

## GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## PSALM 148

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! <sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. <sup>6</sup>He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! <sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! <sup>10</sup>Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! <sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! <sup>12</sup>Young men and women alike, old and young together! <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

### 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 Aspetia; Jim Gagne; Ed Sais; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Celia Torres; Maxine Miller’s son, Leonard; Aki Fukui; Lily Fukui; Karri Padilla; Susan and Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; 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.



### Birthdays in May:

- David Cisneros (May 17)
- George Sais (May 29)

## Fifth Sunday in Easter May 15, 2022

### St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Sunday Service at 9:30AM

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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.** He will be presiding over our services for the rest of May.
- **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 St. Paul's Council. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the lounge for volunteers to host for the coming Sundays.
- **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:** On Sunday May 22, from 8am-noon, [American Legion Post 397](#) and [Boy Scout Troop 329](#) will be hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser and farmer's market! 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.
- **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!**

## FIRST READING: ACTS 11:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

## SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.