

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogate: The Sunday of Christian Prayer



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John 16:23b

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Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

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*"He Is Risen to Carry Believing Prayers to God."*

*The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus*

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you"* (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1-6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4-9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

Service Notes: The kantor for the 8:00 a.m. service is Kent Seetin. Jonathan Sherrill will be providing distribution music. The kantorei for the 10:45 a.m. service is the Waggoner Family Kantorei. Matthew Waggoner will be providing distribution music. Pastor Frank is the organist.

Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



# Divine Service

## Setting One

*Prelude: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH (Our Father, Who from Heaven Above), Settings by Johann Pachelbel and Dietrich Buxtehude*

### 875 Father, We Praise Thee

LSB 875 (Please stand for verse 3)

watch - ful, stand we all be - fore Thee; Sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; Bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us Thy sal - va - tion; Thine is the glo - ry,  
1 Fa - ther, we praise Thee, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for Thy man - sions; Ban - ish our  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty  
prayer and med - i - ta - tion: Thus we a - dore Thee.  
where Thy saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

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## Confession and Absolution

*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  $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$  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.**

*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  $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Ps. 66:1–2a, 17, 19–20; antiphon: Is. 48:20b*

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.\*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

**Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\***  
**sing the glory | of his name.**

I cried to him | with my mouth,\*  
and high praise was | on my tongue.

**But truly God has | listened;\***  
**he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.**

Blessèd | be God,\*  
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.\*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

## 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.**

**Old Testament Reading***Numbers 21:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm (Saturday)***Psalm 107:1–9 (antiphon: v.19)*

<sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD | say so,\*  
whom he has redeemed from | trouble

<sup>3</sup>and gathered in | from the lands,\*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and | from the south.

<sup>4</sup>Some wandered in | desert wastes,\*  
finding no way to a city to | dwell in;

<sup>5</sup>hungry and | thirsty,\*  
their soul fainted with- | in them.

<sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,\*  
and he delivered them from | their distress.

<sup>7</sup>He led them by a | straight way\*  
till they reached a city to | dwell in.

<sup>8</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,\*  
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

<sup>9</sup>For he satisfies the | longing soul,\*  
and the hungry soul he fills | with good things.

**8:00 a.m. Gradual (Kantor) ~ "Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord".....LSB #777**

**10:45 a.m. Gradual (Kantorei) "Christ Is the World's Redeemer" .....LSB #539**

**Epistle***1 Timothy 2:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

LSB 458 st. 1

1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands  
For our offenses given;  
But now at God's right hand He stands  
And brings us life from heaven.  
Therefore let us joyful be  
And sing to God right thankfully  
Loud songs of alleluia!  
Alleluia!

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## Holy Gospel

John 16:23–30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

<sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above**

LSB 766 (Kantor/Kantorei verse 3)



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to  
 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to  
 3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal  
 4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly  
 keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name  
 righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day  
 fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey



And pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no  
 We walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false  
 With gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's  
 Through - out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and



thought - less words to say But from our in - most hearts to pray.  
 teach - ing us per - vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.  
 pow'r, de - feat his rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.  
 blood and ev - 'ry ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

- 5 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 And let us all be clothed and fed.  
 Save us from hardship, war, and strife;  
 In plague and famine, spare our life,  
 That we in honest peace may live,  
 To care and greed no entrance give.
- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,  
 That they may trouble us no more;  
 We, too, will gladly those forgive  
 Who hurt us by the way they live.  
 Help us in our community  
 To serve each other willingly.

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Sermon: "In Jesus' name. Amen!" John 16:23-30

**766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above**

LSB 766 sts. 7-9

- 7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,  
 Where our grim foe and all his horde  
 Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.  
 Help us resist, help us to stand  
 Firm in the faith, a mighty host,  
 Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;  
The times and days are perilous.  
Redeem us from eternal death,  
And, when we yield our dying breath,  
Console us, grant us calm release,  
And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.  
Make strong our faith in You, that we  
May doubt not but with trust believe  
That what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your Word  
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

Offering: *VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH* (*Our Father, Who from Heaven Above*), Setting by F.W. Zachau

*Stand*

## 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 . . . 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.**

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- 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.**

### 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

LSB 163

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

**G** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 163

**G** 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

### 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633 (Please stand for verse 8)



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthral;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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## 779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

LSB 779



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;  
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;  
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;  
4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.  
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.  
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.  
There Thy blood - bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

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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773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

LSB 773



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and  
 2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed  
 3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on  
 4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
 souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,  
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:  
 sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,  
 Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
 Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
 To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.  
 By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.  
 Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.  
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

LSB 768



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
 2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;  
 3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way  
 Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow  
 Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed  
 Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from  
 That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry  
 That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the  
 That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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## 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.  
 Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace. **C Amen.**

## 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task

LSB 869



- 1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.  
 2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.  
 3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;  
 4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,



- For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.  
 On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.  
 In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.  
 Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.



- Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,  
 Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,  
 All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,  
 Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;



- In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.  
 Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.  
 Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.  
 You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.

- 5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task  
 Be to You commended;  
 May Your will be done, I ask,  
 Until life is ended.  
 Jesus, in Your name begun  
 Be the day's endeavor;  
 Grant that it may well be done  
 To Your praise forever.

