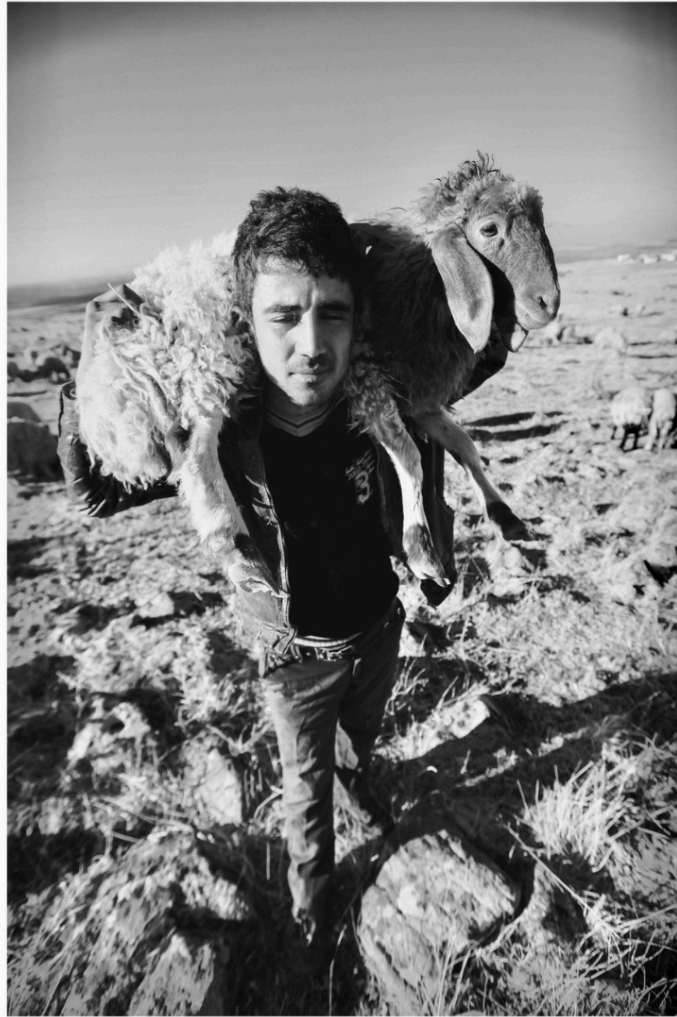




St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 11, 2025



Pastor Kevin Compton Leads Worship
Margie Rodenberger - Piano & Organ

If you are visiting us today, Welcome! In the pew in front of your seat is a white card you can fill out to let us know you would like more information or to be in touch. If you prefer, you can scan the QR code to fill it out on line. We hope to see you again soon!



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory God in loving memory of Grace & Raymond Kline by son Richard and Family.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dorothy Koons presented by Dolores, Deb and David and their families.

PRELUDE Played by Margie Rodenberger

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (Please rise in body or in spirit.)
All make the sign of the cross, as the Pastor begins:

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: In the name of ☩ the One who was,
who is, and who is to come.

All: Amen.

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

Pastor: 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,

All: make us one as you are one.

Pastor: 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 our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

All: make us one as you are one.

Pastor: 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,

All: make us one as you are one.

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

HYMN GREEN BOOK #352 - I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

THE GREETING (Pastor)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Pastor)

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the
great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us
complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all
that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen. (Please be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Psalm 23 (Assistant)

Assistant: Please read Psalm 23 with me responsively.

Assistant: ¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**All: ²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

Assistant: ³You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**All: ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Assistant: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**All: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.**

Revelation 7:9-17 (Assistant)

Assistant: The Second Reading is from Revelation, the seventh chapter

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise in body or in spirit)



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

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Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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GOSPEL: John 10:22-30 (Pastor)

Gospel is from St. John, the tenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem.

It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of

Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will

you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus

answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do

in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you

do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and

they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me

is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

³⁰ The Father and I are one."

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ (Please be seated)

INTERLUDE Children Exit to Sunday School

THE MESSAGE Pastor Kevin Compton

SONG OF THE DAY Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) Words and Music
By John Newton, John P. Rees, Edwin Othello Excelli, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Refrain: My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love,
amazing grace.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

Refrain

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Refrain

The earth will soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine,
will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

CREED (Please rise in body or in spirit)

(Assistant): Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith,
sharing together the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 INTERCESSION (Assistant)

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(A brief silence.)

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care, especially those on our prayer list and those whom we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (allow a brief silence for the congregation...).

Uphold each person as your beloved and let your mercy be felt in their hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints. We rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace (Pastor)

The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

All: And also with you! (Please be seated)

MISSION MOMENT

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

SONG Sanctuary (4x) 3rd verse acapella CCLI License No. 108389

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true:
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (4x)

SONG Create in Me a Clean Heart Mary Rice Hopkins 1989 Big Steps 4 U
Maranathana! Music

Create in me a clean heart, oh God, that I might serve You;
Create in me a clean heart, oh God that I might be renewed.
So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to You.
Create in me a clean heart, oh God, that I might serve You
(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Pastor)

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Pastor)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: 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.**

HOLY COMMUNION (Pastor)

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

All: Amen. (Please be seated)

Instructions for Communing: All are invited. Follow the usher's directions. You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of wine from the communion servant. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Blessings are available in lieu of communion or for any young person who has not yet received communion instruction.

