St. Paul's Plymouth Outside – 6:30PM

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Christ Lutheran Beatrice Inside – 7:45AM

Sunday, May 31, 2020

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KWBE 1450AM/94.7FM

Live and Archived on ROKU and our Website – www.stpaulsplymouth.org

St. Paul's Plymouth Inside –7:30PM

Monday, June 1, 2020

Welcome!

St. Paul's Lutheran (WELS)

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Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship today!
We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through God's Word and Sacrament.

† Please practice social distancing as to be respectful of others' space during this time.

† If you do not want a paper bulletin this morning, you can access the bulletin on your device on the top of our website – **www.stpaulsplymouth.org**. The entire worship service is printed out so that you do not need to use the hymnal.

† Offering plates can be found at the entrances. Although giving offerings for gospel ministry is an act of worship, we will refrain from passing the offering plates during the service at this time.

† May the Lord bless the time we spend together around His Word this morning! If you are looking for a church to call home, please contact Pastor Berger at any time (email pastorberger@gmail.com; call/text 402-239-4509; or stop by the church office). He would love to serve you with God's Word!

† Please know **that your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!

Future Worship Plans

Next Weekend Worship (June 6th-7th)

- **6:30PM** Saturday Evening Outside Worship
  Weather Permitting (Pastor will be sending out an email during the week)
- **7:45AM** Sunday Morning Inside Worship at Christ Lutheran in Beatrice
- **10:00AM** Sunday Morning Inside Worship at St. Paul's in Plymouth
- **10:00AM** Sunday Morning Online Worship (stpaulsplymouth.org and ROKU)
- **10:00AM** Sunday Morning Radio Worship (KWBE 1450AM/94.7FM)

Broadcast Sponsor

Our broadcast this morning is sponsored by a thankful out of state listener who enjoys gathering around God's Word with us after attending her own WELS church home.

Focus for Our Worship

Fifty days after Easter, God sent the promised Counselor on the day we call "Pentecost" (Greek for "fifty"). This day marked the birthday of the New Testament Church and celebrates the harvest of souls. On Pentecost we see the resurrection of our Lord now empowering His people to be witnesses of the resurrection for the world.

Please stand

M The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS and HOLY ABSOLUTION

M God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.

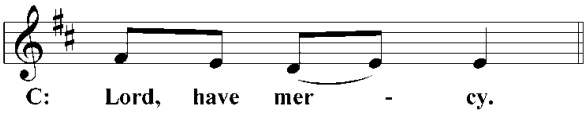
All **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

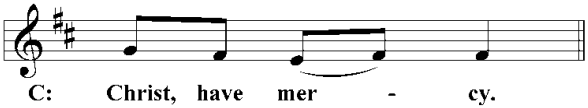
C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

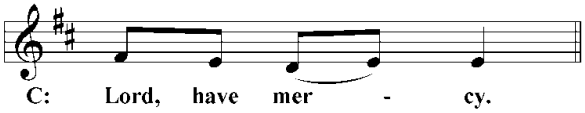
M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all Your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



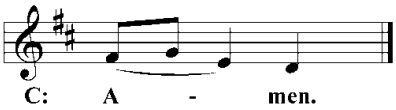
M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



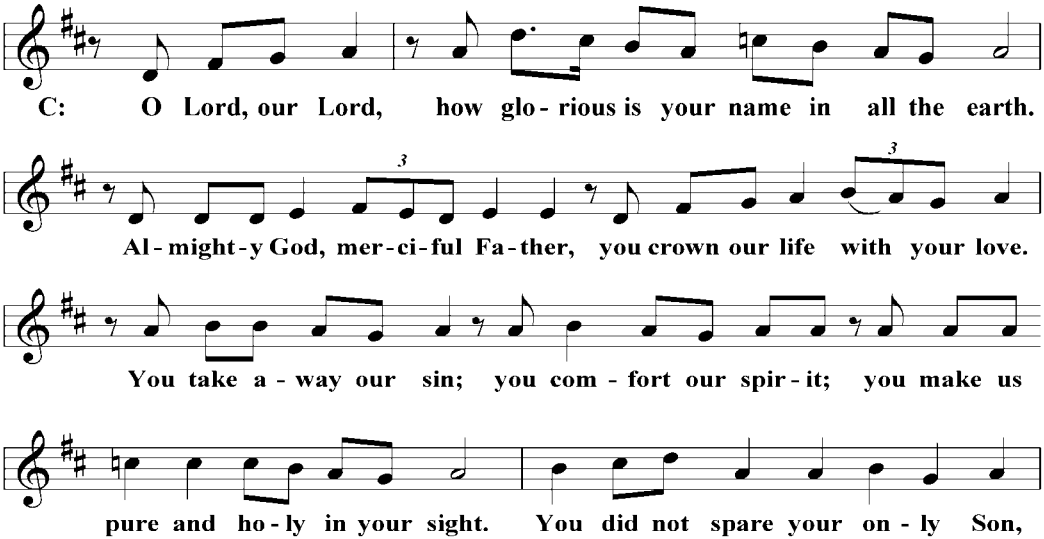
M For the well-being of Your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

