

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Rogate – The Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
17 May, 2020

663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.

5 But while watching, also pray  
 To the Lord unceasing.  
 God protects you day by day,  
 Strength and faith increasing,  
 So that still  
 Mind and will  
 Shall unite to serve Him  
 And forever love Him.

*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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.  
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- 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.\*

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### Kyrie

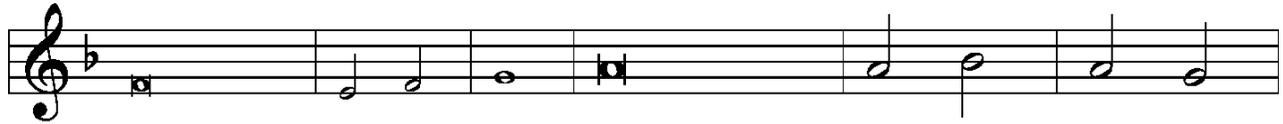


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

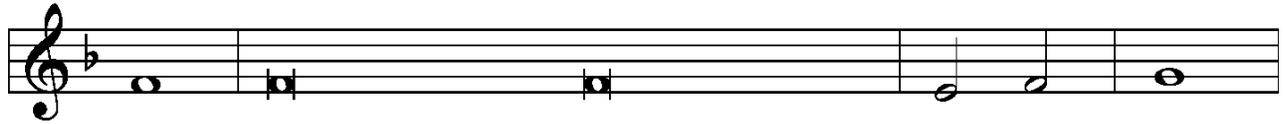


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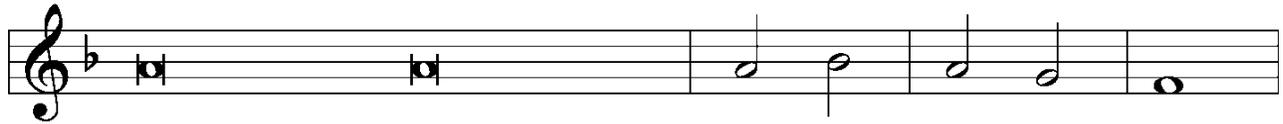
Gloria in Excelsis



**♩** Glory be to God on high: **♩** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



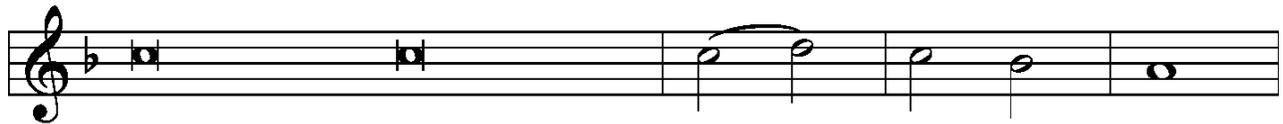
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



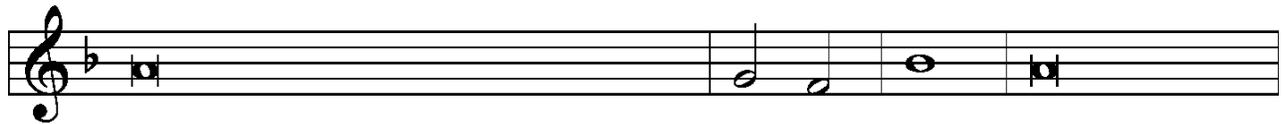
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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** A - men.

Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 21:4-9*

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. 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." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 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. 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." 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.

## Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–6

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 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.

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. Christ, who has redeemed us with his blood, is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.

Alleluia. *Alleluias Repeated*

*Liturgical Text; John 16:28*

## Holy Gospel

John 16:23–30

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. “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. 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; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 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 be to Thee, 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### 766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



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.

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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## Sermon

### 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,  
 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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 Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
 On this terrestrial ball  
 To Him all majesty ascribe  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 To Him all majesty ascribe  
 And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 We at His feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 And crown Him Lord of all.

