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Sunday Worship
8:00am & 10:30am

**Sunday School &
Bible Class**
9:15am

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St. Paul Lutheran WacoTx



Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church
The Church on the Highway... Where Life and Jesus Intersect

3rd Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday
May 5, 2019

“Be thoughtful - be silent - be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION CARDS: Welcome! We worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. May God bless you as we gather before the throne of heaven. Members, please remember to fill out a “White Registration Card” so we can have a proper soul-accounting, and Guests, please sign the guest book and complete a “Yellow Visitor Card” located in the hymnal rack. Please place your completed card in the card collection slot at the end of each pew (center aisle side).

LIVE STREAMING OF WORSHIP SERVICES: Our 10:30 am Sunday worship service is streamed live on the Internet. To view this service, or previous 10:30 am services, go to the church Web site at www.splcwaco.com, click on the link “LIVE STREAMING” on the home page, and select which service you would like to view.

HOLY COMMUNION is being celebrated in our worship this morning. If you are not a member a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and you desire to commune, we ask that you speak to a pastor or an elder before the service. An alcohol-removed wine (*distinguished by its lighter color*) is offered in the center of each communion tray as an option. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request during distribution at the altar. The Common Cup will also be offered with each table. If you do not take an individual cup, a pastor will serve the Chalice.

REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN PRAYER:

Please contact the church office for a complete list of prayer needs.

FLOWERS were placed on our altar today to the glory of God by the 2019 Confirmation Class.

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PRAYER BEFORE DIVINE WORSHIP

Almighty and everlasting God, because you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent, create in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily repenting of our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

(Please silence your cell phones and mobile devices during our worship time.)

Pre-service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn, 821: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" vv. 1-2, 5
At 10:30: Processional with Confirmands

Invocation

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Confession and Absolution (based on Psalm 30, ESV)

Pastor: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

Response: And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

Pastor: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

Response: And you have healed me.

Pastor: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

Response: You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: The Lord is the One who restores our souls. He listens to our cries for help and comes to save us. He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins. So, we come before Him, confessing our sins and trusting in His mercy.

Response: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking and doing. We have done the evil you forbid and have not done the good you demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father. Forgive us all that is past and, with the power of the Holy Spirit, empower us to live a life worthy of your most holy name.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Litany of Response (Psalm 30, ESV)

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

Response: And give thanks to his holy name.

Pastor: For his anger is but for a moment,

Response: And his favor is for a lifetime.

Pastor: Weeping may tarry for the night,

Response: But joy comes with the morning.

Hymn of Response: "How Great is Our God"

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice; All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in Light, And darkness tries to hide.
And trembles at His voice; Trembles at His voice.

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will sing
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands And time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end; Beginning and the end.

The Godhead Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will sing
How great, how great is our God

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Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Revelation 5:8-14

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-14

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day, 646: “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

Sermon: “A Story of Faith: From Conversion to Confirmation”.....Acts 9:1–22
Pastor Krueger

Prayer of the Church

Offering

(At 10:30 am) Hymn for Confirmation: “For You Alone” (solo by Jordan Hand)

(At 10:30 am) Rite of Confirmation: LSB 272

Prayer of Preparation

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on those whom you created and sent your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

Response: With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Pastor: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit.

Response: Grant us faithfully to eat of His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Pastor: Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Response: Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us, O Lord.

Pastor: To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response: Amen.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Response: 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.

Words of Institution

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

Response: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *(Revelation 22:20)*

Distribution

Hymns during Distribution:

Hymn, 563: "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

Hymn, 809: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymn, 643: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Response: Amen.

Closing Hymn, 922: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

At 10:30: Recessional with Confirmands

MEETING AND ACTIVITY NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5-12, 2019

SUNDAY, MAY 5

10:30 a.m.: Eighth Grade Confirmation

5:30 p.m.: Sunday Evening Groups Bible Study & Fish Fry (host: M/M Roy Tate)

MONDAY, MAY 6

10:00 a.m.: Quilting Group (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, MAY 7

6:30 a.m.: Men's Bible Study Group (Parish Hall)

9:00 a.m.: HSE/ELL Classes

10:00 a.m.: Tri-Cities Ministries

7:00 p.m.: EKKLESIA Bible Study (The Fountain, China Spring)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

11:00 a.m.: Senior Adults Worship & Luncheon

12:30 p.m.: LWML Meeting (Conference Room)

6:30 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 9

7:00 a.m.: Lawn/Building Maintenance

9:00 a.m.: HSE/ELL Classes

6:30 p.m.: Young Adults Bible Study (Panera, Central TX Marketplace)

FRIDAY, MAY 10

SATURDAY, MAY 11

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Mother's Day

Care Net Baby Bottle Boomerang begins

1:00 p.m.: Fisher Family Celebration (Parish Hall)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday: Luke 14-17

Monday: 1 Samuel 4-7

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 8-10

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 11-13

Thursday: 1 Samuel 14-16

Friday: 1 Samuel 17-20

Saturday: Psalms 43-45