Seventh Sunday of Easter......May 24, 2020

As we gather for worship let us be thankful for the opportunity to come together. The reality of Easter prepares us for the reality of discipleship. May we have encouragement and hope in the midst of our fiery trials, all because of Jesus and His strength.

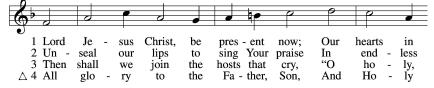
There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary. Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

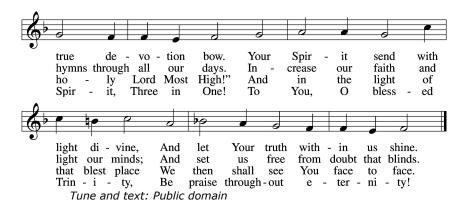
# **Order of Worship**

## **Opening Hymn**

LSB 902

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"





CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

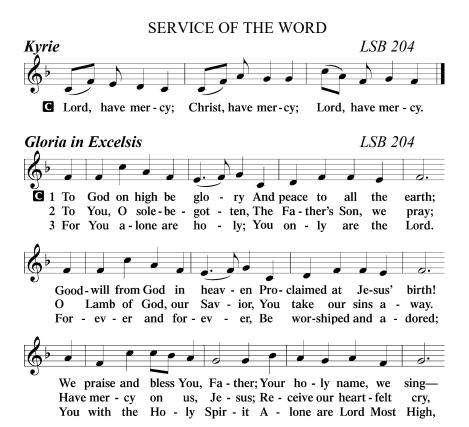
C Amen.

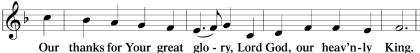
- *P* Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- *C* But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

# C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.





Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high— In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

Easter 7

- *P* The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **Epistle**

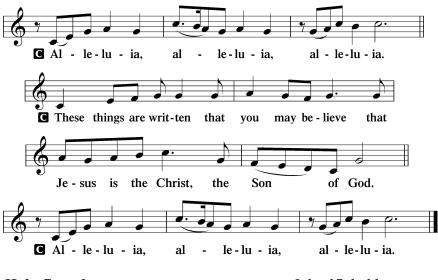
1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . . Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may

exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- *P* This is the Word of the Lord.
- $\mathcal{C}$  Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia and Verse



### Holy Gospel

John 17:1–11

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. "I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your Word. Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one."

- *P* This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

# Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

LSB 756

"Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me" 1 Why should tri - al grieve me? Christ is near cross and 2 When Though their weight life's trou bles rise to meet me, 3 God gives me my days of glad ness, And Ι will 4 From God's For I joy can noth - ing sev am er, 5 Now Though in Christ, death can - not slay me, it might, With His Nev will cheer: er He leave me. They will de May be great, not feat me. Trust Him still When He sends me sad ness. His dear lamb, He. my Shep herd ev er. Day and night, Trou ble and dis may me. 0 Who the heav That God's Son can rob me of en God. my lov ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows God is good; His at - tends Day by day, love me T am His be - cause He gave me His own blood Christ has made my death From the strife а por tal

Sermon Text

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Sermon "Reality Check"

The Reality of Easter Prepares You for the Reality of Discipleship.

I. The reality of Christian discipleship \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- II. Your suffering as a disciple of Jesus
- III. Christ's resurrection gives you encouragement and hope to remain \_\_\_\_\_\_.

# Prayer of the Church

P Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

- P Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the holy Sacraments, making them perfect in love and in all good works, and establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may abound and Your kingdom increase. Lord, in Your mercy,
- $\mathcal{C}$  hear our prayer.
- P Send the light of Your truth into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home and in distant lands. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P In Your mercy strengthen newly established congregations, and support them in challenging times. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord, and let their faith and zeal for the Gospel refresh and renew the witness of Your people everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,
- $\mathcal{C}$  hear our prayer.
- P Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of Indiana, and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve this people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Take from us all hatred and prejudice, give us the spirit of love, and order our days in Your peace. Prosper the labor of those who work to bring peace and justice to the nations of the world that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Bless the schools of the Church and all colleges, universities, and centers of research and those who teach and work in them. Grant Your wisdom in such measure that people may serve You honorably in Church and state, and that our common life may be conformed to the ways of Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Let Your blessing remain upon the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who put their hands to any useful task. Give them the just rewards for their labor and the knowledge that their work is a blessing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to

all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

- P We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C Amen.