## Prayer of the Church

### 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.

## The Collect for the Word

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Benedicamus



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

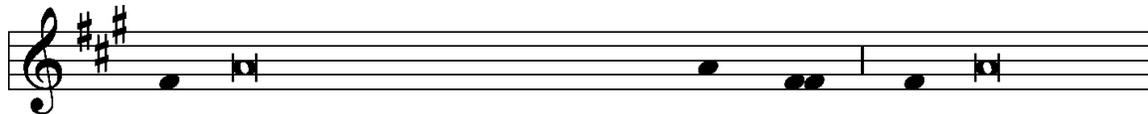


**A** Bless we the Lord.

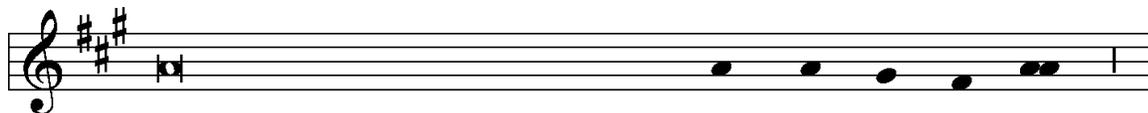


**C** Thanks be to God.

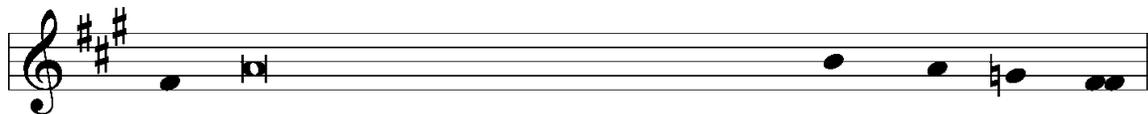
## Benediction



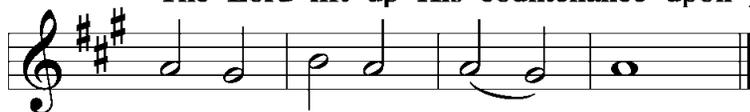
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## 484 Make Songs of Joy



- 1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Our life was pur - chased by His loss; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 O death, where is your dead - ly sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 And where your vic - to - ry, O grave, Al - le - lu - ia!



- He lives a - gain who once was dead! Al - le - lu - ia!  
He died our death up - on the cross. Al - le - lu - ia!  
As - sumed by our tri - um - phant King! Al - le - lu - ia!  
When one like Christ has come to save? Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all,  
Alleluia!  
Before our mighty Savior fall!  
Alleluia!
- 6 For this be praised the Son who rose,  
Alleluia!  
The Father, and the Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia!

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## OUR FAMILIES PRAY – ROGATE – EASTER 6

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

**All: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED is confessed by all.**

**THE PSALM is prayed:** Sun-Wed/Fri-Sat – Ps. 107:1-9  
Thursday (The Ascension of Our Lord) – Ps. 110

**CATECHISM LEARN-BY-HEART:**

**Catechism Lesson:** *1st Commandment* – You shall have no other gods.  
What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

**Bible Verse:**

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:10

**HYMN:** Sun-Wed/Fri-Sat – 766  
Thursday (The Ascension of Our Lord) – 491

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

*Sunday-Wednesday/Friday-Saturday* – 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. **Amen.**

*Thursday* (The Ascension of Our Lord) – Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

## **IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**For thankful hearts, that through our one Mediator, Jesus Christ, our Father hears our prayers**

**For the Gospel to be spread during these days**

**For our congregation during this time of separation**

**For the Holy Church throughout the World, For our Synod**

**For our families as we seek to live together in holy love and peace**

**For those who live alone**

**For our nation and communities as we look to God's mercy during this time of illness**

**For all doctors, nurses and medical personnel**

**For first responders in our communities**

**For the sick, the suffering, the dying of Covid-19**

**For our Pastors as they seek to bring the Word of God to us**

**For our catechumens**

**Healing and Comfort for: HARRIET STARNES**, grandmother of Beth, Hellinger, who has entered into hospice care, **ROGER BEST**, brother-in-law of Dale & Shirley Lueker, hospitalized with pneumonia and blood clots; **BRANDON CANN, US NAVY**, grandson of Paul and Rose Cann, diagnosed with Covid-19 onboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, **ARLINE BLASE**, health difficulties; **SIDNEE SCHWARZ**, health issues; **GLENN ARMES**, health issues; **LEAH HOWTON**, recovering from surgery; **DALE GROTEFENDT**, friend of Paula Kipp, taking chemo & radiation treatments & **KAY GROTEFENDT**, for strength as her husband undergoes treatments; **KAYLEIGH MEINZEN**, health issues; **RANDY HELLINGER**, recovering at home with health issues; **TOMIKO JUEDEMANN**, mother of Linda Behrhorst, cancer treatments; **EMILY SCHWARZ**, recovering from surgery; **ELDON SCHMIDT**, health issues; **LISA PROFFER**, sister of Aaron Hanks, recovering from mini-strokes; **THOMAS SEXTON**, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; **DORENE LANE**, friend of Dave DeVries, preparing for knee replacement, heart and eye issues; **MARY GRAFF**, friend of Dave DeVries, began treatments for kidney and femur bone cancer, **STEPHANIE VAN ULFT**, treatments and health difficulties from said treatments; **ELLEN MUTH**, mother of Kantor Muth, declining health; **JANE BILYEU**, aunt of Beth Langendorf, health difficulties; **BONNIE WILLIAMS**, friend of Candy Esch, cancer; **ALL EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

**Alleluia Christ is Risen!** Sing for joy that our Lord Jesus Christ is risen, and let us with meekness receive the implanted Word which is able to save our souls!

