



# St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A member of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*

## Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



### Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm traditional • Sunday: 8:00 am traditional

Sunday: 10:30 am contemporary

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 | 262-567-5001 | [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org)

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School & Early Childhood Center

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Steve Scharnell, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Paul Borgman, The Church Triumphant  
Jill George, Principal  
Michelle Oddsen, Deaconess Intern

Amanda Rosenberg, Middle School Youth Director  
Adam Tanney, High School Youth Director  
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director  
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Volume 25

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Number 20

Please fill out an attendance card  
and place it in the offering plate.

*As the prelude begins, worshipers are  
encouraged to conclude conversation  
and quietly prepare for worship.*

## GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! If you are a guest, the following information may help you:

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, an usher will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

If you have small children, there are activity bags located behind the back pews that might be helpful for your child.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Please read our confession found on page 329-330 of the Lutheran Service Book and indicate your agreement with our beliefs by checking the box next to the names of those communing.

Those who share in our confession of faith of the Lord's Supper are welcome to receive.

If you hold a confession differing from this congregation, please speak with a pastor or elder. Non-communing, baptized children are welcome to come to the table for a blessing. If you are physically unable to come to the table, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion.

### Communion Wine

The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are rose in color.

**May 19, 2019**

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Pastor:** Steve Scharnell

**Theme:** *Are You a Fair Weather Fan?*

**Traditional Worship**

LSB, Divine Service 2, pg. 167

**Contemporary Worship**

Special Order

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 100      **Total: 375**  
 8:00 am – 151      **Members: 343**  
 10:30 am – 124      **Visitors: 32**

Scan the QR code and give electronically. This is a safe and easy way to offer your gifts to God.



### THIS WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Sheri Fleischfresser	Sheri Fleischfresser	Junior Praise Team
<b>Special Music</b>	Failenn O'Donnell	Failenn O'Donnell	
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Mason Paar	Maddux Kiley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ann Ashworth	Leslyn Mueller	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Elders</b>	Todd Leonhardt	Bruce Bain	Josh Oddsen
<b>Greeters</b>	Rick Zastrow	Jim & Marlene Steinberg (church) Shirley Smart (school)	Kim Tuff
<b>Lectors</b>	Amy Hackbarth	Dorothy Duchow	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Whitney Fleischfresser
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Todd Leonhardt	Gary Flanagan	Truman Seifert

### SPONSORS

**Radio Broadcast:** Bob & Agnes Thurow in praise to God for their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on May 26<sup>th</sup> and in loving memory of Asher & Doris Moore.

**Altar Flowers:** Karen Schultz in praise to God for her grandson, Linus's, 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and her granddaughter, Bella's, 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Our 8:00 am Worship Service is broadcast live on WTKM 104.9 and at wtkm.com**

**Families with small children:**  
 There are activity bags located in the back of the church that might be helpful for your child.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Guide Book & Directory advertising opportunity**

We have partnered with Guide Book Publishing to provide a Guide Book & Directory for our congregation that we will update & publish annually. This book is delivered directly to every member at no cost to our congregation. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book, but we want to make sure our members have first access to prime locations in this new directory.

This is a great opportunity for your business because our members prefer to support businesses that support our congregation. Recent results of a survey taken by GBP show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize an advertiser over a non-advertiser and 70.9% consciously look to see who is advertising. If you are interested in advertising in our new Guide Book & Directory, please call the office at 262-567-5001. Thank you for your support!

### **Update membership information**

Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred over the past year. So...Have you changed your phone number? Moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home, and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? Have you discontinued your landline to only use a cell phone?

If you have not already informed the church office (262.567.5001) about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the new Guide Book & Directory is correct. Thank you!

### **Life Thoughts in the Church Year**

“What God has made clean, do not call common” (Acts 11:9). The same grace that sanctifies our consciences also safeguards the lives of the least of these. By creating them with His own fingers (Psalm 139:13), redeeming them with His own blood (2 Corinthians 5:19), and calling them with His own Spirit and Word (Matthew 28:19), the Lord our God has declared every member of our race, including embryos and elderly ones, not only clean but precious.



## Volunteer Registration

Before VBS, I would like to help by:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Praying                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing craft materials        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with administrative tasks | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning decorations             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating classrooms             | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting banners, backdrops, set |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building sets                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning publicity                |   |

During VBS, I would like to help in one or more of the following areas:

- |             |                                 |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Racer Team: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Crafts:     | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Snacks:     | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Games:      | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Music:      | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Missions:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Nursery:    | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |

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|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound/AV      | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up Crew | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Assistant |

### Age Level Preference

- 3-6 years     6-9 years     9-12 years     Wherever needed most

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Days Available:     Every day     Certain days (please specify):

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Vacation Bible School Dates: June 24-27 (M-Th), 2019

Time: 8:00 am—11:00 am

Cost: \$15 per student/\$35 max per family

## Register me for The Incredible Race!

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please place my child with \_\_\_\_\_

