

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026**



**SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Vertrau Auf Gott!**  
**Trust in God!**



## WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

as we gather in person and virtually to  
Worship in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Bold portions** of the bulletin are read by congregation.  
**Our Mission**

We affirm that:

God has planted us in fertile soil;  
Unified us in the waters of baptism;  
Nurtured us with Word and Sacraments;  
And called us to harvest in bountiful faith.

Therefore, the mission of Saint Paul's Cordova is to:

Be led by the Spirit of Jesus;  
Praise and worship the Trinity;  
Grow our membership with faith and love;  
And share our blessings with all God's people.

## The Service of the Word

### The Welcome and Announcements

### The Prelude

A Hymn – “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Hymnal #408

### The Invocation

*Officiant* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Officiant continues*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

*Officiant* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The Officiant and People together*

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

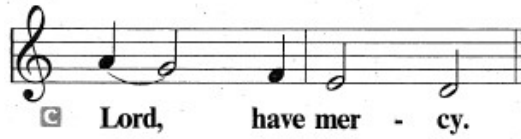
*The Officiant says*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

# The Kyrie Eleison –

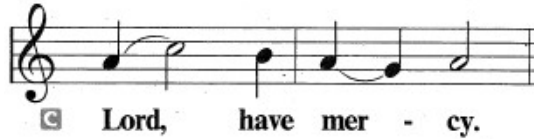
*Celebrant* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*



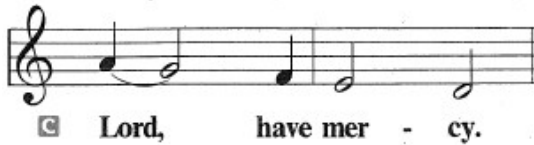
*Celebrant* For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*



*Celebrant* For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*



*Celebrant* For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*



*Celebrant* Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

*People*



## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.** *Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant continues*

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## A Reading of Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66:8-20** *Read responsively.*

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup> **I called out to God with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup> **but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

## A Reading of 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.    *People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Verse** – *The people may remain seated.*



### **A Reading of John 14:15-21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*Officiant*            The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **A Meditation on the Readings**

**The Hymn of the Day** – “*Day by Day*”

**Hymnal #790**

## The Apostles' Creed

*The Officiant and People together*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People** (*Response to each petition: "Receive our prayer."*)

## The Peace

*Officiant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

*The Officiant and People share a sign of Christ's peace.*

**The Offertory** – *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

**Hymnal #733**

## The Thanksgiving for the Word

*Officiant* Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

*People* **We give you thanks and praise.**

*Officiant* By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

*People* **We give you thanks and praise.**

*Officiant* Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

*People* **We give you thanks and praise.**

*Officiant* Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer and Sending

*Officiant* Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*The Officiant and People together*

**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.**

*Officiant*

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**A Final Hymn – “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

**Hymnal #543**

### **The Dismissal**

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

The altar flowers are placed in honor of Hayden Hollingsworth’s 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, with love from Mom and Dad.

On Sunday, May 17, we will be having a "hymns and carols" type of service. You are invited to send in your favorite hymns to [info@stpaulscordova.org](mailto:info@stpaulscordova.org). On that Sunday before we sing the hymn, we will learn about the history and background of our favorites. Please remember to send the hymn selections into the church office before Tuesday, May 12.

### **Serving This Week**

Ushers & Tellers: Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens

Lector: Joshua Lewis

Acolyte: Joshua Lewis

### **Serving Next Week**

Ushers & Tellers: Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

Lector: Bobbie Leaverton

Acolyte: Couper Barletta



**2026 Delaware-Maryland Synod, Friday, June 5 through Saturday, June 6  
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3604 Chatham Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042**



**Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God  
Vacation Bible School  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26  
5:30 Dinner with VBS 6-8 pm  
Registration is open!  
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