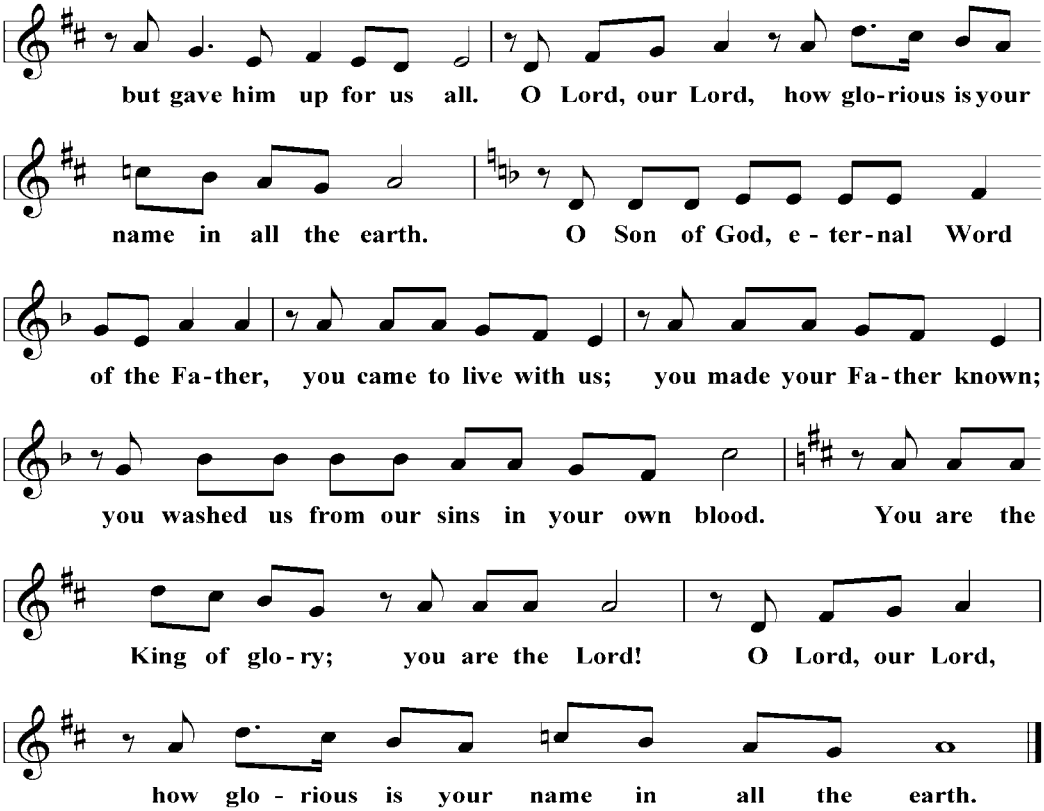


M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by Your power and keep us in Your tender care:



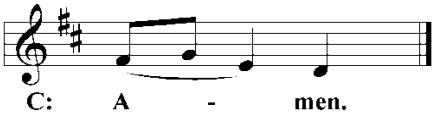
M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O Lord, we pray that You continually send to us the Holy Spirit to teach us the Truth You have revealed to us in Your Holy Scriptures. Be with us as we distinguish Your Truth from the falsehood of man. Through the work of the Spirit, point us to the central teaching of Scripture—the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



LESSON — Acts 2:1-21

The historical account of the day of Pentecost – Sermon Text (Part 1 of 2)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. [2] Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. [4] All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

[5] Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. [6] When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. [7] Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? [8] Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? [9] Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10] Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome [11] (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" [12] Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

[13] Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

[14] Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. [15] These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! [16] No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: [17]" 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. [18]Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

[19]I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. [20]The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. [21]And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

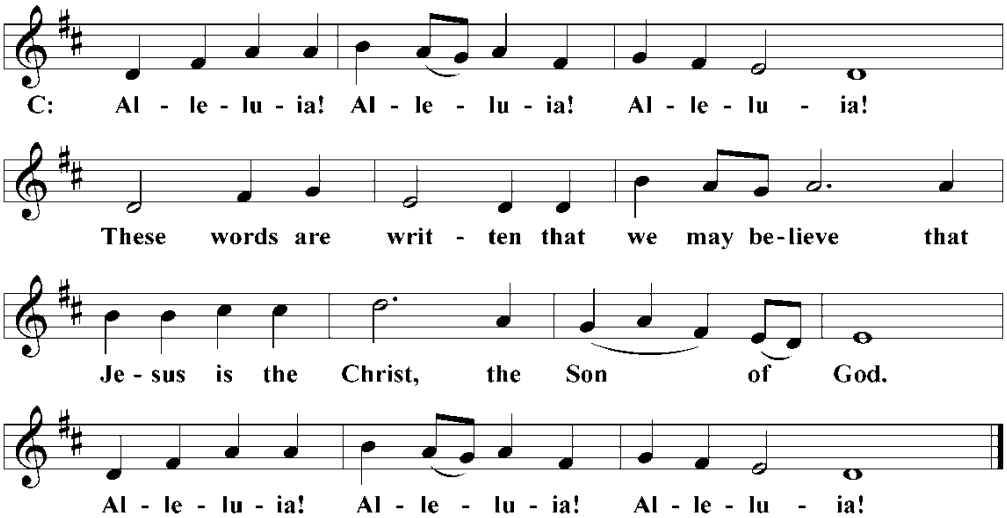
VERSE OF THE DAY — John 15:26,27

M Alleluia. Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning."