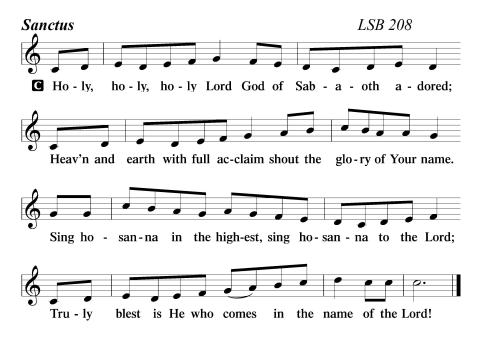
# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

# Preface

LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- $\mathcal{C}$  We lift them to the Lord.
- *P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- $\mathcal{C}$  It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid

on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



# Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things. Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

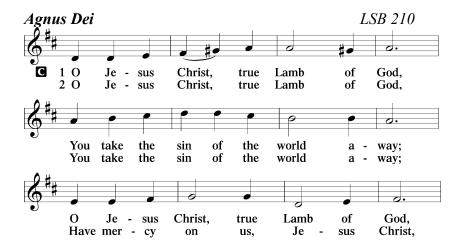
# Lord's Prayer

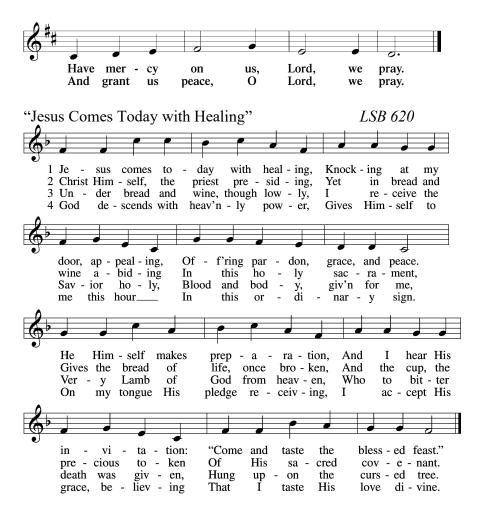
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# The Words of Our Lord

## Pax Domini

- *P* The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,

Whose own feast of love I savor,

Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.

This me for the royal han.

6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,

Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole. Text: © David W. Rogner. Used by permission: CPH Limited Promotional License no. 119000000 Tune: Public domain



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"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" LSB 636 1 Soul, dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the а 2 Has ten as а bride to meet Him, And with 3 He Nei who pre - cious craves а trea - sure ther 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der 0 ver gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in to the day-light's lov rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life ing im cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of this pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is sur splen - dor, There with joy prais - es der. your ren mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por tal. heav - en free - ly God to us has giv \_ en. bound-less Though the souls it feeds are less: count the One whose grace un-bound - ed Bless This a - maz - ing pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say 0 ing, as you Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the the choic-est wine of heav - en With Christ's own blood to ban - quet found ed: He. though heav'n - lv. high. and there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that Ι now re fered: gifts here of Christ's true bod - y, for you us is giv en. Oh. most glo - rious con - so ho Deigns ly, to dwell with you most low ly. nev - er - more You. ceive You. That Ι will leave His riv en, And blood, for you once giv en. la tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

> 6 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure.

Peace beyond all understanding,

Joy into all life expanding: Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You; Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.

7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessèd food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

8 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

9 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.

By Your love I am invited,

Be Your love with love requited;

By this Supper let me measure,

Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.

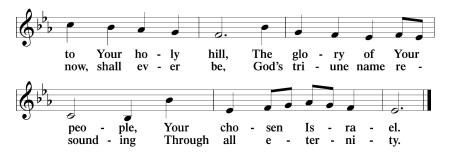
Through the gift of grace You give me

As Your guest in heav'n receive me. Tune and text: Public domain Text (sts. 1, 4–5): © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: CPH Limited Promotional License no. 119000000





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# **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **Reaffirmation of Faith**

Bill and Jamie Rogers

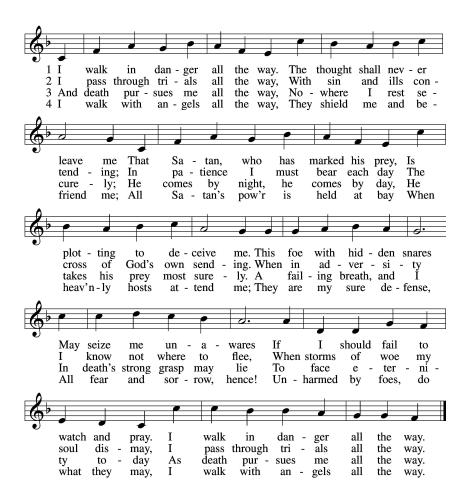
#### Benedicamus

LSB 212

- *P* Let us bless the Lord.
- $\mathcal{C}$  Thanks be to God.

#### Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.
- "I Walk in Danger All the Way" LSB 716



- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me;
- Within His wounds I find a stay

When Satan's pow'r assails me; And by His footsteps led,

My path I safely tread.

