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Sunday, May 15, 2011
Fourth Sunday of Easter

8 AM & 10:30 AM ☒ Worship Program

The Rev. William A. Vanderslice, Pastor
Vicar Christopher McKinstry, Pastoral Intern
Mrs. Bonnie Bonser, Director of Education & Family Ministry
Mrs. Margie Rodenberger, Organist

The Readings from Scripture

(Please be seated)

The First Reading

Acts 2:42, 42–47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was outpoured on God's people. This new community is founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.

A reading from the book of Acts.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly in the midst of adversity.

A reading from First Peter.

¹⁹For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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The Verse (Please stand)

LBW setting 1

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues with 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

The Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.

The Holy Gospel according to St. _____ the _____ chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, starting with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are 'Glo - ry to you, O Lord.' The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of our Lord.

(Please be seated)

Praise to you, O Christ.

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, starting with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are 'Praise to you, O Christ.' The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

St. Paul's Prayer List & Weekly update to the May Vision

Norm Benner
Bob Mackon
Dorothy Mohr – *at home*
Jeff Gruskaw, *Son In Law - F & D Lechner*
Gary Peterman, *Brother - F & D Lechner*

Sandy Roth - *At home*
Marianne Schatz
Dean Steinman – *Nephew of Ida Benner*
Kevin Steinman – *Nephew of Ida Benner*

Please look in the current edition of the Vision Newsletter for other names on our prayer list. The Sunday bulletins only list updates to the complete list in the Vision.

We remember in our prayers April Hall, a member of our child care staff, on the death of her mother. April has served on the staff of UPCCC for 23 years and currently is an instructor in our Kindergarten program.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edna and Clifford Renning presented by daughters Louise and Joann.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph Z. Richard presented by sons Clyde and Alan and families.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edward Decker presented by wife Ruth and daughters Lori and Lisa and sons Edward Jr. and Robert.

Capital Improvement Fund ~ We have currently received a total of \$63,810. in our Capital Improvement fund toward our goal of \$225,000. Pledges amount to \$64,914.

Elevator Fund ~	Gifts Previously Committed	\$55,000.00
	Gifts Received as of 5.10.11	\$12,230.00
	Total	\$67,230.00

Elevator Project Update ~ Continues to be under construction. Anticipated completion date June 24, 2011 due to a delay in shipment of parts.

Table Talk ~ Will meet on Sunday at the pavilion at 4:30 PM. Please speak to the pastor if you would be interested in this adult faith discussion group.

Victory House ~ The St. Paul's soup kitchen committee will be traveling to the Victory House on June 12th for their next visit. A signup sheet is located outside fellowship hall on the bulletin board. If you are interested in traveling to the Victory House to help serve, would like to prepare some food prior to the trip or have any questions about the Victory House at all, please contact Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895 or via email at foreman3@hotmail.com.

June 26 (last Sunday of June) ~ Commissioning of our 2011 Appalachia Service Project team is being held at the 9: 15 AM Service this morning . This year's home repairs team will travel to Clay County, KY. Members of the team include:

~ This Week at St. Paul's ~

Sunday	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School	9:15 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Table Talk in the Pavilion	4:30 PM
	Generations Choir – <i>resumes in September</i>	
	Bell Choir – <i>resumes in September</i>	
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM
Monday	Cub Scouts	6:30 PM
	Cemetery Committee	7:00 PM
	Praise Team Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Wednesday	Men's Bible Study	7:00 PM
	Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM
Thursday	Bible Study at home of Bonnie Bonser	1:00 PM
	Vineyards Association Meeting	6:30 PM
	Evening Bible Study at home of Bonnie Bonser	7:00 PM
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~ Today's Worship Assistants ~

Altar Guild	8:00 AM	Nicole Oswald	
Assistant	8:00 AM	Stan Rose	10:30 AM Jan Woertz
Ushers	9:15 AM	Sue Jarrett and John Ferrero	
	10:30 AM	Jeff & Tyler Bird	
Monday	Sandy Bergey, Eleanor King & Diane Leister		

St. Paul's Community Emergency Fund

We have become aware of two families in the community who need assistance with medical and grocery expenses due to extraordinary circumstances facing their respective families. Both families are hard working and have not asked for any assistance. Any contributions to our Community Emergency Fund would be appreciated and will provide support to these two families at this time. Checks may be made out to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Red Hill" and placed in an envelop marked "Community Emergency Fund." with your name and envelope #. The envelope may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Questions, please speak to Bonnie Bonser or Pastor Vanderslice.

***Geranium Sponsorship for Pentecost
Sunday, June 12th***

We will be taking orders now through **May 22nd** for geraniums to decorate the sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday, June 12th and then to be planted in the church flower beds.

Please Return this form to the church office, or place in the offering plates. Each pot of branched multiple blooms costs **\$4.00**. **Please have exact change or make checks out to St. Paul's.**

Number of plants _____

Given by _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

_____ *to the glory of God*

_____ *Please use to beautify church flower beds.*

_____ *I would like to pick up my plant following the service on Sunday, June 12th*