**Postlude:** *With the Lord Begin Your Task, Setting by William Braun*

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Jan Goodin and all other St. Paul's Shut-Ins;

Rev. David Kuhnle and the congregation of St. John Lutheran Church, Honey Creek;

Those serving in the armed forces... Dustin Bathen, grandson of Virg & Jan Steenbock, David Letcher, Nathan Moeller -members of St. Paul's, Justin Carlton, husband of Kathryn Charlton, granddaughter of Bill Johannes, Matthew Bandomer, grandson of Art Bandomer, Joey Greiner, nephew of Joni Doiron, Matthew James Harris, nephew of Mark & Erika Harris, Joseph Finch, (son of Bob & Dianna Finch), Jared Naja (nephew of Laura Goodwin), Cory Bartles (friend of Shaylie Gardner);

Those celebrating a wedding anniversary this week: Tony & Shirley Gust, Wes & Shirley Walker, Brad & Karen White, Marvin & June Feller.

## News and Notes

**"Honoring God's House" ~ It's not too late to give a gift or pledge to St. Paul's Capital Campaign. Forms are located in various places in the church. Please prayerfully think on how you can help! So far we have received \$275,000 in cash and pledges!! Let's keep going!!**

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If you would like to order flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, please contact the church office (712-322-4729) Cost: \$48.00.

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"Little though you can see it now, God intends to do wonderful things with you. If He is taking it slowly, that's no surprise; He did it the first time, too. Nothing the devil can do will stop the Lord from finishing His work in you. After all, He has already laid down His life to make you His own." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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**In memory of Karen Hansen** ~ Krista, Kehly, Seth and I will be hosting a Celebration of Life in honor of Karen on May 22, 2021 at Vine Street Cellars in Glenwood (2:30-4:30 pm). We held a private service at our home in AZ following Karen's passing. Please share the information with anyone interested at St Paul. This will be a casual gathering. Thank you Kevin

## Opportunities for Growth: May 9 – 16, 2021

**Sunday: 5/9/21 Mother's Day**

9:30 a.m. – SS/ABC

**Tuesday: 5/11/21**

9:00 a.m. – Pastors' Conference

7:00 p.m. – Elders' Meeting

**Wednesday: 5/12/21**

9:00 a.m. – Chapel - SPLECC

**Thursday: 5/13/21**

7:00 p.m. – Ascension Worship – C (Reception following)

**Saturday: 5/15/21**

5:30 p.m. – Worship – C (masked)

**Sunday: 5/16/21**

8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. – Worship -C

3:00 p.m. – Tina Sherrill's Piano Studio Recital



**A LIFETIME OF COLLECTING NEBRASKA ART SHOWCASED  
IN NEW EXHIBIT**

Dr. J Gordon Christensen has spent a lifetime promoting the musical and visual arts to generations of young Nebraskans. Cathedral Arts Project (CAP) is exhibiting his collection of art by Nebraska artists in the Sunderland Gallery beginning Sunday, May 16, 1 - 3 p.m.

Christensen is a native of Dannebrog, Neb., a farming community in central Nebraska known as the “Danish Capital” of the state. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Hastings College, and Master of Music and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He served as the Elementary Music Specialist in the Imperial, Neb. school system for 41 years. In 2000 he was the recipient of the “Teacher of the Year” for the State of Nebraska and the national “Teacher of the Year” award sponsored by the Foundation Rural Education and Development, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Christensen lists collecting original oil paintings by Nebraska artists; collecting Victorian and Art Nouveau glass; entertaining; traveling and driving his Corvette convertible as hobbies.

He has amassed what is most likely the largest privately owned collection of art by Nebraska artists. His collection includes work by Gib Neal, Neil Christensen, Karen Kunc, Tom Palmerton and Keith Jacobshagen. CAP is exhibiting this collection May 16 - June 6 including a First Friday Reception June 4, 5 - 7 p.m.

Visitors are encouraged to attend a concert by Grammy-nominated organist Jan Kraybill at 3 p.m. in the cathedral immediately following the conclusion of the exhibit opening. The concert is co-sponsored by the Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and will be livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/941310>.

The exhibit and concert are free and open to the public. Please wear a mask. The Sunderland Gallery is located in the Cathedral Cultural Center, 3900 Webster St., Omaha, Neb. Gallery hours are noon - 4 p.m., Tuesday - Sunday. St. Cecilia Cathedral is located at 701 N. 40<sup>th</sup> St. in Omaha.





## Capital Campaign Corner Capital Campaign Corner

On February 27, 1930, Mr. George A. Spooner was engaged as architect for the new church building assisted by Mr. Henry J. Schneider. The Reverend F.R. Webber of the LCMS Architectural Committee, provided assistance to the architects. Under the leadership Pastor Mueller, an English Clerestory Gothic architecture was selected for the church design. Clerestory style architecture is a style where part of the church rises clear of the roof and whose walls contain windows for lighting of the interior. The congregation secured two loans in the amount the \$10,000 each; one from the General Church Extension Board of the LCMS, and the other from the Iowa District Church Extension Board (Fund). Church bonds totaling \$45,000 at four percent interest were issued. Contracts were made for the construction of the building, the stained glass windows, the furnishings and the Reuter pipe organ. The contracts totaled \$75,186. The general contractor for the new church, C.C. Larson and Sons, took the old church building at 627 Seventh Avenue as a down payment for his work. At today's prices, this amount is small, but at that time, in the face of a depression, with many people out of work, the amount was significant.

We are thankful for the many faithful leaders of old who gave of themselves so that we may worship our God in this wonderful setting!



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