



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church Blue Point
7th Sunday of Easter May 23, 2020

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 100:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 101:1

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;*
to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep
of his | pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*
and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;*

to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

Kyrie

LSB 186

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P Glory be to God on High,
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.**

**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.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For 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? ¹⁸And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 17:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹When 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, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶"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. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For 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. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,**

and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Sermon-John 17:1-11

Theme-The Son prays for the Bride whom the Father has Given Him

I. Throughout these chapters, Jesus has been speaking about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

II. The Lord, in a mysterious way, describes in this prayer, the work of the Trinity with the words Given and Kept

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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:

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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.
- C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread,
and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples
and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in
remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had
given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this
cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of
Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.**

- A 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 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.**

Salutation and Benedicamus

- P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.**

- A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and I give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Wednesday Bible Class will be continuing on the internet on Wednesday, May 27 at 10 AM. If you would like to attend please give the pastor a call so that he can include you and give credentials to join. All are welcome! We are studying 1 Samuel. This week we will continue the study on 1 Samuel 20-21

Saturday June 6th – “Benevolent Fund” fundraiser to help “members in need projects”. Porkburgers, hot dogs and fresh baked goods will be served on the north parking lot of Immanuel Church at 203 E Division St in Altamont. Serving 10:30 – 1:00 pm. Both Drive thru and walk up will be available.

Prayers-For Blake Mathias, who has been ill; Karen Vollmer, daughter of Shirley Wachtel, whose cancer has returned; the birth of boy Griffin Drew Hammer to Spencer and Rachel Hammer; the birth of a boy Walker Douglas Hammer to Ashley and Jordan Hammer; For Dawson Guerrettaz, who was injured in a 4 wheeler accident and had successful surgery earlier this week; Memorial day, for those who gave the last full measure; Health, Safety, and good state and national leadership...

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Adult Instruction 1 PM; 3:30 PM; 6 PM	Acts 21-22
Monday:	Acts 23-24
Tuesday: Divine Service 7 PM	Acts 25-26
Wednesday: 1 Samuel Bible Study 10 AM (Internet)	
LYF Bible study 7 PM (Internet)	Acts 27-28
Thursday: Greek study 10 AM (Internet)	
Divine Service 7 PM	Romans 1-2
Friday:	Romans 3-4
Saturday:	Romans 5-6

Letter to the Congregation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus our Lord,

I am writing to you, a third time as we, the members of St Paul Blue Point, try to find ways to carry out our mission and ministry during this time of pandemic. We are writing to continue to inform you of the latest news, given the circumstances in our community/state. This letter will come to your mailbox, and will also be published on the church website www.stpaulbluepoint.org, and the church Facebook page. Regular

announcements will be published on our Facebook page and our webpage. Please be aware that the pastor and church depend on you to take the initiative to help schedule any visits, communion services, etc. Also pastor and the elders would like to thank all the members for their help in getting through this difficult time.

Therefore, after meeting with the elders on May 14th, and pastor meeting with the Circuit Visitors of the three districts of Illinois, (whose district presidents joined in sending a letter asking the Governor to allow the churches to gather), and then meeting with pastors from three of our local circuits, the pastor and elders of St Paul are going to recommend the following;

1.) That communion services will be offered in groups of 10 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 PM, and Sunday at 9:45 and 11 AM. Pre-registration is required so that we can abide with the rules set forth by the state. (Regarding the Effingham and Fayette County meetings and recommendations about opening up their respective counties, these recommendations do not have legal standing that would allow us to open up church services, legal and civil liabilities are not avoided by any appeal to these documents). Please note, this will allow for 40 people a week to commune. Also please note that this will probably be the way we gather for service through June, at least as far as we can see at this moment. If we need more services, they will be offered as the need becomes apparent from your requests/appointment etc. Please do not wait for someone to call you, if you desire communion, but...

2.) The elders ask that the members of the congregation, as they consider their desire for communion, please contact Beth Speers via the church facebook site to schedule for communion. If that is not possible, please call or text Beth at 217-821-3507 or leave a message on the church phone 618-483-6993. (please do not call the pastor to schedule for these services, unless you want to schedule outside of these times, say on a weekday morning, afternoon etc). If a service time is filled, we will offer more services, on Saturday, as we did this past week. (the services grew from one to eight, serving 90 people). Scheduling will take place on a first come first served basis. Saturday services will begin at 1 PM and go through the afternoon at 1 hour 15 minute intervals.

3. Private communion and visits with the pastor continue to be available as needed and as can be scheduled. We encourage you to call the pastor if you have any needs and especially if you would like communion and have not been able to schedule a time. (Pastor's cell is 618-367-2697)

4. Sermons and bible studies will be available on the internet through the church's facebook page, the church's website, and through Zoom. If you are interested in participating in the Wednesday morning bible study speak to pastor. We will be doing a Zoom study on Sunday morning at 8:30-9:30 AM beginning May, 31st. Please contact pastor to be included.

5. Please continue to faithfully send your offerings to our financial secretary, Miles Kopplin, at Miles Kopplin 11260 N. 300th St Altamont, Illinois 62411

6. The church website, www.stpaulbluepoint.org will have resources such as recordings of sermons, bulletins, and calendars. Please be patient about this resource, as updating it is dependent on the schedule of the pastor. If he is busy, the website will be slow in being updated. The synod is also putting up many resources on its website www.lcms.org and so use this address to take advantage of them.

7. The elders will try to have calendars, financial reports, and a weekly bulletin in the mailbox of each member by Sunday afternoon. If there are other resources that you need, would like to have, please talk to the pastor.

8. Again, this will continue for some time...

Finally, pray for one another, as we walk together through this very difficult set of events. Pastor will be posting prayer requests as needed. As things change, the pastor will communicate with the congregation, primarily through weekly bulletins, announcements on our Facebook page (which is a public page and can be viewed even if you do not have a Facebook account), and the website. Letters like this will be more infrequent because of the cost of sending them. (about \$50 per mailing). If you know someone who does not have access to the internet, does not know how to use Facebook/websites etc, please help them, and if necessary ask the pastor for printouts of any written material and take it to that person. Perhaps play a sermon from Facebook or the website for them. Another letter will come out when new information becomes available. We hope that the process of opening Illinois proceeds quickly and we can gather again as Church. If you have any needs, please do not hesitate to call Pastor Speers at 618-367-2697.

Again, here are the following resources

Pastor Speers 618-367-2697 Cell. 618-483-6993 Church

Beth Speers 217-821-3507

www.stpaulbluepoint.org Facebook-St. Paul Blue Point Lutheran Church

Again, if you would like to make a contribution to the church at this time, you can put it in an envelope and address it to Miles Kopplin 11260 N. 300th St Altamont, Illinois 62411, or drop it in the drop box at First Mid-Illinois Bank in Altamont, with a note that it is to be deposited to St Paul Blue Point In Christ, Pastor David Speers and the Elders of St Paul

Those participating-

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