Name of home church \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ List \_\_\_\_\_

Medical concerns Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_

### PERMISSION TO USE IMAGES AND VIDEO

I hereby grant permission for **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church** to record sounds, images, or video of my child \_\_\_\_\_ while attending *this VBS program*. I also give permission for **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church** at its sole discretion to use these sounds, images, or videos in publications (including print, websites, and social media platforms) owned by **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church** in relation to *this VBS program*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter: *Are You a Fair Weather Fan?*  
May 19–26, 2019

## ***Are You a Fair Weather Fan?***

Our insensibility to God’s goodness and glory is a sign of how far we have fallen. In all of His wondrous creation He has raised up a Savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, God has gathered together His own people, into the Church, declaring them to be His saints and dwelling near them with His very presence in Word and Sacrament. Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His death and resurrection, and God is glorified in Him, so He is glorified in us by our love for one another, which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

## ***The Order of Meditation and Prayer***

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

### ***Invocation***

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Christ-Centered Theme:*** Jesus says, “Love one another as I have loved you.”

### ***Apostles’ Creed***

***Verse:*** Acts 14:22b Continue in the faith ... “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”

***Psalm:*** Psalm 33 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Daily Psalms								
Morning	93	97	98	99	47	96	92	93
Evening	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	68, 113	50, 138	23, 114	136;117

**The Catechism: Table of Duties—To Employers and Supervisors: Ephesians 6:9;  
To Youth: 1 Peter 5:5-6**

<p>Masters, treat your slaves in the same way do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Ephesians 6:9</b></p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade +</p>
<p>Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothes yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1 Peter 5:5-6</b></p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Grade +  2<sup>nd</sup> Grade +</p>

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter: *Are You a Fair Weather Fan?***

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	“The Promise of the Holy Spirit—John 16:5-15	Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27	Luke 11:37-54
Mon.	Peter Heals and Preaches in the Temple—Acts 3:1–4:4	Lev. 21:1-24	Luke 12:1-12
Tue.	Peter and John Are Arrested—Acts 4:5-22	Lev. 23:1-22	Luke 12:13-34
Wed.	Peter and John Give Thanks for Being Persecuted—Acts 4:23-31	Lev. 23:23-44	Luke 12:35-53
Thur.	Ananias and Sapphira Lie to the Holy Spirit—Acts 4:32–5:16	Lev. 24:1-23	Luke 12:54-13:17
Fri.	An Angel Frees the Apostles from Prison—Acts 5:17-42	Lev. 26:1-20	Luke 13:18-35

***Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul’s***

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

***Daily Themes for Prayer***

**Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*

**Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one’s calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*



- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

### ***In Our Prayers this Week***

**Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS**—Don Gauerke; Chad Eberhardt; Ken Dinnauer; Wilbur Pieper; Barb Pieper; Carolyn Pankow—Shorehaven; Peggy Lauber—liver and bone cancer; Shirley Dibble—cancer; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment; Mary Buss—cancer; Marilyn Marohn; Katie Waldorf; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Mabel Fredrick; Rick Ware—healing from knee surgery; Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Larry Dietrich—recovering from lung surgery; Garth Kraemer (Matt Dinnauer's uncle)—cancer diagnosis; John Henke (Skye's dad)—stage IV Melanoma; Fran Meyer (Chris Hesse's aunt)—Multiple Myeloma; Tanya Schoenberger (Richie & Lucy Fredrick's daughter)—breast cancer; Betty (Heather Scheuer's aunt); Erin (Mileager)—Rayborn—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mark Jorgenson—pancreatic cancer; Barbara Rankin—brain cancer; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; Sandy—kidney cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)—breast cancer; Beth—Lymphoma; Tom—stage 3 bladder cancer; Mike—bone cancer; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Quinn—breast cancer; Kim B.—breast cancer; Jeanie; Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner's sister-in-law)—Lymphoma; Dan (stage-four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

**Other:** Dr. H James Boldt (Fred's brother)—failing heart; Nicky Bratz; Kenny—MRSA; Traci Hildebrandt; Dennis Steinke; Julia Benzel; David Vanclave; David Giese—brain surgery; Charlene—hit by a car; Chuck—memory issues; Fred Storm (Lynda Rades's brother); Fred Storm (Lynda Rades's father); Luigi Guadagno (Celeste Abel's dad)—recovering from a fall; Joyce Litzau—hospice; Brennan; Charlie (3 year-old)—victim of child abuse; Dan George (Jamie's brother)—awaiting liver transplant; Charlie Vitrano—open heart surgery; Ray Kugler (Crystal Parker's friend) —uninsured and in need of a medical procedure; Audrey (Sheila Rams' sister)—Alzheimer's; Yvonne (Sheila Rams sister)—stroke; Gracie Brehm; Sharon—circulation problems; Rev. William Meyer; Merita Dinnauer; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble's niece); Bob Back (friend of Scharnell's)—Lou Gehrig's disease; Anna Mae (George Urban's mother)—hospice; Jeffery Barney; Gail Albright; Dan; Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—

strength in walking; Shawn—vascular problems; Doug—CCL; Barb (Dave Schlomer’s mom)—severe headaches; Sharon—probiotic/kidney problems; Pat—afib; Joel (Tina Gartzke’s nephew); Clarence; Pam; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Justin Michener; Zach Howard, Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke, Jacob, Brian, Randy, Kyle, Jake, Jeff, Matt, Brad, Ben, Mike & Rob

