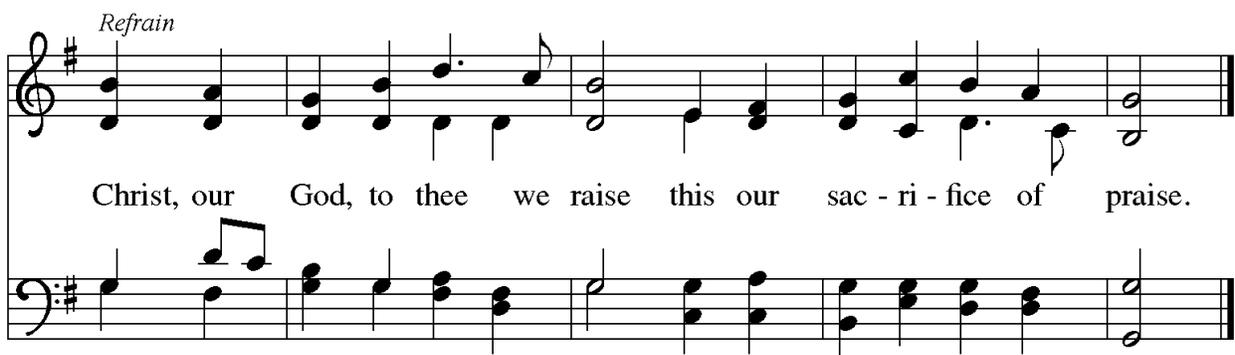


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Youth Group Time: Abby Mandris

Apostle's Creed

P Let's join to proclaim our faith in the Apostles' Creed:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 the Church

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

Benediction

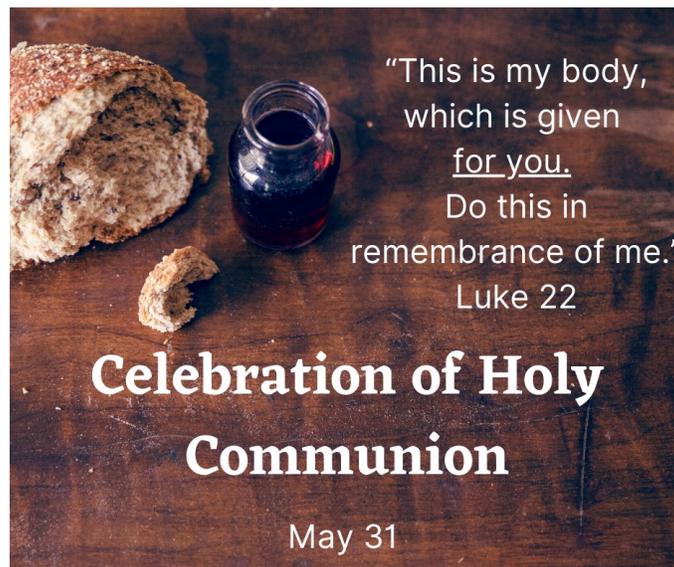
P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Celebration of Holy Communion

On Sunday May 31, Pastor Steve (St. Paul's), Pastor Carroll (Zion), and Pastor Jeremiah (Parkside) will offer Holy Communion with each community. This meal will take place via a Zoom meeting immediately following the 10:00 a.m. broadcast worship service. All who are interested in participating should make sure to have bread and or wine/grape juice in their home. Pastor Steve, Pastor Carroll, and Pastor Jeremiah will lead all those gathered in the words of institution and then commune together. Coffee Hour will follow immediately afterwards.

