

## THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

### **TODAY** (May 22) **WORSHIP (HC)** & Sun. School

Dale (NO Bible class).....8:00 am

Larsen (NO Bible class) ..... 10:00 am

### **MON** (May 23)

Zoom catechism class-St. Paul/St. Peter's.....6:30 pm

### **THURS** (May 26)

Bible Class (St. Paul)..... 10:00 am

Worship (St. Paul) .....6:00 pm

### **NEXT SUN** (May 29) **WORSHIP** & Sun. School

Dale-20 minute Bible study.....7:30 am

Dale.....8:00 am

Larsen (Bible class follows) ..... 10:00 am

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** *If you happen to see the following member(s) this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"* **May 22** – Laurie Fischer **May 23** – Hailey Wichman **May 24** – Debra Brandt, Jenifer Kraft **May 25** – Kyle Herbst

**THANK YOU** – to guest worship leader and preacher Rev. Loren Fritz for conducting the service this morning.

**OFFERINGS** – (St. Paul) The weekly plate offerings for May 8 and May 15 were \$2,605.00. The Vanco online offerings for week ending May 7 were \$465.00 and for week ending May 14 were \$840.00.

**COUNCIL NOTES** - (St. Paul) We have had discussions about replacing the floor in the Fellowship Hall and also purchasing new tables and chairs. Estimates are as follows:

Estimate for Fellowship Hall Floor Replacement  
(Materials and Labor) \$12,710

Estimate for 80 Commercial Grade stackable  
chairs and 10 tables \$ 6,000

Our goal is to have the funds prior to starting the project. We currently have \$589.00 which has been designated for the tables and chairs.

If you would like to contribute to either of the above, please ear mark your donation accordingly. Please contact Chris Mihna or Dave Magolski with any questions.

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022

**TODAY'S WORSHIP** - In our first lesson, Paul and Barnabas during their first missionary journey flee to Lystra. Filled with the Spirit, Paul and Barnabas heal a man crippled from birth. While the crowd recognizes divine power at work, their misguided notions of divinity lead them to the wrong conclusion. Troubled by what was happening, Paul and Barnabas seize the opportunity to proclaim the true message of peace through the risen Christ. As we continue our visit to heaven in the book of Revelation, we see how God sees his Church: as the very bride of Christ, holy and glorious. Like a brilliant jewel the Church built on the prophets and apostles is prepared for an eternity with her loving Lord in the temple of the Lamb and the radiance of his light. In the Gospel lesson, Jesus continues to prepare the disciples for his visible departure. The new command to love one another also means loving him and his Word. Loving Jesus means obeying his teaching. We do not fear at the thought of this impossible task. The gift of the Spirit comes to bring knowledge and peace. With untroubled hearts, we believe.

### **Welcome to our Guests—**

We're glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you.

St Paul restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. St. Peter's unisex restrooms are located at the front of the sanctuary to the left of the altar area (with changing table) and another can be accessed by going through the basement and up the stairs on the left side.

Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

## BELLS AND WELCOME

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** *The Common Service with Holy Communion*, pg 15 in the red hymnals.

**TODAY'S HYMNS:** For our hymns today, we will use the **blue** copy of "*Christian Worship*" #444, 448, 667 and 512 verses 5-6.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** The Psalm 65 we will use at St. Paul is from the blue copies of *Christian Worship* is (page 65 which at St. Paul the Adult Choir will lead).

The Psalm 65 we will use at St. Peter's is from the red copies of *Christian Worship* (page 89 with congregation singing all verses in unison).

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Spoken by Pastor*)



Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



+ GOD'S WORD +

**THE FIRST LESSON:** Acts 14:8-18

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 65

**SECOND LESSON:** Revelation 21:10-14, 22, 23

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (John 14:23 cf. NIV)



## GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:23-29

### NICENE CREED

**HYMN OF THE DAY #448** "Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful"

(at St. Paul the Adult Choir will sing the first verse with the congregation joining in singing verses 2-3, at St. Peter's the congregation sings the whole hymn)

**THE MESSAGE TODAY:** BASED ON: JOHN 21:1-14

**"Live with Jesus at Your Side"**

After the Sermon sing "Create in Me" printed on page 20 in the front of the red hymnal.