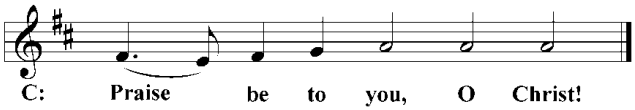
M Alleluia!



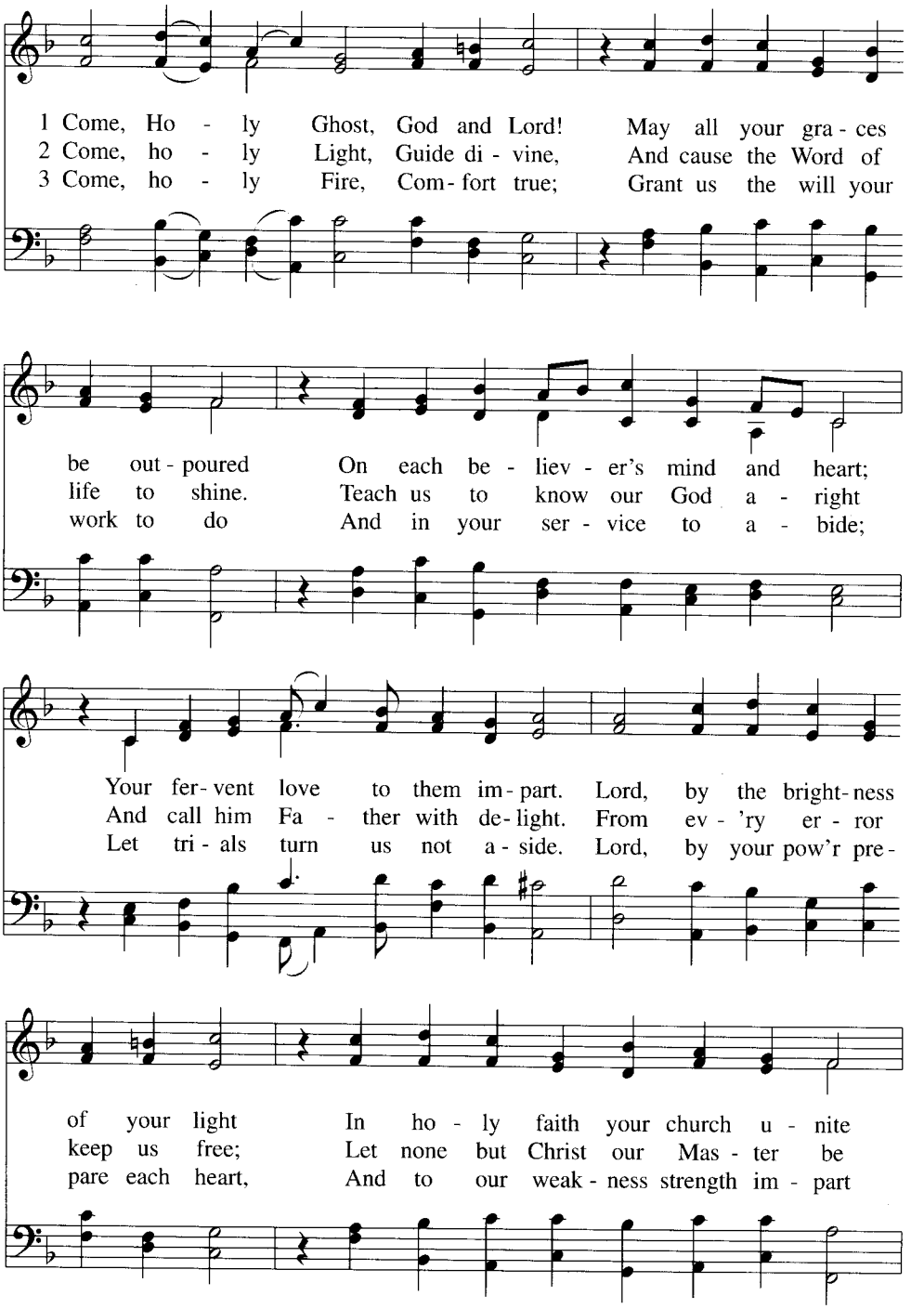
HOLY GOSPEL — John 14:25-27
Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

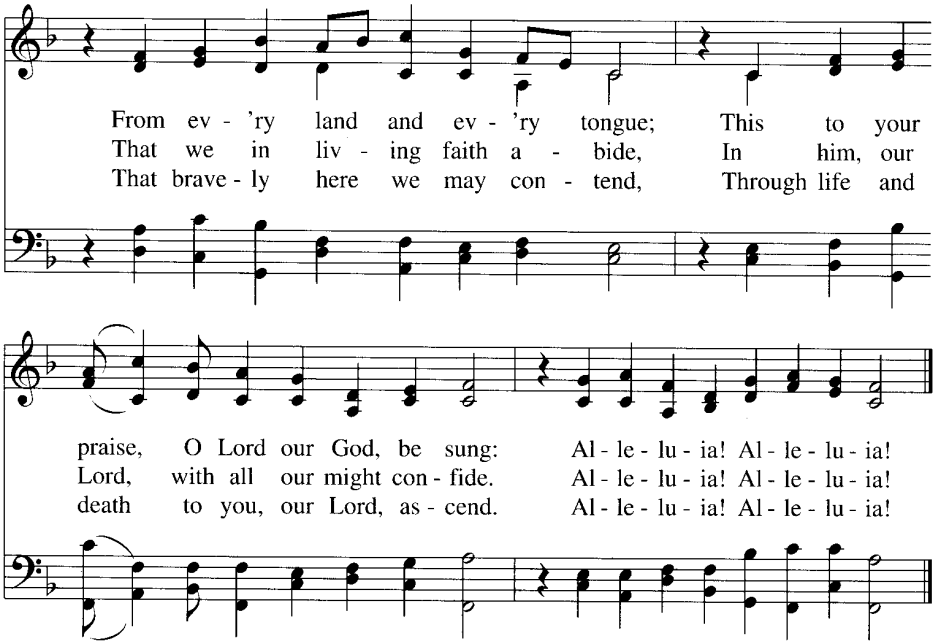
Jesus said, "[25] All this I have spoken while still with you. [26] But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. [27] Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