SONG All I Need is You Dan Adler CCLI License #1083898

- 1 All I need is You Jesus, all I need is You.
You are the source of all I need, All I need is You.
- 2 All I want is You, Jesus, all I want is You.
You are the source of all I need, All I want is You.
- 3 My only hope is You, Lord, my only hope is You.
You are the source of all I need, My only hope is You. **Repeat Verse 1**

SONG Ancient Words Lynn De Shazo Copyright 2001 Integrity's Hosanna Music CCLI# 1083898

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life Words of hope. Give us strength help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus: Ancient Words ever true changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts.
O let the ancient words impart.

Musical Interlude

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice. O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart.

Chorus

SONG I Offer My Life Claire Cloninger, Don Moen 1994 Juniper Landing Music
Integrity's Hosanna! Music

All that I am - all that I have
I lay them down before You O Lord
All my regrets - all my acclaim
The joy and the pain
I'm making them Yours

Chorus Lord I offer my life to You
Everything I've been through
Use it for Your glory
Lord I offer my days to You
Lifting my praise to You
As a pleasing sacrifice
Lord I offer You my life

Things in the past - things yet unseen
Wishes and dreams
That are yet to come true
All of my hopes - all of my plans
my heart and my hands
Are lifted to You **Chorus**

(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Pastor)

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good
news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

ALL: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

THE BLESSING (Pastor)

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.

All: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CONGREGATION

SONG Lion of Judah CCLI Song # 1079280 Robin Mark © 1997 Song Solutions
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You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain.
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign.
At the end of the age, when the earth You reclaim.
You will gather the nations before You.
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb who was cru-ci-fied.
With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign at Your Father's side.

Chorus: And the angels will cry --"Hail the Lamb"
Who was slain for the world -- Rule in pow'r
And the earth will reply --You shall reign
As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords.

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side.
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied.
Cause the Father had told us, for these You have died.
For the nations who gather before you.
And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb who was cru-ci-fied.
Who descended to hell, yet was raised up to reign at His Father's side.

Chorus

DISMISSAL (Pastor)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Lion of Judah

Thank You to our worship assistant Jenna Langenback, our ushers Carol Elias and Isaac Langenback, and to Laura Foreman for live streaming. Thank you to Margie Rodenberger, our pianist. Today is fellowship Sunday, thank you to our gracious host, Pat Walter. We also thank our flower sponsors and all who help with worship.

Together we pray for:

Larry Cassel; Kelly Chandler; Beverly Compton; Isabelle DeVough; Sandy Dillaway; Mary Lynn Gluck; Barbara Green; Glen & Rose Greenawald; Allison Cairns Heist; Laverne Keyser; Joann Kolonia; Sue Lang; Tom Lang; Frances Lechner; Alma Leister; Becky McIntosh; Yvonne Mims; Anthony R.; Donna Rodenberger; Barbara Roeder; Gladys Sands; Sally Schwenk; Linda Shagg; Bryce Stever; Ryan Weaver; Larry Weiss; Linda Wessner; Linda Wood

Please keep our four Confirmation students in your prayers as they finish up their preparations to be Confirmed and added into full membership at St. Paul's on June 8, 2025. The students are Henry Eisenberger, Isaac Langenback, Ehvy Reinhart, and Eric Virus.



Announcements & Events

Today is Fellowship Sunday. Please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall following worship to share a time of refreshments and conversation. Pat Walter is our gracious host today.

The Pentecost Flower Sale has begun. Geraniums are \$5.00 per plant and orders are due in the church office or collection plate by May 12, 2025. There are order forms in the narthex and in the weekly email. There is also a copy at the end of the bulletin today for your convenience. We cannot accept any late orders. Place your order in the collection or have it in the office by the 12th.

Scout Pack 170 Wish List Our pack 170 plans to camp & is in need of some supplies to do so. Can you help? Please see the list at this qr code or in the weekly email. Thanks so much.



The flyer features a light blue background with water splash graphics. On the left, there is a yellow sponge with bubbles and a purple bucket with water splashing out. On the right, there is a red cartoon car with a smiling face, covered in blue bubbles and water. The text is centered and reads:

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EXPENSES FOR OUR 2025
HOME REPAIRS MISSION TRIP
TO APPALACHIA.**



ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL
Pentecost Flower Sale

PENTECOST Sunday is June 8th. If you wish to sponsor Geraniums to decorate the sanctuary at St. Paul's, they are available for sponsorship at \$5.00 per pot.

Please complete this form and return it to the church office or place it in the collection plate at church by May 12th with your payment. (We can't accept any late orders).

If you select to pick them up please plan to take them with you after worship on June 8th. Those remaining will be placed in the covered door by Frye Road for pickup during the week.

GIVEN BY: _____

Quantity Ordered: _____ **@ \$5.00 each =** _____

Check (payable to St. Paul's) # _____ **or Cash**

Dedication: **to beautify God's house** **OR**

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ **I will pick up my plants after Pentecost worship**

_____ **I am donating the plants to the church gardens**

