



**St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point
3rd Sunday of Easter April 25, 2020**

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Psalm 116 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)

P: I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice and my supplications.

C: Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

P: The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow.

C: Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!”

P: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful.

C: The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.

P: Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

C: For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling.

P: I will walk before the LORD In the land of the living.

C: I believed, therefore I spoke, “I am greatly afflicted.”

P: I said in my haste, “All men are liars.”

C: What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me?

P: I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD.

C: I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people.

P: Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints.

C: O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds.

P: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.

C: I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people,

P: In the courts of the LORD’S house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

First Lesson-Acts 2:14, 36-41

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Epistle Lesson-1 Peter 1:17-25

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth

through the Spirit **in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart**, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, **through the word of God which lives and abides forever**, because

“All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.

The grass withers, And its flower falls away,

But the word of the LORD endures forever.”

Now this is the **word which by the gospel was preached to you.**

Gospel Lesson-Luke 24:13-35

Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?”

Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?”

And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.”

Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ

to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them.

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

Sermon

Text: 1 Peter 1:17-25

Theme: Love one another fervently

I. Peter reminds us of who we are in Christ

II. God calls upon us to love one another fervently

III. Which is the fruit of the Word of God

Prayers

Benediction

Church and Sunday school will not meet the following days, Sunday, May 3 and May 10th.

Wednesday Bible Class will be on the internet beginning on Wednesday, April 29th at 10 AM. If you would like to attend please give the pastor a call so that he can include you and give credentials to join. All are welcome! We are studying 1 Samuel. This week we will continue the study on 1 Samuel 17.

The elders will be meeting to discuss when services will begin again when Governor Pritzker announces plans for gatherings, eg size etc. We will be discussing providing another day or two of communion opportunities, with gatherings of less than 10, maybe next weekend. Pastor will post further details here and on the Church Facebook page. If you would like to receive communion privately, please call pastor.

We are planning to celebrate Easter on the first Sunday we are able to gather. Watch the website or the church facebook page for further information.

Pastor will still be trying to post sermons every day on the website and facebook page. We thank Faith Kemme for providing us with hymns on the facebook and Youtube pages. Youtube is a new feature for our congregation and will be further developed.

Prayers-Sick, shut in, medical personnel, military and civil servants, our President and staff.

This Week at St Paul

Sunday:	Adult Instruction 1 PM; 3:30 PM; 6 PM	John 11-12
Monday:		John 13-15
Tuesday:		John 16-17
Wednesday:	1 Samuel Bible Study 10 AM (Internet)	
	LYF Bible study 7 PM (Internet)	John 18-19
Thursday:		John 20-21
Friday:		John 22
Saturday:		Acts 1-2

Those participating-

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