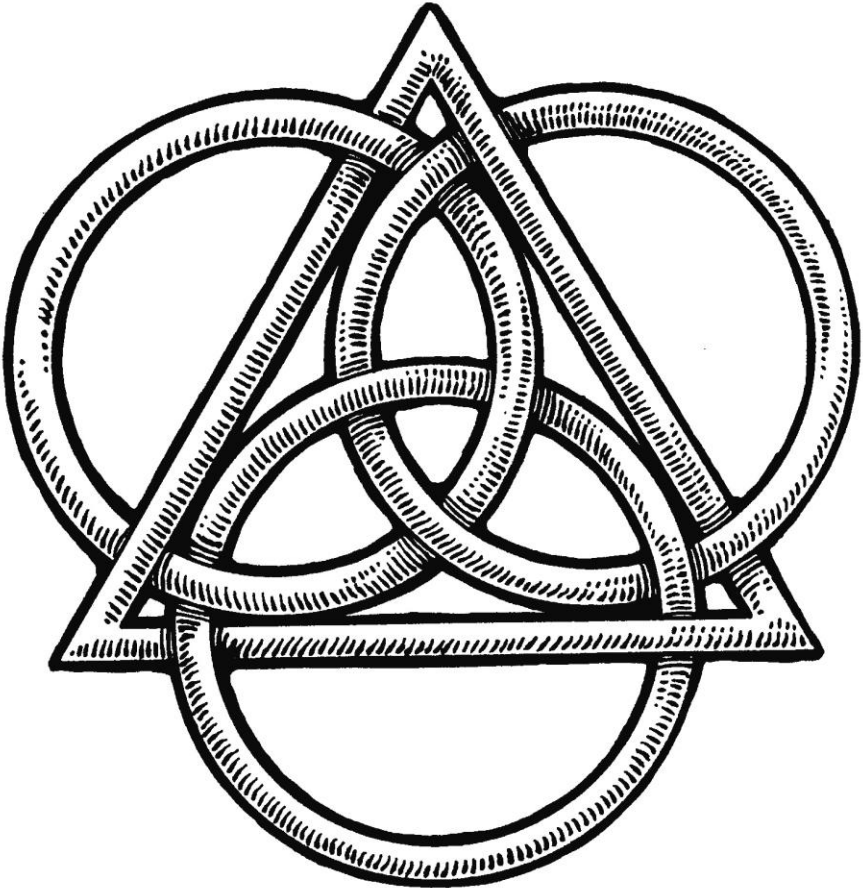


THE HOLY TRINITY



MAY 31, 2026

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)

**124 MAPLE STREET NORTH
LESTER PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
(320)-395-2573**

Pastor Barlau: Cell (612)-394-6224

Pastor's email: pastorbarlau@gmail.com

www.stpaulp.org

AS WE GATHER- THE HOLY TRIUNE GOD RECREATES US IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF CHRIST JESUS-The holy Triune God “created the heavens and the earth,” and “behold, it was very good” (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God’s good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be “delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God” to be “crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men” (Acts 2:23). As Jesus “received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to “make disciples of all nations” by “baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” and “teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded” (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is “very good” (Gen. 1:31).

OPENING VERSICLES

P. 219

ANTIPHON AND VENITE

P. 220-221

OFFICE HYMN “GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER”

506

✠ READINGS ✠

OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 1:1-2:4A

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it

was good. ¹¹And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over

every living thing that moves on the earth.”²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

PSALM 145:3, 5B, 6B

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

SECOND READING

ACTS 2:14A, 22-26

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.²⁵For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was

buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.” ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

ATHANASIAN CREED

P. 319-320

RESPONSORY

P. 221

HYMN OF THE DAY

“FATHER MOST HOLY”

504

SERMON

OFFERING

TE DEUM

P. 223-225

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In Our Prayers:

+ Sonya Clausen	+ Associate Pastor to be Kyle Bliss
+ Scott Christenson	+ Angela Litzau
+ Andy Birkholz	+ Mark Barlau
+ Dan Gueningsman	+ Anna Tracy
+ Maya Radtke	+ Hillard Klaustermeier
+ Bonnie Mueller	+ Dave Wroge
+ Family & Friends of Robert Bailey (Father of Barb Kegler)	

KYRIE **P. 227**

LORD'S PRAYER **P. 227**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION **P. 228**

CLOSING HYMN **"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"** **507**

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 125

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE for Rev. Kyle Bliss will be held on Sunday, June 21 at 1:00 p.m. A light reception will follow the service in our church fellowship hall.