M This is the Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" (*CW* 176)





SERMON — Acts 2:1-21

What Does This Mean?

(Part 1 of 2)

NICENE CREED

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

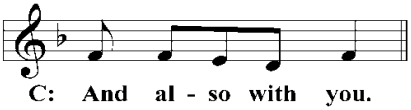
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

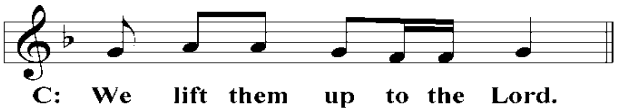
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

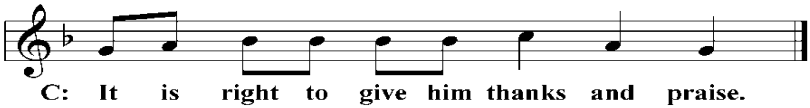
M The Lord be with you.



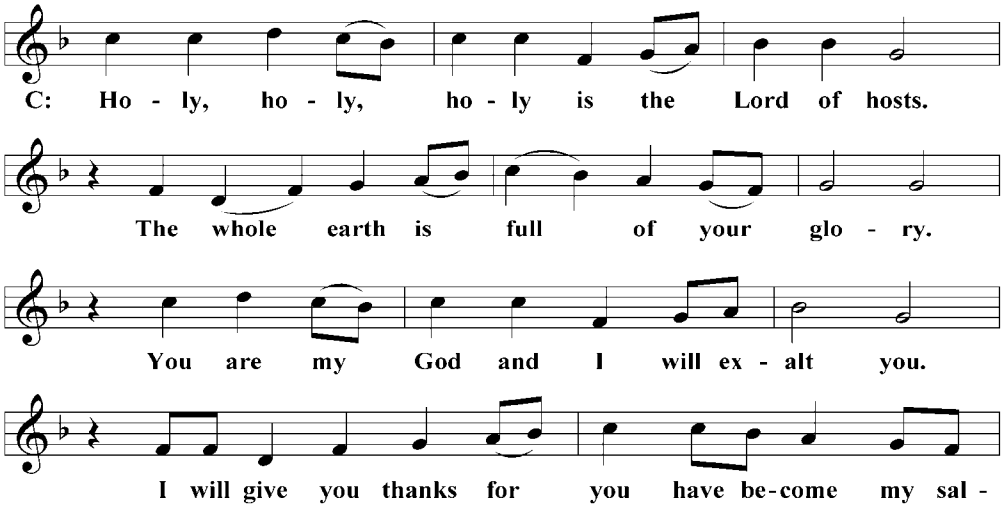
M Lift up your hearts.

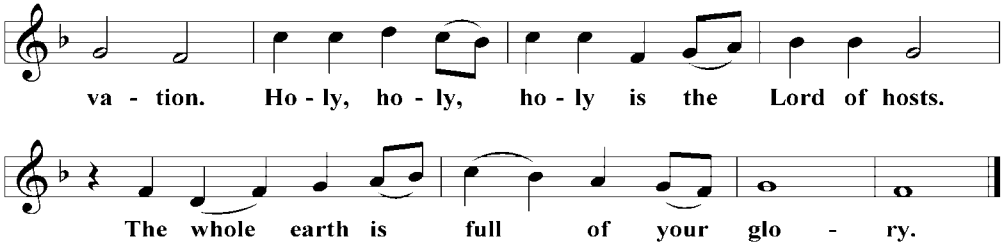


M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, He empowered His Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



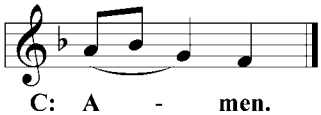


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

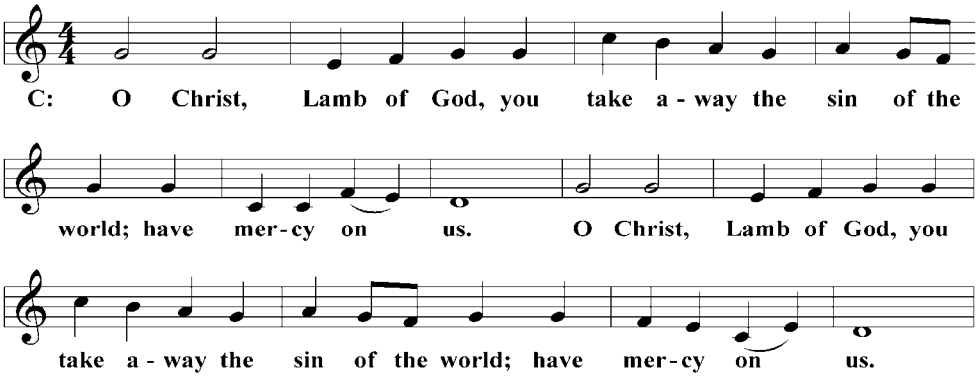
M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