**Rogate Sunday** – The Latin names for the Sundays in Easter are from the first word of the Introit, with the exception of today. Rogate comes from the Latin *rogare* which means “to ask,” a reference to the strong theme of prayer in the Propers for today. In ancient practice, the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday prior to the Ascension of Our Lord were known as Rogation Days. These days of early summer were times of special prayer for the protection of the crops. The Introit for Rogate, “With a voice of singing, declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth.” is from Isaiah 48.20 a joyful proclamation of the freedom of Israel from the Babylonian captivity, and of God’s gracious deliverance of His people. The Gospel for Rogate, like those for the preceding Sundays—Cantate and Jubilate, all point to the Ascension, and point the eyes of the faithful to our risen Lord’s eternal reign in heaven. (Credit to Kantor Gary Schultz)

**The Ascension of our Lord** is this Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Vespers service will be live on the Church Facebook page at 7:00pm. Join in prayer and hearing the Word of God.

**Holy Communion Services** for families or individuals are being scheduled. Simply contact Pastor Ball

**Daily Services have concluded** Now that the school year is finished our daily services have concluded. We will be having a Wednesday morning Matins Service at 8:30am each Wednesday morning of the summer.

**Masks are available!** Thanks to all who have worked to make masks for our use. We are fully stocked for both adults and children. Just contact Pastor Ball if you need some.

**Romans Bible Study - Pastor Weedon** has started a Bible study on the Book of Romans. *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever* is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org) on your favorite podcast provider and on the LPR mobile app.

**Cover Art** – “*Saint Paul Preaching in Athens*” by Raphael, 1515. Raphael (1483-1520) is with daVinci and Michaelangelo the greatest of the High Renaissance artists. His work of *Saint Paul Preaching in Athens* where the Apostle proclaimed “Being 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. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because 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” (Acts 17:29-31), invites us to be present an a listener as well. And so we listen to the preaching that that one man is Jesus Christ, our only mediator for our salvation and our prayers to our Father.

**A New Way to Give – Joyful Response** Joyful Response giving is available through Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Our online giving through the website does incur some fees, as much as 2.9%. Joyful Response through LCEF has no fees attached. You simply fill out the form, (it is available on our church website at the “Give” section) attach a voided check and send them to the church in the mail. Joanie will then process them. If you have any questions about how it works, please contact our treasurer, Julie Johnson, her email is [stpaultreas1856@gmail.com](mailto:stpaultreas1856@gmail.com) and she can help you.

**K-2 Part Time Teacher** – St. Paul Lutheran School is seeking an individual to fill the position of half-time K-2 Content Areas teacher. The ideal candidate is willing to teach lower grades in the content areas, and must have training in or experience with classical education. We are looking for someone with strong skills in science and history, in addition to presentation/public speaking. Ability to teach Latin would be a definite advantage. Because St. Paul Lutheran School is a direct mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church, this candidate must be a confessing member in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Please have interested individuals submit their CV/resume and cover letter to Kate Thoenke at [principal@stpaulhamel.org](mailto:principal@stpaulhamel.org).

### **About the Hymn of the Day – Our Father, Who from Heaven Above– LSB 766**

Early in the Reformation, Martin Luther was intent on providing hymns for congregations to sing, especially songs that would carry the biblical teachings and present the basics of the faith. By 1524, Luther himself had created a paraphrase of the Creed (“We all believe in one true God,” LSB 954), had supplied new stanzas for the Holy Communion Hymn (“O Lord we praise Thee” LSB 617), and had revised Jan Hus’s Lord’s Supper hymn (Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,” LSB 627). His paraphrase of the Ten Commandments (“These are the holy Ten Commands,” LSB 851) was in use already in 1525. It was not until more than a decade later that he got the Lord’s Prayer and to a hymn on Baptism (“To Jordan Came the Christ, our Lord,” LSB 406). In his Lord’s Prayer hymn, Luther began each stanza with a rather literal version of the prayer (Matthew 6:13). The final stanza is on the Amen. Thus, the singer not only offers the prayer but also reviews its meaning. *Lutheran Service Book, Companion to the Hymns, Vol. 1. CPH, 2019, pp. 1121-1122.*

**Proclaiming God’s Word during a Global Pandemic – Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Netflix Documentary "Tiger King," The Ascension of Christ, The Book of Hebrews, The Bodily Resurrection in the Old Testament, "Gentleness" in the Bible, and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUD, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**Taylor Schmidt** will be leaving us soon. Her service was too short, but faithful and good. We look forward to her marriage to Mark Zieroth in July and as you will see below her continued teaching in the church. Thank you to Taylor and our Lord bless you always.

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To the Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church,

It is with great joy and deep sadness that I inform you that I have accepted a call to St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School in Decatur, IN. With great joy because God provides, and I shall continue teaching. With deep sadness because this time together has been short. God has blessed me beyond belief with all of your kind souls, and parting will be difficult.

Many thanks for all the support and love and kindness I have received. I am most sad that I cannot properly say goodbye to most of you. I will certainly be back to visit in the future, and I look forward to seeing you all again either here in time or there in eternity.

May God continue to richly bless this congregation always.

In Christ,

Miss Taylor Schmidt