St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel and University Center
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10th, 2026

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

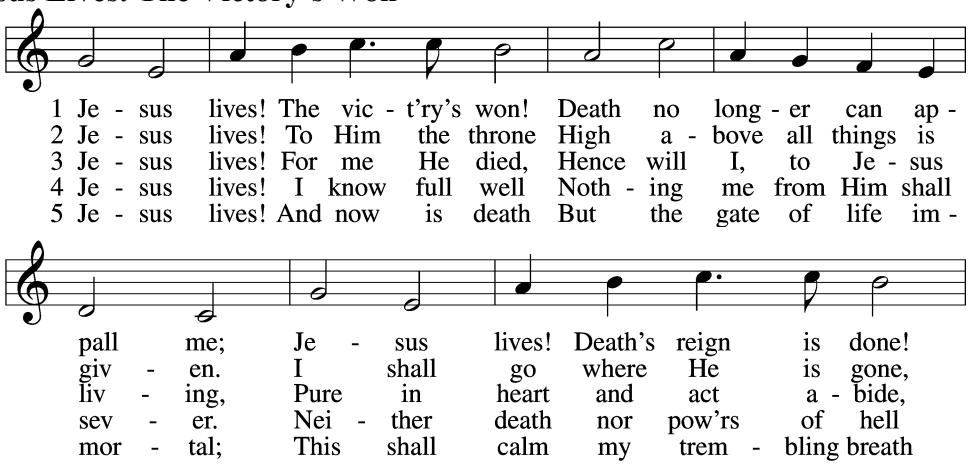
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



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Kyrie *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading *Acts 17:16–31*

16While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the
city was full of idols. 17So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in
the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. 18Some of the Epicurean and Stoic
philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others
said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the
resurrection. 19And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know
what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20For you bring some strange things to our ears. We
wish to know therefore what these things mean." 21Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived
there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.
22So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way
you are very religious. 23For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an
altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I
proclaim to you. 24The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth,
does not live in temples made by man, 25nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed
anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26And he made from one
man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and
the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their
way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28for

"'In him we live and move and have our being';

as even some of your own poets have said,

"'For we are indeed his offspring.'

29Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone,
an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now
he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the
world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by
raising him from the dead."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 66:8–20; antiphon: v. 8*

8Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,
9who has kept our soul among the | living*

and has not let our | feet slip.
[10]For you, O God, have | tested us;*
you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.
[11]You brought us in- | to the net;*
you laid a crushing burden | on our backs;
[12]you let men ride o- | ver our heads;*
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of a- | bundance.

[13]I will come into your house with burnt | offerings;*
I will perform my | vows to you,
[14]that which my lips | uttered*
and my mouth promised when I was in | trouble.
[15]I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,
with the smoke of the sacri- | fice of rams;*
I will make an offering of | bulls and goats.
[16]Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.
[17]I cried to him | with my mouth,*
and high praise was | on my tongue.
[18]If I had cherished iniquity | in my heart,*
the Lord would not have | listened.
[19]But truly God has | listened;*
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.
[20]Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast | love from me!

Epistle *1 Peter 3:13–22*

[13]Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? [14]But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, [15]but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; [16]yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. [17]For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

[18]For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, [19]in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, [20]because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. [21]Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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, [22]who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

C **Alleluia.**
Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel *John 14:15–21*