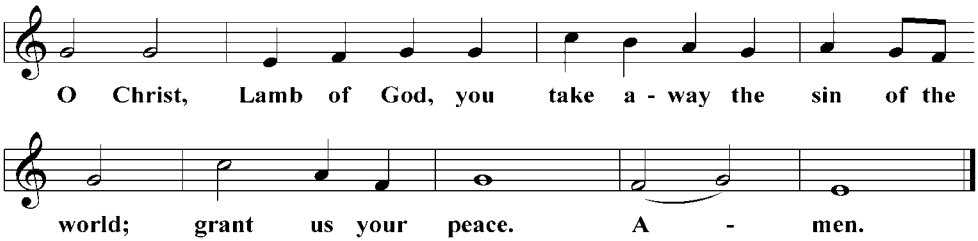
Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



LAMB OF GOD





CLOSE COMMUNION *We ask that only those who have previously spoken to our pastor or are members in good standing of this or another WELS or ELS congregation come to Holy Communion today. Our practice of Close Communion (which has been the practice of the Christian Church throughout the ages) is in no way trying to judge anyone's faith. What we are trying to do is follow the Bible's clear teaching (I Corinthians 11) to first study God's Word together. As we do so, we can share with/review with you what the Lord's Supper is all about. You, then, also have an opportunity to examine what we believe and teach before you come to the Lord's Supper here at St. Paul's and make a public profession that you agree with what we teach.*

If you have any questions about this or would like to commune at St. Paul's in the future, please talk to the pastor after worship this morning. He would love to sit down with you on your timetable and at your convenience and talk about these important matters.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

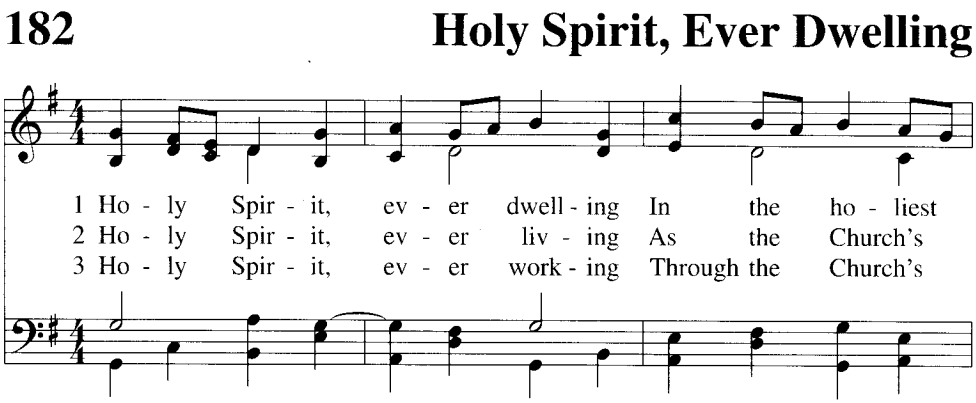
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

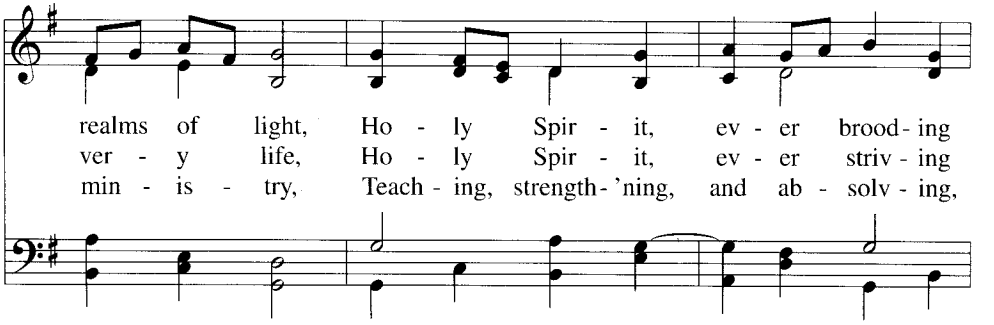
Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at Your holy table. But You are a friend of sinners, and You will not cast me out. This bread is Your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is Your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At Your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

Distribution Hymns found on the following pages of the worship folder:

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" (*CW* 182)

"We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost" (*CW* 190)

