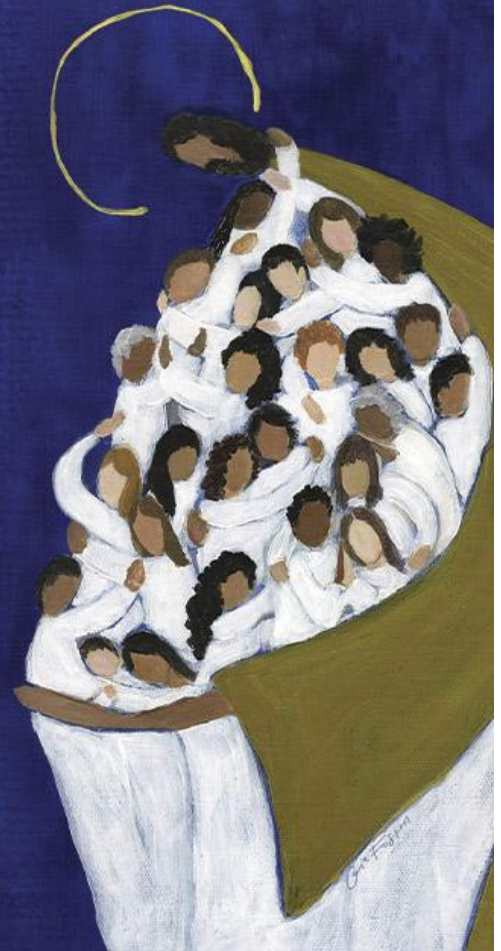


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 10th, 2026

**Because
I live,
you also
will live**

JOHN 14:19



WELCOME

To our **Church Family**

We're Glad You're Here.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us today. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please visit our Welcome Center in the North Narthex. As our way of saying thank you, you will receive a St. Paul's Welcome Bag with a coffee cup and information about our church. You may also want to download our St. Paul's App and visit our website. Information on both is in the Welcome Bag. For our young worshipers we have children's packets to play and color with during the service. These are on the white stand near the east entrance to our sanctuary.

You are welcome at the table!

If you have been baptized and believe Christ is present in the Eucharist (Holy Communion), you are welcome to join us at the table. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and return to your seats using the side aisles. If you do not wish to partake in the Sacrament but would like to receive a blessing, please just cross your hands over your chest when you come forward. Grape juice and Gluten-free wafers are available on request. Grape juice is in the colored glasses in the center of the communion tray. If you are not able to come forward and would like to receive communion, please inform an usher and the pastor will bring communion to you.

Altar Flowers

The **Altar flowers** were given today by Tracie Schmolt In Honor of my mom and all moms on Mother's Day.

The Throne flowers were given by John, Abby, Henry Haake In Honor of Thomas Haake's 11th birthday.

Introduction

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Readings and Psalm

Acts 17:22-31

Paul's message to the Athenians

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (*Ps. 66:8*)

1 Peter 3:13-22

The days of Noah, a sign of baptism

John 14:15-21

Christ our advocate

Today's Hymns from the Tower

Prelude: Humoresque
Thomas Haake, violin

Church Carillon
Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

Mother's Day Litany

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us in love.
Amen.

God of mercy, you knit us together in our mothers' wombs
and call us your own in Holy Baptism.
We thank you for your steadfast love that never ends.

For mothers who have borne us and nurtured us,
who have cared for us in body, mind, and spirit—
We give you thanks, O Lord.

For grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, foster and adoptive mothers,
and all who live out their vocation by caring for others—
We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who long to be mothers but are not,
and for those whose hopes have been met with grief or loss—
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those whose relationships with their mothers are strained or painful,
and for those who carry hidden wounds—
Lord, in your mercy, bring healing and peace.

For those who mourn mothers who have died,
and who trust in the promise of the resurrection in Christ—
Comfort them with your sure and certain hope.

For women who have been teachers, mentors, and witnesses of the faith,
reflecting your love in word and deed—
We give you thanks, O Lord.

For your boundless mercy, O God,
like a mother's love that gathers and shelters her children—
We praise you, for nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus.

Shape us by your Word and Spirit,
that we may live out our callings in love and service.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of life and for all those who have nurtured us in faith and love. On this day, we remember before you mothers of every kind, giving thanks for their care, their sacrifices, and their witness. Where there is joy, deepen it; where there is sorrow, bring your comfort; where there is brokenness, grant your healing.