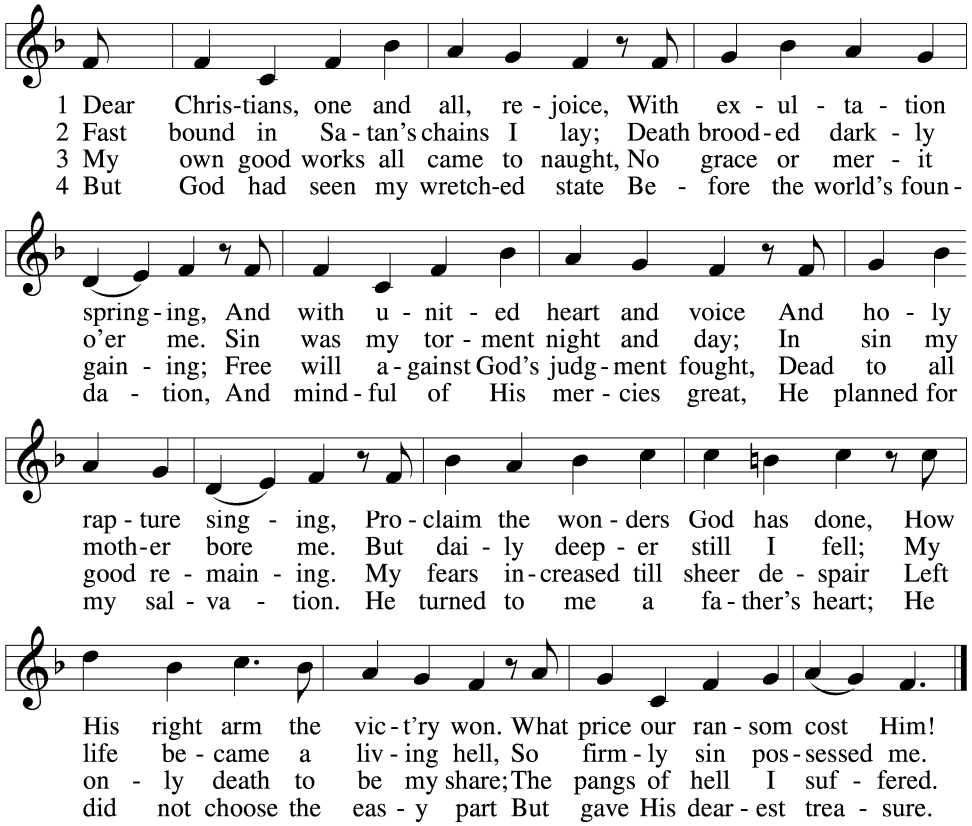
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

15 [Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he
will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot
receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be
in you.
18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no
more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my
Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who
loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to
him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice
Vs 1-5 All
Vs 6 – Women
Vs 7 –Men
Vs 8-10 - All



5 God said to His belovèd Son:
"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,
Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

9 "Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught
Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Stand

Offertory *LSB 159*

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 160*

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

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

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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 161*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

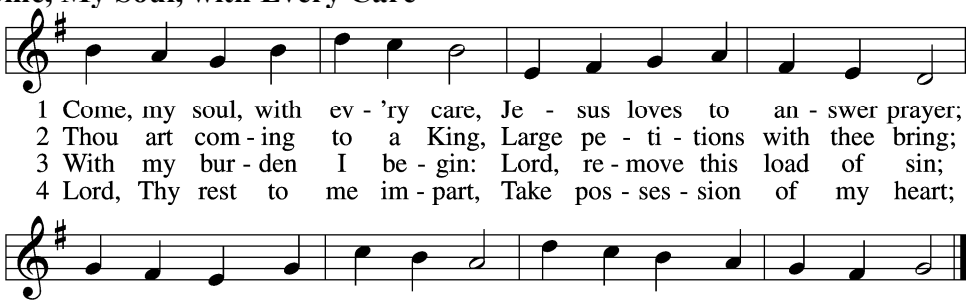
Distribution

Concerning the Holy Communion

We ordinarily offer the Lord's Supper only to those who are communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in altar or pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. The Scriptures teach that Holy Communion is to be a confession of a common faith (1 Cor. 10:17, Acts 2:42) and that those who are unprepared may even do themselves spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:23-32). We do not hereby presume to question another's faith in Christ, but hold this historic position out of love for God's Word and in care for souls. Inviting all Christians to Communion would imply a oneness which does not yet exist but for which we must all pray. Even as we try to respect the practices of other Christian denominations so we ask others to respect our practice. Those who would like to discuss this practice at more length may make an appointment with our pastor to do so.

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion, but wish to receive a blessing, please feel free to come forward. Please stand with your hands behind your back to indicate that you would like a blessing.

779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care



5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

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616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me

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Stand

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction *LSB 166*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

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In our prayers we pray for John Ireland who is undergoing treatments for cancer.

Upcoming Events!

It is finals week! No events to allow for all time to be spent studying ☺.

General Information

Cry Room: If you are in need of a place to go with your children during the service, please feel free to use the bell tower. You will still be able to hear the service from there. Also, there is a changing station in the women's bathroom.

Bulletin Announcements: If you are in charge of an announcement for an event, please have it to the administrative assistant by 9:00 AM on the Thursday before the first Sunday you would like it to run. E-mail it to stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com

Lost and Found! In the student center is a wicker storage cube which is the Chapel's Lost and Found. Any items left in the Chapel will be placed in this container. At the end of each month, the bin will be emptied and its contents will be donated to Good Will. All Chapelites are strongly encouraged to check the Lost and Found periodically so we don't donate something of yours!

Auto Debit Offering Option: If you would like to automate or update your existing auto-offering please visit https://stpaulic.com/giving/ or speak with Chapel Treasurer Samantha Zoske, treasurer.stpaul@gmail.com

Calendar

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Private absolution is available by appointment.

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