

Sixth Sunday in Easter

May 22, 2022

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

²³Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

PSALM 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, ²that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. ⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Pray for these we know to be in need of resolution, healing, support and comfort:



The Cisneros family; Ivy & John Conklin; Austin Marsh; Ewalani Odachi; Brian Kurihara; George Aspeitia; Jim Gagne; Ed Sais; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Celia Torres; Maxine Miller’s and her son, Leonard; Aki Fukui; Lily Fukui; Karri Padilla; Susan and Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; Pastor Baesler and his wife, Lin; Meher Montessori School; and all who are affected by COVID; for those who face discrimination; and for our country, our military and first responders; watch over those who are affected by the war in Ukraine. May all families be reunited and let there be a peaceful resolution.

- **Have extra canned food?** Please consider bringing it to church for use in our food pantry. We will also be accepting health/beauty supplies like travel sized bottles of shampoo, toothpaste, and soap. We are working on putting together another service project in the coming months. If anyone has any ideas on organizations we can support or projects we can take on, please contact Elizabeth. **Please also remember that Sunday, September 11th, is God’s Work, Our Hands Day!**

Next — Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-21; John 17:20-26
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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30am

While LA County has formally rescinded the masking order as of 3/4/22, masks are still being recommended for use in public settings, such as our worship space. For the safety of our at-risk members and our current visiting pastor, please wear a mask and maintain social distancing for the time being.

If you have forgotten a mask, we do have extras, in both adult and kid sizes, in the Narthex.

News and Needs

- **The Lord's Supper**, our sharing of the bread and wine as Jesus invites us to do, is open to all who accept the presence of Jesus in this simple meal. Jesus comes to us with forgiveness independently of our human understanding. We continue to use pre-filled communion chalices for a sanitary, safe, and traditional communion experience. We rejoice in our opportunity to join together in praise and thanksgiving to God. Newcomers among us are invited to participate in every aspect of our worship. Any questions? Please ask.
- **Today we are happy to welcome Pr. Ron Baesler and his wife, Lin**, who will once again share her harp and lovely singing voice to enrich our worship experience.
- **Pr. David Berkedal** will be joining us starting the first Sunday in June as a long-term supply pastor. We look forward to having him support our congregation through guidance and worship.
- **Coffee Hour & Fellowship will be held in the lounge following today's service.** Today's refreshments are provided by Linda Wilson and Marian Hanson. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the lounge for volunteers to host for the coming Sundays.
- **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:** Today, May 22nd, American Legion Post 397 and Boy Scout Troop 329 will be hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser and farmer's market until noon! Tickets are **\$10** and will be held at the American Legion post across the street from Barnes Park and next to the Library.
- **Memorial Day:** Our friends at American Legion Post 397 will be hosting their annual Memorial Day event on Monday, May 30th at 10am, in conjunction with the City of Monterey Park. If you would like to volunteer, please let Jean Sais or Jo Anne Mitchell know or send Elizabeth an e-mail or call the office. We had a great turnout last year and hope to see our returning volunteers as well as some new faces this year! Additionally, there are still looking for monetary donations to help renovate their facility so if you can help, please do! They do so much for the Monterey Park community.
- **Motivating the Exhausted – June 7 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. - via Zoom with the Rev. Dr. Marjorie Funk-Pihl:** This free workshop is for leaders of congregations in the SWCA and Pacifica synods. This 3-hour workshop will give you tools to lead your congregation to channel their exhaustion and frustration in creative ways that inspire curiosity and lead to constructive change. The appreciative inquiry process will provide the strategy and the underlying principles, so you'll learn a bit about that too. If you are interested in joining the St. Paul's team for this workshop, please contact Jean Sais for registration details.

FIRST READING: ACTS 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:10, 22—22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. **22** ¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Birthdays in May:

- **George Sais (May 29)**