



6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Full Version

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

218 E. 19th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming

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Reader: Susan Fabian

Pianist: Gretchen Carlson

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!!**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the
dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool
the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy
Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of
your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. **We rejoice with glad
hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our
source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.**

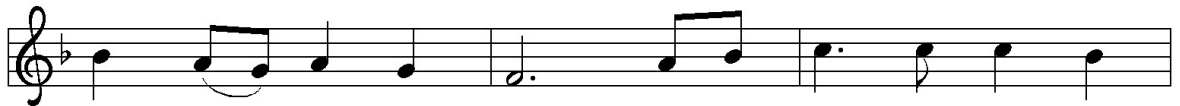
Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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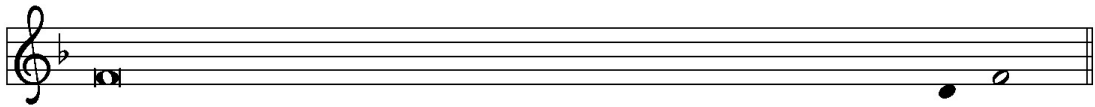
REETING - *ELW Page 203*

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.**

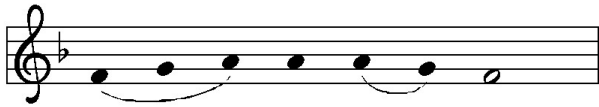
KYRIE - *ELW Page 138*



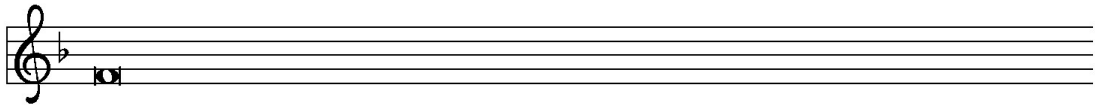
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



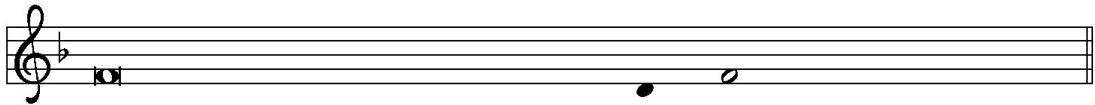
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



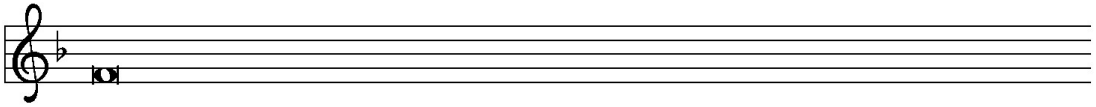
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



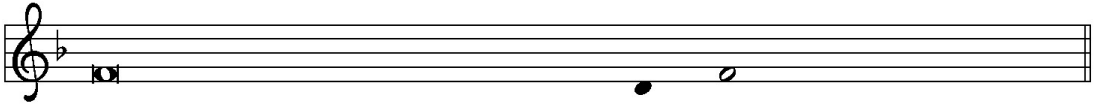
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



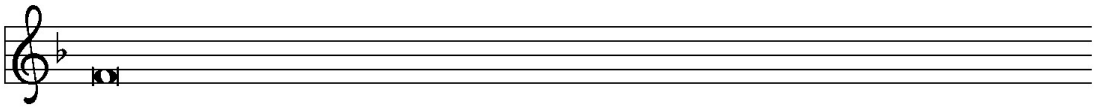
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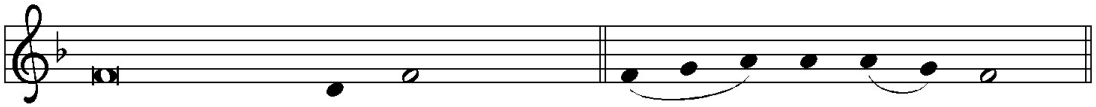
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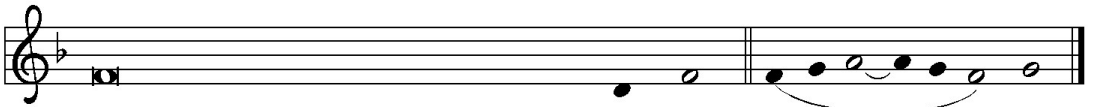
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