**OFFERINGS** - Offering baskets will be kept in the entry area and will not be passed during the service.

**THE SACRAMENT- ON SCREEN**

**DIST. HYMN: #667** "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

(as many verses as are needed for the distribution of Holy Communion)

*Dear Guests, in keeping with the Lord's own instructions in his Word, this congregation practices "Close Communion." The Lord teaches us that partaking in the sacrament is, among other things, an outward way of expressing our unity in a common confession of faith. We ask our guests today, who are not members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS church, that you please speak with our pastor before communing. Christ calls on us to first establish our oneness in faith through time in His Word together so that we can openly and honestly express it in the sacrament.*

**THE SONG OF SIMEON, on screen**

**PRAYER AND BLESSING, on screen**

**CLOSING HYMN: #512 verses 5-6** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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## First Lesson – Acts 14:8-18

<sup>8</sup>In Lystra there was a man who was sitting down because he had no strength in his feet. He had never walked because he was lame from birth. <sup>9</sup>When he was listening to Paul as he was speaking, Paul looked at him closely and saw that he had faith to be healed. <sup>10</sup>Paul said in a loud voice, “Stand up on your feet!” And the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup>When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form.” <sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the main speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates, because he wanted to offer sacrifices along with the crowds.

<sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Paul and Barnabas heard about this, they tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, shouting, <sup>15</sup>“Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men with the same nature as you. We are preaching the good news to you so that you turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. <sup>16</sup>In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways. <sup>17</sup>Yet he did not leave himself without testimony of the good he does. He gives you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He fills you with food and fills your hearts with gladness.” <sup>18</sup>Even though they said these things, they had a hard time stopping the crowds from sacrificing to them.

## Second Lesson – Revelation 21:10-14, 22, 23

<sup>10</sup>He carried me away in spirit to a great and high mountain, and he showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup>It has the glory of God. Its radiance is similar to a very precious stone, like crystal-clear jasper.

<sup>12</sup>It has a large, high wall. It has twelve gates. Twelve angels are at the gates, and twelve names are engraved on the gates, the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Three gates are on the east, three on the north, three on the south, and three on the west. <sup>14</sup>The city’s wall also has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the Lamb’s twelve apostles.

<sup>22</sup>I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

<sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God has given it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

## Gospel Lesson – John 14:23-29



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“I have told you these things while staying with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

<sup>27</sup>“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

<sup>29</sup>“I have told you now before it happens so that, when it does happen, you may believe.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ST. PETER’S PLEASE NOTE** - St. Peter's is looking for a man from the congregation who would be willing to represent the congregation at the WELS Northern Wisconsin District Convention to be held at our Fox Valley Lutheran High School on June 14-15. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Ibisch 920-878-3001. Meals will be provided.

**TIMBER RATTLERS GAME** - (St. Paul) **LAST DAY TO SIGNUP IS TODAY SUNDAY MAY 22.**

## God's Word for This Week

In today's lessons we hear about peace between us and God. How can rebels find peace with their holy Lord and judge? Not at all by their deserving it, but by his declaring it. God's peace is so profound and his willingness to receive us as his children so sincere that Jesus even assures us that he and his Father will come to us and make their home within us.

### First Lesson – Acts 14:8-18

Two miracles occurred in Lystra. One was clear to all, and the other was observable to Paul. What were the two miracles?

*The obvious miracle was the physical healing of the crippled man. At the command of Paul, he jumped up and began to walk. The other miracle was what occurred first. The Holy Spirit worked a profound change in this man's heart. Paul shared the gospel and then saw this man had faith to be healed.*

What was the crowd's response to the apostles' message?

*The crowds wanted to sacrifice to them. Paul and Barnabas told the people listening they were mere men. They pointed the people to Christ. Yet, the people of Lystra had difficulty accepting the apostles' explanation. They had convinced themselves that Paul and Barnabas were gods.*

### Second Lesson – Revelation 21:10-14, 22, 23

Some people are waiting for the New Jerusalem to be built on earth. Is John describing this when he gives such exact details of the Holy City?

*Although the details are exact, John is not describing an earthly city. He is describing heaven which God the Father is preparing for us. The detailed description with the beautiful symmetry is highly figurative. It is meant to paint a picture of the safety, beauty, and perfection of heaven.*

How does John describe being in God's presence?

*When we join the saints in heaven, we will bask in the never-ending light of God's glory. The glorious love God showed sinners by sending his Son will illumine us forever. What we receive now intermittently through Word and Sacrament we will enjoy eternally in heaven.*

### Gospel – John 14:23-29

How will the triune God make his home with believers?

*The triune God makes his home with believers through the Word. The Spirit, sent from God, works through the Word. Believers demonstrate that God is dwelling in them by being faithful to God's Word and putting that Word into practice in their lives.*

What is the "peace" that Jesus gives?

*The peace Jesus gives differs from what the world gives. The world's peace consists of words and feelings with no eternal value. Jesus gives us the peace he won for all mankind. This peace makes us at one with God. It calms a troubled heart and a guilty conscience. Jesus gives us a peace where we can find true rest, now and forever, for we have no more war with our Maker.*