By your Holy Spirit, strengthen all who are called to care for others, that they may be sustained by your grace. Help us all to live as your baptized people, trusting in your mercy and reflecting your love in our daily vocations.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW 408

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Michah 6:6-8

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AFRICA MISSION TRIP

Rev. Mark Kreemer

ANTHEM

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Ethan & Jarrett Deuble

arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world,
let us pray for the needs of all creation.

After each petition the following response is given:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

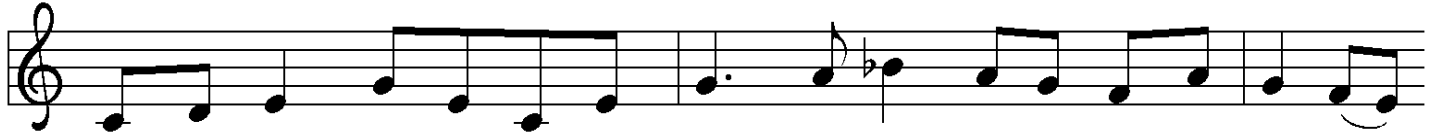
God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of
new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "GREAT THANKSGIVING". It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you." The second staff has two measures: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has two measures: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff has two measures: "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and ties.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places.... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.



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, grant us peace.

Communion Her Children Rise Up and Call Her Blessed
Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Alleluia! Sing To Jesus! ELW 392

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Fanfare William Mathias (1934-1992)

In our prayers today we will remember

Judee Reed, Paul Staver, Richard Green, Abbie Deuble, *Linda Wentling, Rick Theiss, Maggie Paul, Amy Williams, Nancy Lint, Steve Kress, Judy Hall, Kenneth & Jean Dexter, Anna Langenfeld, Arthur Barrett, Karen Daily, Denise Korn, Eric Theiss, Wayne Miller, Jessie Shaffer.*

Music notes

Ethan Deuble is finishing his freshman year at Massillon Washington High School, where he is active in choir and the Massillon Tiger Swing Band, playing the sousaphone. He is also a member of the swim team in the winter and the track team in the spring. Ethan has enjoyed being involved in musical theater, including roles in *The Lion King Jr.* and this year's production of *The Music Man*. He is currently completing his Eagle Scout requirements and is grateful for the opportunity to share his love of music.

Jarrett Deuble is finishing his freshman year at Massillon Washington High School, where he participates in choir and the Massillon Tiger Swing Band as a sousaphone player. Jarrett was recently selected to be the next Obie the Tiger mascot for the 26-27 school year. He swims in the winter and runs track in the spring. Jarrett has also been active in musical theater, performing in *The Lion King Jr.* and this year's *The Music Man*. He is working toward completing his Eagle Scout requirements and is thankful to share his musical gifts.

Thomas Haake is a 5th grader at Wadsworth Intermediate School, where he was named Student of the Month for the month of April. He is in his fourth year of Suzuki violin study with Emily Garvin and will have the honor of playing the national anthem with the Western Reserve Suzuki School on July 3 when the Guardians play the White Sox at Progressive Field. He loves music, reading, dinosaurs, Greek mythology, video games, soccer, and serving as an acolyte or usher at St. Paul's.

Adult Sunday School

2nd Floor of the Parish Hall

Redeemed for What?

You were bought with a price... (1 Corinthians 6:20a)

As we continue through Eastertide, we will reflect on the meaning of redemption. If we believe the death and resurrection of Jesus redeemed us, perhaps we must ask, now what? For what purpose have I been redeemed? What difference should it make in how I live now? Please join us for Bible study and conversation as we meet together at 11:30 on Sunday morning, top floor Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access.

Visit our website for more information: <https://stpaulsmassillon.org/adult-sunday-school>

Bell Rehearsal

The bells will rehearse April 29, May 6, and May 13 at 6pm in preparation to ring on May 17TH.

Rehearsals for the St. Paul's Steelband

Due to bell rehearsal, we will rehearse today at 1 pm, then move back to our Wednesday 6 pm rehearsals. If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to Eleanor or catch her after service. There's no need to bring anything for the first rehearsal. For those of you that just want to watch and listen, you are free to stay for as long as you like. We can't wait to get started making music together! For more information, please contact Ellie: 330-400-8543.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MAY 17TH, 2026

FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE



Game Night-May 17th

Join us in the lounge at 5:00 pm for a fun night of games and fellowship.