2. VBS YOUTH SERVANTS- Youth Night on June 7th. We will have supper, bible study and game night. This will be held from 6:00- 8:00 PM.

3. ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP applications are available on the wall pocket file by the church offices. These scholarships are for Christian Education for individuals attending a LCMS Christian pre-school, K-8, high school, Concordia University, or Concordia Seminary. Deadline to apply is July 1st.

4. BAHR/STREI SCHOLARSHIP applications are available on the wall pocket file by the church offices. The Bahr/Strei scholarship is for church work fields of study at a LCMS Concordia University or Seminary. Please return all applications by July 1st, 2026.

5. MUSIC IN THE PARK ACT/KFC FUNDRAISER- We need help from the youth at St. Paul's at Music in the Park on Tuesday, June 9th. We will be serving shredded hot beef sandwiches. ACT/KFC kids in grades 6 and up should meet at the picnic shelter by 4:30 to help set up and we should be done

7. Money raised from this event will support youth activities, including the National Youth Gathering Trip in summer of 2028.

6. POLKA SERVICE AND HOG ROAST will be held on Sunday, June 28th. Service will be at 10:00 AM, with meal to follow. See the June Lamplighter for more information.

7. SCHEDULE- *June 7~* (One Service only) Ushers: Paul Logelin, Jim Hoof; Acolytes: I. Foust, L. Schauer; Greeters- Nick & Karissa Rasset; Flowers: Audrey Litzau; Altar Guild: Katelin Kinneman, Patty Dietel; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

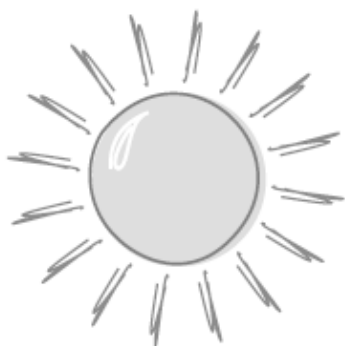
MISC.

8. CAMP OMEGA FREE FAMILY EVENT on Saturday June 6, 2026. Begins at 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. There is a free picnic-style barbeque from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. Come get a tour of the Camp Omega Lodge, pontoon and wagon rides, a bunch of activities for the entire family lead by the Camp Omega Summer Staff. Pre-registration is requested (for planning) but not required.

Calendar of Events

Sun. May 31	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE
Wed. June 3	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin
Sun. June 7	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION Youth Night

+ + + KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE + + +



What is “Matins”?

Today we receive our Lord’s gracious gifts through the Order of Matins. The word “Matins” comes from the Latin word “matutinus” which means “of the morning.” Matins is a service of prayer that is used by the Church in the morning.

Why do we use the Order of Matins?

The Order of Matins has been used by Christians since almost the beginning of Christianity. At the beginning of the day, Christians prayed the Order of Matins because it started their day off right! You can use the Order of Matins too! When you wake up in the morning, grab your hymnal and try it. What better way than to begin each morning deep in God’s wonderful Word? If you’re not sure how to do it, then ask your pastor. He’d be glad to help you!



Parents: It can be quite easy for children to learn and enjoy the liturgy of the Church when a parent shows them how. Children rely upon routines in their lives, which are put in place by parents. Matins can become a part of the morning devotional routine at your house.



Copyright © 2017 LCMS Worship. Created by Christopher Thoma. LCMS congregations and schools have permission to reproduce “KIDS in the Divine Service” for their use.
lcms.org | 888-THE LCMS