Why offer Communion? The Lord's Table is central to our worship. We celebrate Communion because Jesus commanded it ("Do this in remembrance of me"), and because Jesus promises to be present in the bread and wine ("This is my Body given for you"). In the Lord's supper, we receive a tangible reminder of God's forgiveness and grace. This nourishment gives us the strength to carry out our mission to love God and our neighbor. When the pandemic first started, we did not offer Communion because we did not know we would be separated for this long. Like other areas of our mission, as the pandemic and social distancing continues, we need to rethink how we live out being the church. We give thanks that God is greater than this pandemic and bigger than the distance between our tables. If you have questions or concerns please contact Pastor Steve, Pastor Carroll, or Pastor Jeremiah, and use the next few weeks to make sure you have bread and or wine/grape juice in your home to celebrate Communion with us on May 31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: May 17-24, 2020

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:30 am: Coffee Half-Hour (Zoom Meeting)
4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Windermere Elementary
- Tuesday:** 5:30 pm: Burrito Project
- Wednesday:** 12:00-12:30 pm: Paul Storfer Music on Facebook
12:30 pm: Staff Meeting via Zoom
- Thursday:** 3:00 pm-7:00 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at St. Paul's
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-1:00 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:30 am: Coffee Half-Hour (Zoom Meeting)
4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Windermere

Attendance last week: Via YouTube, Facebook, or MeTV: 200+ Offering: \$6,484.00

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Marion Alexander: Tennyson Court, #127 in Memory Care Unit (check in at desk to enter Unit), Williamsville, NY 14221

Betty Arbogast: Weinberg Dosberg Campus, #200, Getzville, NY 14068

Louise Duethorn: Elderwood, 5775 Maelou Drive, #329, Hamburg, NY 14075

Claire Franke: Elderwood, 225 Bennett Road, #223, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

John Schunak: 193 E. Pinelake Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

*Dolores Shearer: 10 St. Charles Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

Mary Elizabeth Stewart: 69 Washington Highway, Amherst, NY 14226

Prayer List: In our and extended family: The family of Mildred Mahoney; the family of Diane Kasting (St. Paul's bookkeeper); Ben Richards; Heidi and Ron Ginal (Barbara Walter's friends); Margaret and Jimmy Manz (Adam Weber's friends); Vincent Delgato (Dolores Shearer's son-in-law); Thomas Maier

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All meetings at St. Paul's have been canceled until further notice.

The Daily Bread Food Truck, the Burrito Project, and the Tiger's Den Food Pantry will continue to operate. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office: 716-835-0407.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The remaining May Pantry hours are: Thursday 5/21 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and Saturday 5/23 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Pantry items for May are: spaghetti sauce, pasta, and tomato paste.

The Upper Room for May-June 2020 and The Word in Season for April, May, June 2020: If you normally take one of these devotional booklets, please let the office know and we will mail the current booklet out to you.

Message from St. Paul's Finance Committee

With COVID-19 upon us, we are dealing with unprecedented amounts of uncertainty. News is fast developing and every day brings a new change to our lives like we never imagined.

We are writing this letter to remind you that St. Paul's still needs your ongoing financial support. For those who have had their employment altered or eliminated, our prayers and support are with you. We are writing this letter for those who can still provide, as a friendly reminder that your weekly offerings continue to be a very importance source of income to support not only St. Pauls' ongoing expenses, but our ministry activities. Please prayerfully send your gifts via mail to the church office, or it is easy to set up on-line giving use the following link. If you need any assistance please give the office a call.

<https://stpaulseggertsville.org/online-giving/>

We sincerely hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy. Together in Christ, we are strong, and if we all do our part, we'll get through these difficult times. Don't forget to laugh every now and then, and go wash your hands!

The Finance Committee

**ST. PAUL'S FIRST RESPONDERS AND
FRONT-LINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

Please remember all of these dedicated people in your prayers:

Ashish Bhatia

Kris DiPasquale

Stephen DiPasquale

Chad and Danielle Israel

Ryan Jones

Amber Krol

Jennifer Leary

Lisa Magin

Amber Mata

Ian Miller

Jill Pogodzinski

Thomas Quatroche

Michael Richardson

John Rodriguez

Michael Ruckdaschel

Kaetlyn Simpson

Angela Stark

Ira Striejewski

Ben Vilonen

Rick Vilonen

Mary Jo Williams

Patrick Wisniewski

Robert Zielinski

We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals
who have been gifting their services to help bring you
the Sunday MeTV productions:

Musician/Videographer:

Michael Hooker

Soloist:

Theresa Kosmowski

Sound:

Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

Video and Editing:

Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

DJs/MCs, SOUND & LIGHTING



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