

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING THE PEACE

### OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory! **Because of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.** Look and listen! The glory of God dwells among us, sounding like a mighty flood, lighting up the earth. **We put our trust in the Lord, our help and our shield, the Maker of heaven and earth.** God promises to be with us forever, and Christ promises we will never be left as orphans. **Therefore, we will bless the Lord, from this time forth and forevermore. Hallelujah!**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters, Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, in order to bring us into the presence of God. Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sins. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Loving God, you promise to dwell with us forever, yet we often turn away to the lifeless idols of this world. We place our trust in things of our own making rather than in you, our true help and shield. We do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you and to love our neighbors; our conscience is not clear. Wash us again in the waters of your grace. Cleanse our hearts, and send your Spirit of Truth to guide us, that we may live anew through the mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you." Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has made you alive by the Spirit. Know that through the waters of grace, you are cleansed, restored, and forgiven. Be at peace.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**HYMN: #408 Come, Thou Almighty King**

**GREETING (p. 203)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE (p. 138)**



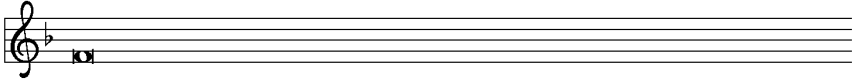
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



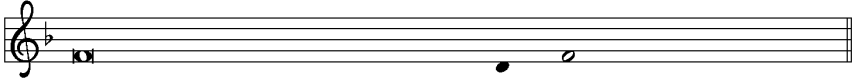
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



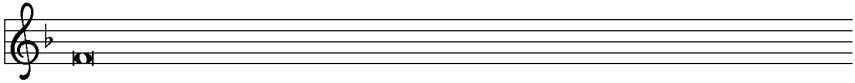
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



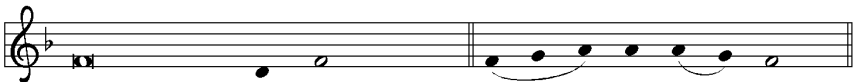
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



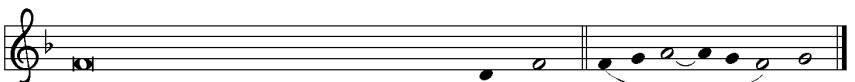
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 140)



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Loving God, Maker of heaven and earth, you promise to dwell among us forever. Help us to find our true life in you, that we may keep the commandments of Jesus, follow the promptings of your Spirit of Truth, and always be ready to witness to the hope**

**that is within us, sharing Christ's abiding love in the world.  
Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC Sunday School "The Mothers in Our Lives"  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 43:1-7a (CEB)**

*God resides among the people forever.*

<sup>1</sup> Then he led me to the east gate, <sup>2</sup> where the glory of Israel's God was coming in from the east. Its sound was like the sound of a mighty flood, and the earth was lit up with his glory. <sup>3</sup> What appeared when I looked was like what I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and also like what I saw at the Chebar River, and I fell on my face. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord's glory came into the temple by way of the east gate. <sup>5</sup> A wind picked me up and brought me to the inner courtyard, and there the Lord's glory filled the temple. <sup>6</sup> A man was standing next to me, but the voice that I heard came from inside the temple. <sup>7</sup> He said to me, Human one, this is the place for my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will dwell among the Israelites forever.

**Psalm: Psalm 115**

<sup>1</sup> Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory;  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **Why should the nations say,  
"Where then is their God?"**

<sup>3</sup> Our God is in heaven;  
whatever God wills, God does.

<sup>4</sup> **Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.**

<sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but they cannot speak;  
eyes they have, but they cannot see;

<sup>6</sup> **they have ears but they cannot hear;  
noses, but they cannot smell;**

<sup>7</sup> they have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot  
walk;

they make no sound with their throat.

<sup>8</sup> **Those who make them are like them,**

**and so are all who put their trust in them.**

<sup>9</sup> O Israel, trust in the Lord,  
who is your help and your shield.

**<sup>10</sup> O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord,  
who is your help and your shield.**

<sup>11</sup> You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord,  
who is your help and your shield.

**<sup>12</sup> The Lord has been mindful of us, and will bless us;  
the Lord will bless the house of Israel and the house of**

**Aaron;**

<sup>13</sup> those who fear the Lord will be blessed,  
both small and great together.

**<sup>14</sup> May the Lord increase you more and more,  
you and your children after you.**

<sup>15</sup> May you be blessed by the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

**<sup>16</sup> Heaven is the heaven of the Lord,  
but the earth God entrusted to its peoples.**

<sup>17</sup> The dead do not praise the Lord,  
nor all those who go down into silence;

**<sup>18</sup> but we will bless the Lord,  
from this time forth forevermore. Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22 (CEB)**

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are zealous for good? <sup>14</sup>But happy are you, even if you suffer because of righteousness! Don't be terrified or upset by them. <sup>15</sup>Instead, regard Christ the Lord as holy in your hearts. Whenever anyone asks you to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it. <sup>16</sup>Yet do this with respectful humility, maintaining a good conscience. Act in this way so that those who malign your good lifestyle in Christ may be ashamed when they slander you. <sup>17</sup>It is better to suffer for doing good (if this could possibly be God's will) than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup> Christ himself suffered on account of sins, once for all, the righteous one on behalf of the unrighteous. He did this in order to bring you into the presence of God. Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And it was by the Spirit that he went to preach to the spirits in prison. <sup>20</sup> In the past, these spirits were disobedient—when God patiently waited during the time of Noah. Noah built an ark in which a few (that is, eight) lives were rescued through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism is like that. It saves you now—not because it removes dirt from your body but because it is the mark of a good conscience toward God. Your salvation comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who is at God’s right side. Now that he has gone into heaven, he rules over all angels, authorities, and powers.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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.