No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.

- 6 My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,
- When God's good healing shall allay All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.

Then, worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on. For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way. <u>Acknowledgments</u> Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House. <u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> are provided today by Beth Enders in remembrance of Bill & Carolyn Kline. <u>SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK</u> JERRY SMITH

Jerry is our honored shut-in this week. His contact information is 934 W. Andrews Ct., South Bend, IN 46614

# Attention Voters – Important Meeting – Tuesday, May 26, 2020

We need a strong turnout at the Voter's assembly meeting this coming Tuesday, May 26th at 7 pm as the School Board is needing Voter's approvals to offer 2 contacts and thus a quorum of Voters is required. Please plan on attending. Here is a brief summary of the 2 individuals being recommended for new contracts:

- Mark Wildauer to be the new Principal/Teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School beginning July 1. Mark has been on staff with us for the past five years teaching 2/3 grade and the School Board is recommending that the Voters approve the extension of a contract to Mark to succeed Reid Otto as School Principal and also to teach 6/7/8 grades. Mark and his wife Heidi and their 5 children are active members here at St. Paul's.
- Jamie Rogers to be the new 4/5 Teacher beginning July 1 to succeed Stephanie Rennecker. Jamie and her husband Bill and 4 daughters moved to Bremen a year ago from Wisconsin. Jamie has a BA Degree in Elementary Education from Purdue University Calumet and a Master's Degree in Special Education from the University of Wisconsin Superior. Jamie has a varied background in the educational field and has

teaching experience from Pre-School through 7th grade and most recently at a 2nd grade teacher in Bremen Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year. Jamie and Bill and their family have been attending St. Paul's since moving to Bremen.

# **May Calendar of Events**

| TODAY May 24, 2020   |
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| Worship Service with Holy Communion                          |
| MON: 25 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Memorial Day   |
| TUES: 26 <sup>th</sup>                                       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation instruction 10:00-12:00pm |
| Voter's Meeting7:00 pm                                       |
| WEDS: 27 <sup>th</sup>                                       |
| Board of Lay Ministry- Confirmand interviews6:30 – 8:45 pm   |
| THUR: 28 <sup>th</sup>                                       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation instruction 10:00-12:00pm |
| Board of Lay Ministry- Confirmand interviews 7:00- 8:30 pm   |
| NEXT SUNDAY May 31, 2020                                     |
| Worship Service9:30 am                                       |

<u>WE REQUEST YOUR PRAYERS</u> for Ed Manuum, Jim and Melonia Russell's son in law, who has been installed as pastor at First Lutheran Church in Knoxville, TN. Thanksgiving and blessings on his new ministry there.

#### SCHOOL CORNER:

- St. Paul's Lutheran School is looking to hire several part-time positions to assist with teaching curriculum, or function as a teacher's aide. Previous experience is preferred. We are looking for help for mornings and /or afternoons. If you are interested in learning more about these positions, or interviewing, please contact Mark Wildauer (mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org or call 414.698.8928), or contact Deb Burcham in the school office.
- CPR/ First Aid is being offered on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00/12:30). There is availability for up to 20 people for this free class. School staff, and additional school volunteers are asked to sign up, but there may be additional space for others. If you would desire to participate in this free class, please contact Mark Wildauer (see above) to check availability.

<u>Children's Sunday School</u> and <u>Adult Bible Class</u> will resume in the church/school on <u>July 5, 2020</u>. This is in accordance with the State of Indiana Covid-19 five-stage program. Although we are able to worship with social distancing, our classrooms do not presently allow enough space to comply with the order. We will continue to send out Sunday School materials to our K-8 grade classes through May 31.

During the month of June . . . <u>Children</u> may pick up their lessons in the church Narthex (or have them mailed to their homes). <u>Adults</u> will be provided with an independent Bible study that may also be picked up in the Narthex each Sunday . . .

The Bd. of Christian Ed. has also identified additional online resources and will list them in upcoming bulletins. www.lssuesetc.org <u>https://cphfaithcourses.com/care/</u>

During the month of June we will be studying John the Baptist for 4 weeks in a hand out that can be picked up before or after Church on Sunday. Until we meet again, we pray that you find hope and encouragement through God's unfailing Word! "For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth." Psalm 71:5 St. Paul's Bd. of Christian Education

### BUDGET UPDATE:

Operating budget fund balance as of May 21, 2020: \$76,800 This amount represents almost 6 weeks of normal day-today expenses of the Church and School ministries.

# Servants for Today's worship

Administrative Pastor: Roger Rohde 546-2332 or 574-209-0306

Assistant Pastor: Neil Wonnacott 546-2332 or 574-301-9291

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Elder: Jim Kaiser

# Communion Assistant: Terry Miller