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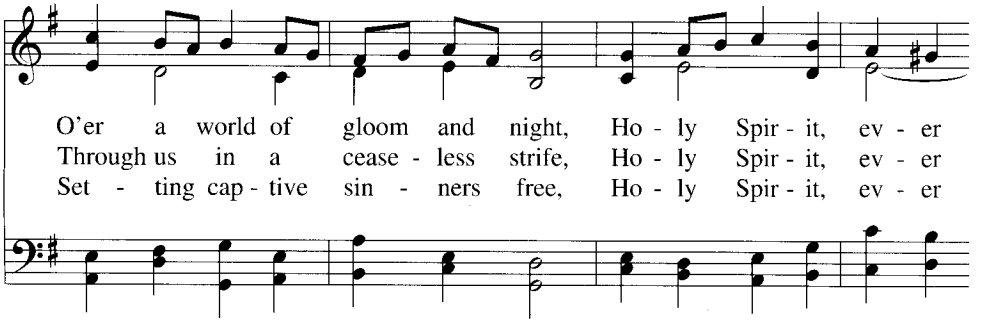
O'er a world of gloom and night, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er
Through us in a cease - less strife, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er
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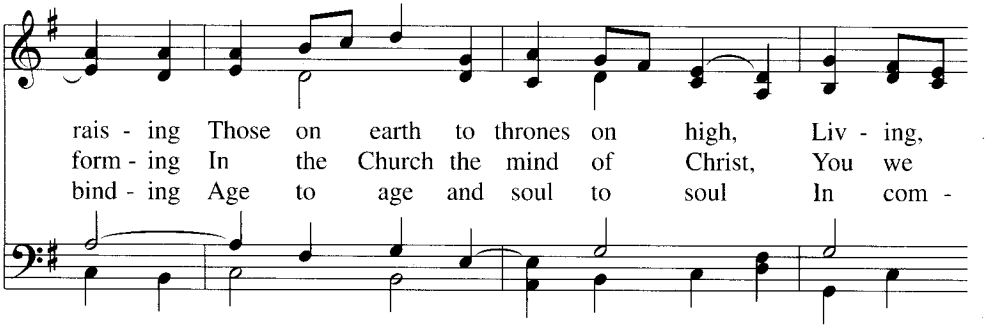
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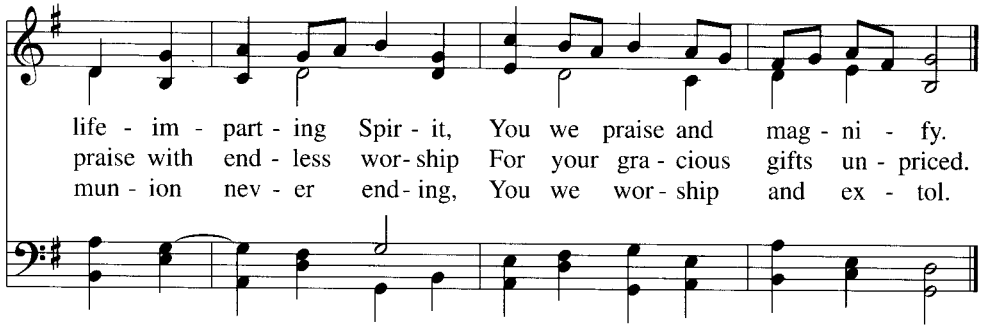
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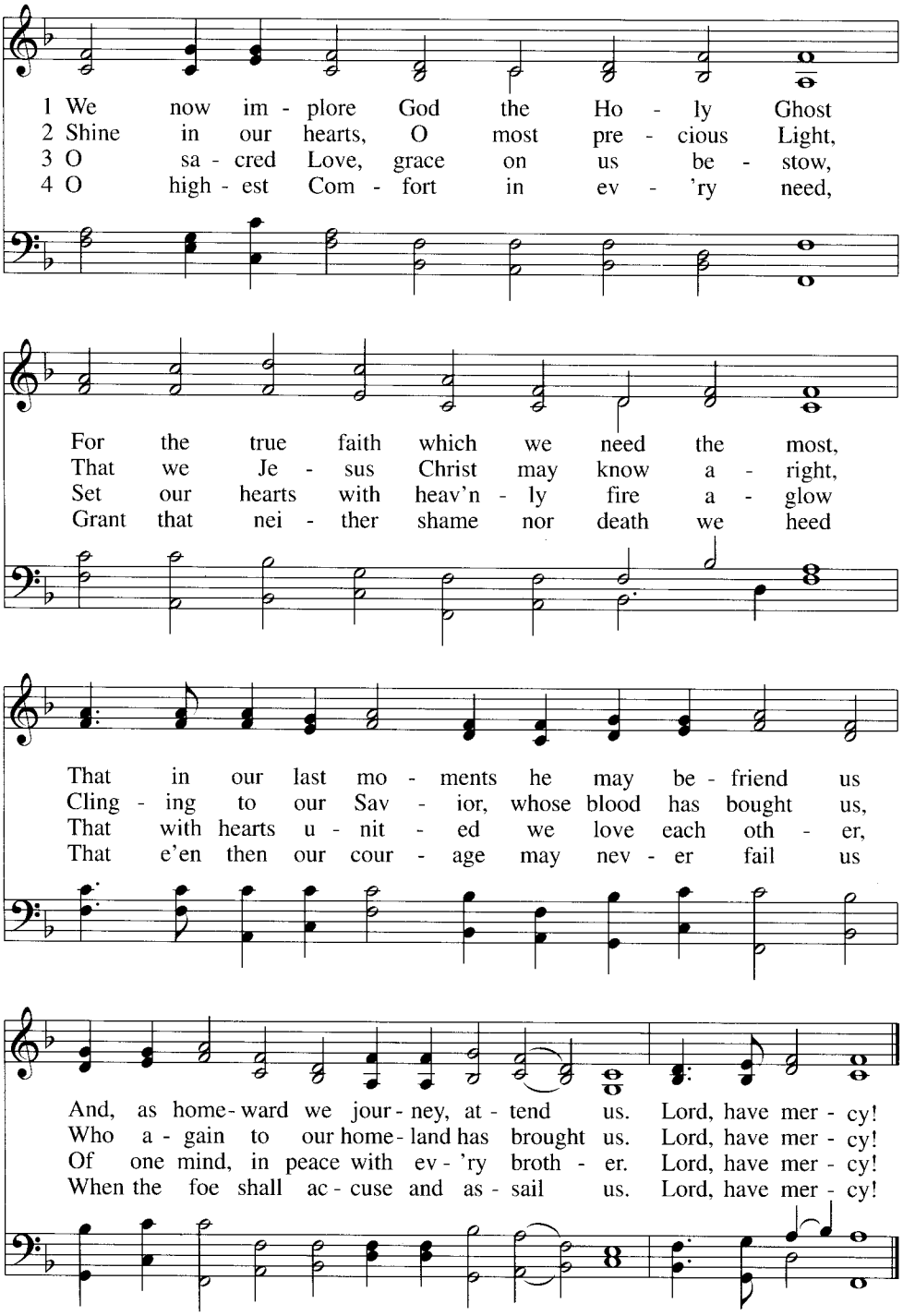
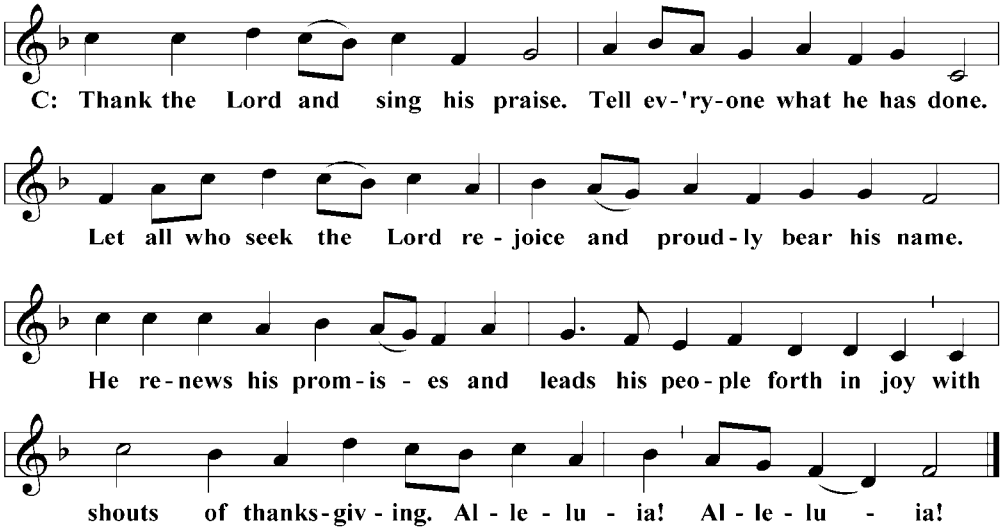
190 We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost