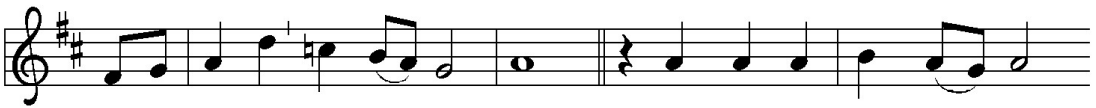
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - ELW Page 140

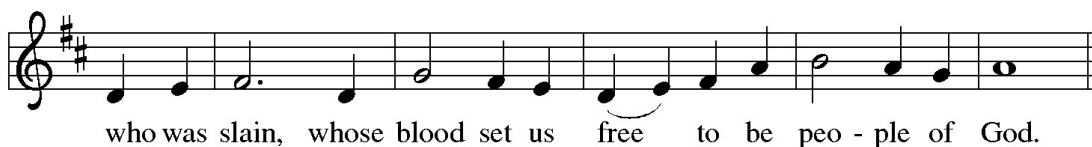
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

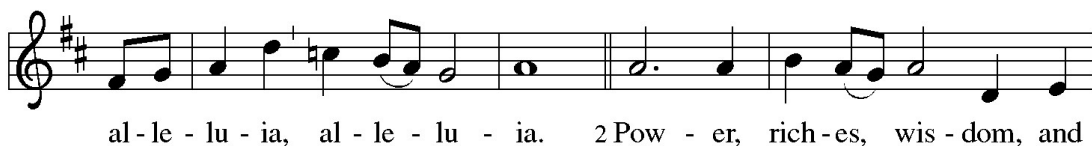


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

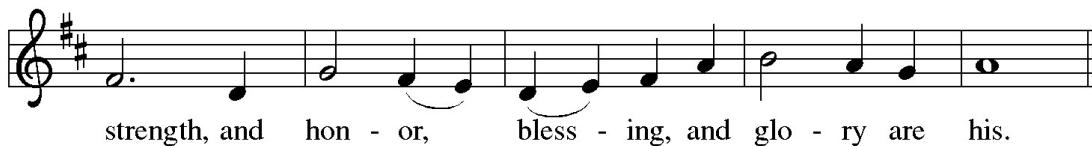
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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

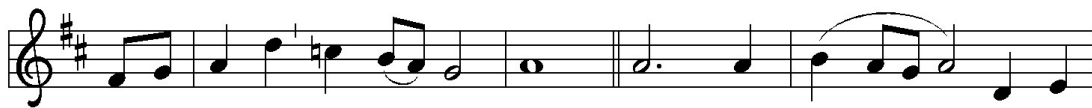


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC - CHOIR

"Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day"
~ Philippine Folk Melody, arr. by Jane Marshall

WORD

God speaks in scripture, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING - *Pew Bible New Testament Pg.123*

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.
⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”
⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM - *Pew Bible Old Testament Pg.561*

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to
judge the earth.**

⁹The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

1Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - *ELW Page 142*

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.

GOSPEL - *Pew Bible New Testament Pg.104***John 15:9-17**

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 9“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Andrea Kragerud

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 358

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

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APOSTLES' CREED - *ELW Page 105*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

MEAL

God feeds us.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING - *ELW Page 144*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - ELW Page 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER - ELW Page 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.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to fully participate and receive Holy Communion.

Ushers will direct you to the altar to receive bread and an individual cup of wine/ grape juice. If you prefer a gluten free wafer, let the server know. Grape juice will be lighter colored in the center of the serving trays. You will be dismissed as a group to return to your seat.

If you would like communion brought to you at your seat, please tell an usher and we will be happy to come to you.

COMMUNION SONG - *ELW Page 146*

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG - *ELW 482*

"I Come with Joy"



- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
- 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
- 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
- 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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COMMUNION SONG - ELW 708

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

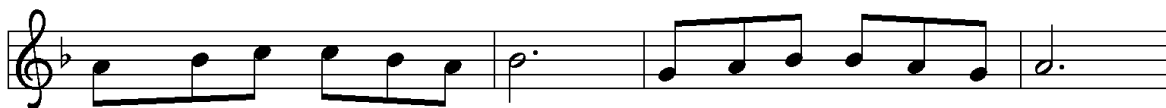
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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COMMUNION SONG - ELW 595

"Jesus Loves Me!"

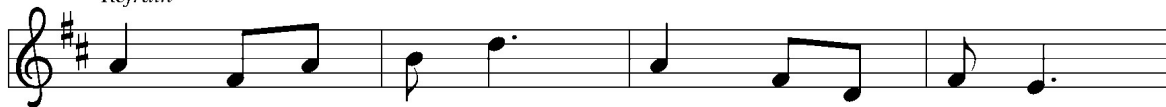


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN - *ELW 836*

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace, rejoice and be glad!