Bring your favorite board or card game(s), beverage, and an appetizer to share. Bingo for prizes will also be available.

Attention Graduates

We are looking to feature our graduating seniors in the June Newsletter.

If you are or know of a graduating senior (high school or college), please submit a photo, and any information you would like highlighted, i.e., participation of activities in school such as band, sports, clubs, etc.

Include plans for your future, any educational plans, employment plans, travel plans, or anything you'd like to include. This is the time to brag about yourself 😊



Capital Campaign Report

With joy and gratitude, we continue to celebrate the completion of our new entrance and bathrooms. For the past nine months, these improvements have already been a blessing—offering a warm welcome and greater accessibility to all who enter. Thank you for the generosity and faith that made this possible.

Yet our work of caring for God’s house continues.

As we look ahead, several significant needs have emerged:

- **Parish Hall Window Wells Repair** – Estimated cost: \$169,000
Addressing these issues is essential to protect the integrity of the building and prevent further damage.
- **Completion of the Heating & Cooling Conversion (Parish Hall)** –
Estimated cost: \$150,000
Finishing this project will ensure a comfortable, efficient, and usable space for ministry year-round.
- **Organ Maintenance and Restoration** – Estimated cost: \$100,000–\$200,000
Our organ plays a vital role in worship, and necessary maintenance will preserve its voice for future generations.

These are substantial projects, but they are also opportunities—opportunities to care for the spaces where ministry happens, where lives are touched, and where the Gospel is proclaimed.

Through your continued generosity, we can preserve and strengthen this place of welcome, safety, and worship. Together, we are ensuring that our church remains a living witness to God’s grace for generations to come.

Thank you for your faithfulness and your partnership in this shared ministry.

Download the St. Paul's Phone APP

Go to your Google or Apple app store on your smart phone and download the **“My Church” by Pushpay**. It is a free download.

Open the app and search for St Paul's by typing **STPLC APP**.

Then click on the St Paul's logo—that's it.



My Church
by Pushpay



Assisted Hearing Devices Available

Four assisted listening devices are available at the sound system table in the back of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship. Please see Jim Johnson or John Stanko if you need assistance with these devices.



You can also use your smartphone to access the system. Go to your app store and download the **WaveCAST** app. Then connect to the sanctuary Wi-Fi: **Network:** sound media **Password:** Sound127

Community Social Media Pages

Facebook & Instagram, Search *“Massillon Lutheran Churches”*

Facebook

“St Paul's Lutheran Church in Massillon”
or *“Cathedral Concerts at St Paul's”*

Children's Activity Bulletin

May 10th, 2026-Happy Mother's Day



Word Search Puzzle

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Children's Activity Bulletins

Crayons and Children's Activity Bulletins are available at the side entrance. These are a fun way to spread today's Gospel to our younger ones.

Coloring Page



Let us know you were here.

Please sign the St. Paul's Friendship Register at the end of your pew.

Thank you to those serving today:

Presiding Minister	Rev. Mark Kreemer
Director of Music	Dr. Abigail Haake
Assisting Minister	Veronica Kreemer
Lector	Karl Kalk
Greeters	Rev. Lynn & La Shell Williamson
Communion Assistants	Kathryn Myers & Barb Palmer
Sacristan	Sue Ambrosic
Ushers	John Lieberman, Rev. Lynn Williamson
Acolytes	Scott Larson, Thomas Haake
Soundboard	Jim Johnson
Video/Live-Stream	John Stanko

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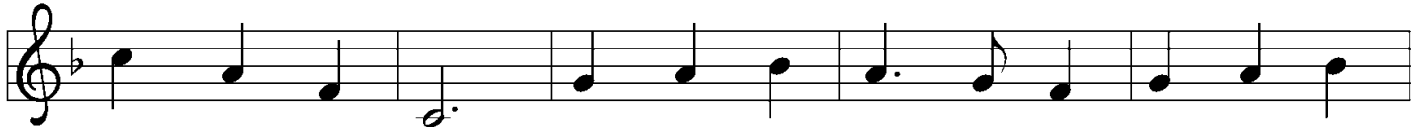
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Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW 408



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Gardini, 1716-1796

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW 392



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887