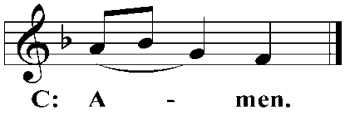
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with Your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in You as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

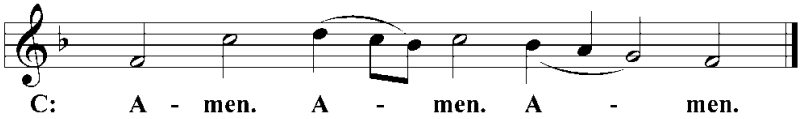


M Hear the prayer of Your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised You here may glorify You in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of Your Son may long for His coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge of Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



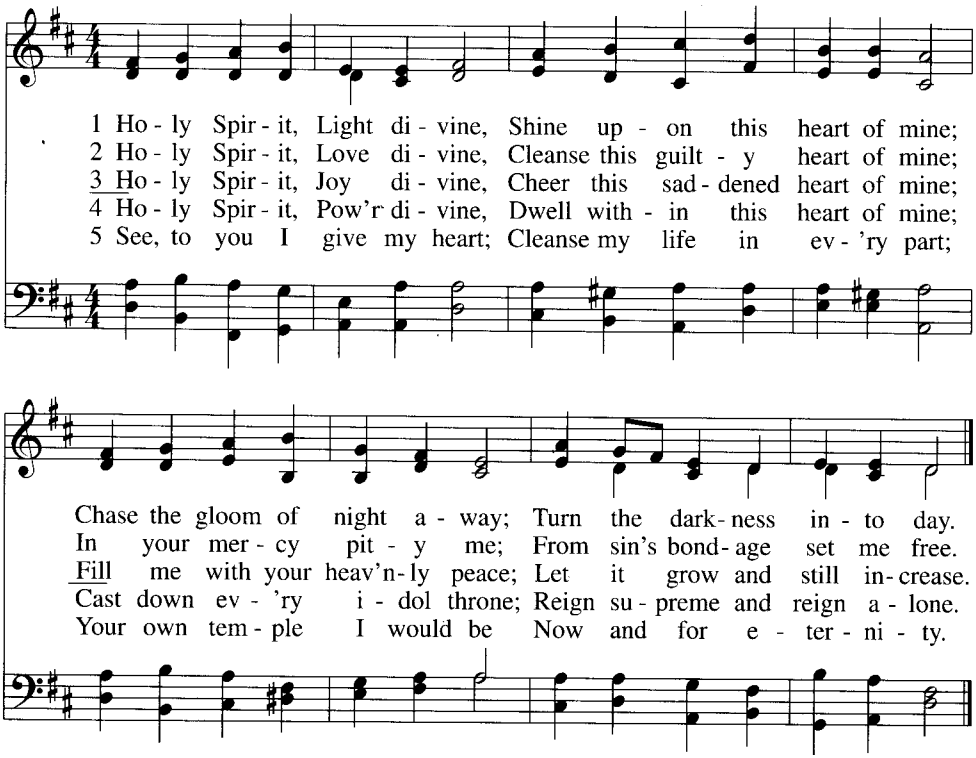
M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" (*CW* 183)