Christ is with us, thanks be to God! Alleluia!!

Rooted in the Word of God and our Lutheran faith,
we walk with each other in worship, service, and community.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Each month we pray for the rostered ministers, congregations, and ministries across the Rocky Mountain Synod and the larger church.

In this week we pray for:

*All Saints - Aurora, CO, Augustana - Denver, CO, Bethel - Aurora, CO,
Christ the Savior - Aurora, CO, Cross of Glory - Denver, CO*

Mission Statement of the Rocky Mountain Synod:

*Together we proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for the
sake of the world.*

To learn more about the Rocky Mountain Synod, go to:

<https://www.rmselca.org>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Give to St. Paul's--You may give to SPLC in-person via cash or check or virtually through our online giving page (ACH transfer or credit card). Follow the link below or scan the QR code from your phone.
<https://splccheyenne.breezechms.com/give/online>

Coffee Hour -- Please join us, every Sunday, following worship, for coffee and snacks in the Fellowship Hall!!

Happening Today -- Undie Sunday, 140th Meeting (Float/Parade) in the Fireside Room following Worship, Stewardship Celebration following Worship!

Undie Sunday -- Today we are celebrating Undie Sunday! We are collecting new underwear ("diapers to Depends") that will be taken over to the Day of Giving on May 10th. If you would rather donate non-perishable food or personal care items, please feel free to do so! Thanks for helping those in our community who need assistance in obtaining these items!

140th Meeting -- The 140th Anniversary Committee will be meeting on Sunday, May 5, 11 am in the Fireside Room to discuss the Cheyenne Frontier Days parade float. Anyone interested in helping with it is invited to attend.

Graduate Sunday -- St. Paul's will be recognizing its 2024 high school and college graduates at coffee hour on Sunday, May 19th. If you are graduating (or know someone who is), please let Kathy Carlson know at kathycarlson625@yahoo.com. Please include the degree and the school so we can provide proper recognition.

Deadlines --

- **June Epistle - Thursday, May 23rd** -- Please make sure to have all Epistle submissions in to the office by the date listed each month.
- **Weekly E-Blast Announcements - Fridays for the following Tuesday emails, Wednesdays for the following Friday emails.**
- **Weekly Bulletin Announcements - Mondays for the following Sunday**

You may make all submissions by **emailing us here**, mailing or hand delivering to the office, or you may drop it in the black mailbox on the wall next to Elizabeth's office. *Thank you!!*

Spring Special Appeal -- Thank you St. Paul's Family! You all have been super generous in supporting this Spring Special Appeal for our new sound board. We spent the last four weeks receiving gifts every day. You all are so giving for a project that reaches out to so many. Many thank you's have come into the office for this goal we set. We have received \$6,536.80. The sound system as you know is an important part of our worship together and reaches many in other countries, as well as throughout the USA. The funds beyond the cost of the board will allow us to make several other needed improvements to better facilitate our worship in the community we have created. We have a need for additional microphones for special music and a newish computer to run the new sound board. The extra amount raised will still go toward needed improvements in our sound system and internet capabilities. We will be celebrating these gifts at the May 5 service and with cake afterward during our fellowship time together. Thank you St. Paul's!

Kind Words From Some of Our Online Viewers --

"I so appreciate and enjoy St. Paul's online worship, and am pleased to contribute to fundraise for a new soundboard. Many thanks for all you do to make services better -- not an easy task! Best of luck! Keep us posted."

"Dear St. Paul's ~ I'm a longtime friend of Bill Whittle, Sr. I watch your services on youtube on the Sundays that I can't attend my church. I enjoy them and love to hear Pastor Andrea giving her inspiring messages. Last Sunday, Sarah spoke of the need to upgrade the sound system. She did an excellent job in presenting it and convinced me to want to be a part of it. So enclosed is my check to help in a small way. May God continue to bless your congregation."

19th Annual

Cheyenne Day of Giving



**Kiwanis
Community
House**

Lions Park



Youth Event
May 9th, 2024
3:30 - 6:30pm

Food, hygiene, and craft items only.

Main Event
May 10th, 2024
8:00am - 4:00pm

Simply drive up and we'll unload these items



Non-Perishable
Food



Hygiene
Items



Eyeglasses &
Hearing Aids



Craft
Items



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Medications



Used
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