**Those serving God as missionaries:** Christie Nelson (China), Ray Wigdal (China), Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; the family of John Simaras, who passed away; Richard & Judy; a member struggling with anxiety and depression; Teddy; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri, Sam

**Anniversary:** Bill & Margaret Voss—73<sup>rd</sup>—May 18<sup>th</sup>

***Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism***  
***Hymn of the Week: “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”***

**LSB 782**

**Looking forward to the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 26, 2019**

**Hymns: 556, (411, 490, 501) 474**

***Get Up (Pastor Scharnell)***

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” Jesus said as recorded in John 16:33. Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that whatever you ask of the Father in Jesus’ name, He will give to you. What does this mean though? Because we don’t always get what we want. But we are to pray in the confidence that we will be heard and answered. We pray for healing but we don’t always get the healing we want. But we are to pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him. We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life.



**Rev. 21:1 – “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.”** The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth that has been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use “unrighteous mammon” for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# Reformation Tap Society

Craft Beer • Friendly Conversation • Serious Theology

**Held at BrewFinity Brewery**  
N58 W39800 Industrial Rd., Suite D  
Oconomowoc

What can be better than having a drink with friends, eating delicious food, and talking about things that are truly important?

**May 19, 2019**

Hospitality as  
Mission

(It's Not that  
Complicated)

Presenter:  
Rev. Kent Schaaf  
Milwaukee, WI

let's  
celebrate!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
A RETIREMENT PARTY CELEBRATING

*Roxie Gerlach*

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
St. Paul's Gym

Social Hour begins at 4:30 PM  
Dinner at 5 PM  
Program to celebrate Ms. Gerlach at 6 PM

If you are interested in helping plan or set up for the party, please contact Sheri Fleischfresser at [sheri@splco.org](mailto:sheri@splco.org)

Monetary gifts can be brought to the office to contribute to a group gift for Ms. Gerlach



## Save the date

to be photographed for the new  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
directory

Photography dates:

August 7th – 10th  
August 14th – 17th  
August 28th – 31st

Weekday times: 2pm-9pm  
Saturdays: 9am-4pm

**Lifetouch**

# CELEBRATE THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD!

## **SWD Circuit 22 Ascension Service**

at St. John's Lutheran Church – Sullivan

### **Thursday, May 30**

*Dinner 5:30 p.m. ~ Service 7 p.m.*

*The service offering will go to*

*"Free at Last"*

*Prison Ministry*

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# St. Paul's Lutheran School

## Adventures in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

What great adventures that the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes have experienced so far this month! On Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, these students embarked on a four day adventure, four hours north of school, to Camp Luther in Three Lakes. During their



time there they

were able to experience sleeping out in the “villages” (an ark, fort, and towers), mountain bike, kayak and canoe, fish, hike, disc golf, archery, work together in challenge courses, participate in service projects, learn about

different kinds of birds in the area, and most importantly grow closer to each other and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What an opportunity we have all been given parents, teachers and students, to grow in His Word with one another!



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>MONDAY</b> May 20	John Simaras Visitation John Simaras Funeral John Simaras Luncheon Lord's Cupboard Meal	Church Church Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall	9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 5:30 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b> May 21	Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting Praise Team Practice	Room 219 Church	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> May 22	2019-2020 Confirmation Class Meeting Adult Choir	Room 219 Balcony	6:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> May 23	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b> May 25	Journeymen Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> May 26	Traditional Worship Service Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service	Church Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Adult Bible Study

**Sunday:** 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall  
262-567-5001

#### Women of Joy

**Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)** - 8:00 am  
Whelan's

#### Journeymen

**Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)** - 7:30 am  
Maxim's

## NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Psalm 67	Rev. 21:9-14, 21-27	John 5:1-9
<b>Acolytes</b>	Levi Benes	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Donna Andrus	Sarah Neff
<b>Elders</b>	Arno Kirchenwitz	Dave Meyer	Erik Benes
<b>Greeters</b>	John Melvin	Ralph & Donna Andrus (church) Jim & Judy Braatz (school)	Brenda Nagel
<b>Lectors</b>	Chad Eberhardt	Jim Steinberg	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Mike Papa	Scott Kalien

**May 26, 2019**

### **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Pastor:** Steve Scharnell

**Theme:** *Get Up*

**Traditional Worship**

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**Contemporary Worship**

Special Order

# READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## **Psalm 148**

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

## **Revelation 21:1-7**

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. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And 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 from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

## **John 13:31-35**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."