*Before:* The holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 14:15-21 (CEB)**

*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:] <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can’t receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

<sup>18</sup> “I won’t leave you as orphans. I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my

commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*After:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: “The God Who Moves In”**

**HYMN: #396 Spirit of Gentleness**

**The Nicene Creed (p 104)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

## **OFFERING**

God's glory fills the earth, and Christ has suffered to bring us into the very presence of God. With a good conscience and a joyful heart, let us offer our gifts and our lives in gratitude for all that God has done.

**Offering Song: #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart**

**Offering Prayer: O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)**

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

Now God, who creates, redeems, and sustains, keep you steadfast in faith, buoyant in hope, and abounding in love. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**HYMN: #392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

## **CHARGE**

Sisters and brothers, the glory of the Lord dwells among us. Therefore, go out into the world with a good conscience and respectful humility. Go in peace to serve Christ, and always be zealous for what is good. **Thanks be to God.**

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran, Crookston, MN

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

### **For those who need healing in body, mind, or spirit:**

Julie Love	Eunice Sondrol	Judy Luettjohann
Darleen Jackson	Katie Bakken	Julian Bertils
Marlo Moren	Evie Gunderson	Nancy Eia
Mike Ophus	Loiland family	Trevin Monahan
Nash Erdman	Stuart Hanson	Mark Peterson
Lenny Devos	Glorryne Casmeay	Lucile Torkelson
Delores Sandager	Carol Chaffee	Kari L Trudeau
Leah Knotek Ellefson	Mary Ann Knotek	

**For our missionaries:** Steve & Kelly Solheim  
City of Joy Rwanda

**For our servicemen:** Brandon Johnson      D.J. Brace

***Please keep them in your prayers this week.***

If you have prayer requests, please contact the church office at 218 281-3638 or our prayer chain coordinator, Marian Bakken: (h) 218-281-1584, (c) 218-275-3143, [marianbakken@gmail.com](mailto:marianbakken@gmail.com).

## MISSION

### To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people

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## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

Ushers

Scott and Julie Kleven

Scripture Reader

Scott Kleven

Acolyte

Altar Guild

Marian Bakken

Offering Counters

Kathie Barnes and Candace Brouse

Fellowship

Youth Cinnamon Rolls (yummy)

Livestream

Anna Peterson

## MAY WORSHIP SERVICES TEAM

We are grateful for the Spectacular May Worship Team. We still need a Communion Server on May 17<sup>th</sup>, Fellowship on May 24<sup>th</sup>, and Ushers, Acolyte and Fellowship on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Dan and Brandi Halland

Scott and Julie Kleven

Loren and Marjean Sanderson

Alvern Wentzel

I appreciate that you have filled up much of  
the month already! 😊

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 21:1-7

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Readings for May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9am- 2pm**

**Please leave a message after 2 pm on the answering machine/drop something in the mailbox (north side of building)/call ahead. Pastor Curt is usually in the building but may be out on other church business. Worship via Facebook: [facebook.com/stpaulscrookstonmn](https://facebook.com/stpaulscrookstonmn)**

### ***Sunday, May 10***

**8:45 am**

**10:00 am**

**11:00 am**

### ***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

**SS/Adult Bible Study**

**\*Last Day of Sunday School**

**Worship**

**Fellowship**

### ***Monday, May 11***

**8:30 am**

**5:30 pm**

**6:30 pm**

**6:00 – 8:30 pm**

**LWR Quilting**

**Stewardship Committee mtg**

**Fellowship Committee mtg**

**Fellowship Hall Reserved**

### ***Tuesday, May 12***

**7:00 am**

**7:00 pm**

**Men's Coffee Fellowship**

**AA**

### ***Wednesday, May 13***

**6:30 pm**

**7:00 pm**

**Online Safety Presentation**

**Choir Practice**

### ***Thursday, May 14***

### ***Friday, May 15***

**Church office closed**

**Pastor's Day off**

### ***Sunday, May 17***

**8:45 am**

**10:00 am**

**11:00 am**

**6:30 pm**

### ***7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

**Adult Bible Study**

**Worship and Communion**

**\*Senior Quilt Presentation**

**Fellowship**

**Women's Book Read**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

Attendance: 89

### *Our gifts towards Budget:*

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,155.58
Loose Offering	\$ 45.00
General Treas/No Benevolence	\$ 35.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 35.00

### *Other (non-budget) Receipts:*

Improvement Fund	\$ 160.00
Sunday School (Noisy Offering)	\$ 25.00

### *Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:*

Total received towards Budget	\$4,675.42
Total (non-budget) Receipts	\$3,270.58
Total Received	\$ 185.50
	\$3,456.08

The most recent Treasurer's Report was approved at the last Church Council meeting. You can review it in the bulletin or web bulletin from May 3<sup>rd</sup> or contact Tammy in the office and she can provide a copy.