Holy Spirit, Light Divine 183



Broadcast Dates—Anyone interested in sponsoring one of our worship broadcasts is asked to note that the following Sundays are still available in 2020.

June 28	**July 5, 12**	**Aug. 30**	**Sept. 20, 27**
Oct. 4, 18	**Nov. 1, 8**	**Dec. 6, 27**	

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Organist: Ann Freese

In our Prayers

- † Grant Freese and Taylor Bode – Grant and Taylor were married last Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's.
- † Judy Frank – Judy begins a new cancer treatment on Monday consisting of an antibody given by infusion every 2 weeks and a daily chemo pill.

St. Paul's Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – RoJane Meyer, Timothy Meyer, Dave Schmidt
Tuesday – Maevie Pieper, M/M Lonnie Weichel
Wednesday – M/M Stan Hueske **Friday** – Tracy Jurgens, Nick Schroeder
Saturday – M/M Doug Weishahn, M/M Wayne Schroeder
Sunday – Jess Wollenburg, M/M Dennis Weichel

Christ Lutheran's Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Friday – M/M Jeremy Johnsen
Saturday – Sawyer Penner

Organist: Janice Pieper

This Week, By God's Grace (May 31st – June 7th)

Sunday	Worship with Communion at Christ, Beatrice Worship with Communion at St. Paul's, Plymouth	7:45am 10:00am
Monday	DMB Teleconference Monday Night Worship with Communion	Noon 7:30pm
Tuesday	Beatrice Catechism Final Exam	5:30pm
Wednesday	ZOOM "Growing in Hope" Class	7:00-8:00pm
Thursday	Board of Education Church Council	6:30pm 8:00pm
Saturday	Outside Worship with Communion (weather permitting)	6:30pm
Sunday	Worship at Christ Lutheran, Beatrice Worship at St. Paul's, Plymouth	7:45am 10:00am

School Website—We are starting up a committee/task force to look into improving our church and school website. If you are interested in serving in this way, please speak to either Don Wurm or Andrew Danner. Thank you.

Online Bible Class—Zoom "Growing in Hope" Class continues on Wednesday at 7PM. There is still room in the class. Please email Pastor Berger (pastorberger@gmail.com) if you would like to sign up.

Offerings—If you are unable to bring your offerings to church on Sunday, there is a secured box by the steps to the fellowship hall where you can place your first-fruit proportionate gift. You can also mail your offering to P.O. Box 21 Plymouth, NE 68424. Thank you!

Schedule Changes—Due to COVID-19, please note the following schedule changes:

- **Confirmation Sunday**—Confirmation Sunday is rescheduled for August 16th.
- **Vacation Bible School**—Vacation Bible School for this summer has been cancelled.

Cemetery Flowers—Anyone who put flowers or decorations on our cemetery grounds is asked to note the following cemetery regulations: **"**No plants, shrubs, or trees shall be planted on this cemetery by any person other than the cemetery committee. All living plants, artificial flowers, vases, ornaments, and decorations shall be removed from the graves from June 10 to November 1. Exceptions will be made to all vases permanently attached to monuments. No glass jars or vases are permitted on cemetery grounds. Flowers may be left on new graves for thirty days."

NELHS Golf Outing – The NELHS Golf Outing is still being planned for Saturday, July 25 at Crooked Creek Golf Club in Lincoln.

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran Church, feel free to speak with Pastor Fred Berger after the service or anytime during the week! (call/text 402-239-4509; email pastorberger@gmail.com) If you think you might be interested in joining the St. Paul's church family, Pastor would be more than happy to take you through some Bible studies at whatever time or location is most convenient for you to learn more about what we teach.

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran School, feel free to speak with Mr. Andrew Danner! (call/text 402-433-5349; email danner@stpaulsplymouth.org) He would love to give you a tour of the school and answer any questions you might have about the excellent Christ-centered education we offer students of our church and community.

Please contact us! We would love to serve you!

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Church Secretary Mrs. Deb Wells *402-853-2035*
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Mrs. Becky Briney (K-1) *269-358-2998*
Mrs. Rachel Schroeder (2-3) *402-239-1206*
Mrs. Beckie Bekemeyer (4-5) *402-239-7667*
Principal Andrew Danner (6-8) *402-433-5349*

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