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR SUMMER TRAVELERS

We know many of our members travel during the summer or have other commitments. Your consistent support is vital to our church and mission, especially during the summer months. If you think you'll miss church services this summer, consider setting up **recurring giving**.

It takes just a few moments to get started, and your regular donations will help sustain us throughout the year. Visit [stpaulscrookstonmn.com/giving](http://stpaulscrookstonmn.com/giving) to set up a secure, recurring contribution from your bank account, credit card or debit card. We sincerely thank you for your generosity to our church community and various ministries!

## SPECIAL MESSAGES

### THANK YOU

Thanks a bunch to Emily Giannotta for providing music last week while Mary Ann was out. What an excellent job she did! 😊

### MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

This year's theme, *More Good Days, Together*, encourages us to think about what a "good" day means for ourselves and our communities. By reflecting on this, we can better connect people with the right support at the right time, education, and community engagement to help create more good days for everyone. One way to **take care of YOU** is journaling. It can be as simple as only words, in letter form to God, creative writing or art, and more. Some ideas include:

- Reflect on your day
- Your goals
- Challenges with work or home (or both... we all have them.)
- Your sorrows
- What you are thankful for each day
- The big and trivial things that make you happy or sad

Journaling may not always feel fun or easy. It's normal to experience a little discomfort when writing about painful or frustrating experiences. But venting this distress can often lead to healing and growth. On the other hand, the benefits of how gratitude contributes to an individual's character development and overall well-being have been proven by actual scientific studies.

*Thank  
You*

### ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S BOOK READ

**Thursday, May 21st** - We are planning to watch the soon-to-be released movie "**Remarkably Bright Creatures**" together as a group. We will gather at the church. Please Bring-Your-Own-Beverage and we will serve popcorn for this delightful movie night with friends. All are welcome! **Movie begins at 6:15 - 8:15 pm.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

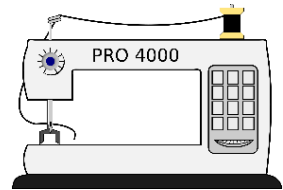
Ilene Landby is going to be 90 on June 5th! The family is asking that all her Saint Paul's friends take a moment to send her a birthday greeting. She loves getting mail and it would be wonderful if she could receive lots of well wishes for her 90th birthday.

### **Her address is:**

Ilene Landby  
Warroad Sr. Living Center  
1401 Lakestreet SW  
Warroad MN 56763

## QUILTER'S WISH LIST

As people are doing their spring cleaning, the quilters would appreciate any of the following items: sheets, pillowcases, mattress pads, bed skirts, blankets, bedspreads, comforters, drapes, curtains, tablecloths, fabric, and yarn. Many of these items are fillers for quilts; the age/use of them is not significant. **Thank you!**



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** Online Safety Presentation
- **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** Quilt presentations to  
graduating seniors
- **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** sPARK Registration  
Deadline

## SPRING OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the church office hours have been updated. All remains the same except Tuesday hours will be 12:00 – 5:00 pm.  
Thank you. 😊

## LWR PACKING



The wonderful ladies of our Lutheran World Relief Quilting group will soon be packing and sending another shipment of quilts, baby kits, and health care kits. If you are able to help on May 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 8:30 am, we would be very grateful. 😊

## **SUMMER FAITH sPARK**

Calling all kids entering **1st–6th grade** this fall! Join us this June for an evening of outdoor fun, fellowship, and faith at **Summer Faith sPARK**.

This year's theme is **ROCK SOLID: Jesus Strong & Kind** (based on Matthew 7:24-27). Each week, we will gather to explore a new lesson:

**Week 1:** June 4<sup>th</sup>

Jesus Welcomes All

**Week 2:** June 11<sup>th</sup>

Jesus is Strong

**Week 3:** June 18<sup>th</sup>

Jesus is Kind

**Week 4:** June 25<sup>th</sup>

ROCK SOLID Celebration Night at  
St. Paul's

### **The Details:**

**When:** Every Thursday evening in June

**Where:** A different park each week

**Time:** 5:30 PM (Bring your own picnic supper) | 6:00 PM  
(Activities begin)

**How to Register:** More details, including the weekly park schedule, are on the registration form. Please return your completed registration to the office by **Wednesday, May 27**. We can't wait to see you there!

## **ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATION**

Keeping our kids safe in the digital age we live in: Information every parent, grandparent and guardian needs to know.

**May 13, 2026**

**Wednesday evening @ 6:30 pm**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**1214 University Avenue, Crookston MN**

St. Paul's is hosting the Polk County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday, May 13, to present a timely program that highlights topics of concern for families, including:

- Sextortion
- On-line predators
- Privacy and content
- Parental monitoring
- Resources



There will be time for questions. All parents, grandparents and guardians are invited.