

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

147 West Forest Street
Clyde, Ohio

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

MAY 17, 2020

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING ONE

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,

and of the † Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Most merciful God,

we confess

that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Hymn “We Plow the Fields and Scatter” No. 681

The Prayer of the Day (in unison)

O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson ~ Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for {Silas and Timothy} at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be

there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' ²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 66:7-18

- ⁷Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- ⁸**Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- ⁹For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- ¹⁰**You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- ¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire
and water; but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment.
- ¹²**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will
pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- ¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of
rams; I will give you oxen and goats.
- ¹⁴**Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**
- ¹⁵I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.
- ¹⁶**If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;**
- ¹⁷But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- ¹⁸**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.**

P: Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

The Second Lesson ~ 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so

that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

The Gospel ~ John 14:15-21

¹⁵{Jesus said,} "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

The Hymn

“I Love to Tell the Story”

No. 661

The Sermon

“A Church Constantly Equipping to Engage the Culture”

based on Acts 17:16-31

Pastor Kurt E. Luebke

The Prayer of the Church

The Hymn

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

No. 707

The Benediction

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 17, 2020

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Welcome to worship at St. Paul Lutheran Church! May you experience the love of our good Shepherd, Jesus, and share it with others throughout the week.

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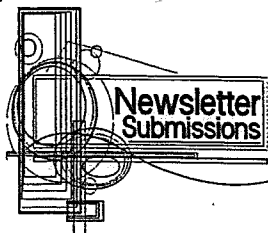
WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS to the family and friends of:
to the family and friends of:

Cheryl Gadberry, niece of Dave (Janet) Zilch, who has passed away,

And to the family & friends of:

David A. VanDemark, who passed away on Friday, May 8, 2020.

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REFLECTOR DEADLINE !

The **DEADLINE TO GET ARTICLES IN THE NEXT "REFLECTOR"** is **Thursday, May 21, 2020 at noon!!** Thank you for your cooperation!!

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Mark Chambers	
Tim Cooper	brother of Jack (Vicki) Cooper & Sue (John) Mayes
Barb Cramer	friend's wife of Fred Gesell
Curtis Cummings	nephew of Gary & Sandy Wott
Judy Hart	friend of Deanna Turner
Nancy Huss	
Tracy Hutchinson	
Terri Sattler	sister of Kim (Paul) Elfring
Jim Shull	
Jim Sieger	
Deb Williams	

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DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

Andy Brown ~ son of Faye (Terry) Langham
 Chelsea (Zerman) Matty ~ daughter of Chuck & Melanie Zerman
 Cameron Wasson ~ son of Ray & Elizabeth Wasson

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Money is a means to the greater end of glorifying God
 as we demonstrate practical Christianity in our lives.

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
 do all to the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:31).

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ANYONE who will be graduating from high school or college, please contact the church office, 419-547-9225, with the information of which high school or college with major by **Thursday, May 21, 2020 before noon**. Thank you for your cooperation! ! !

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The **Back-Door Pantry of Clyde** serves many people within the Clyde-Green Springs School District. During this time of lost jobs and uncertainty, the volunteers at the pantry are seeing an increased need for personal hygiene and cleaning products.

They have asked for donations of the following items.

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| Bar soap | deodorant |
| Liquid hand soap | shaving cream |
| Tissues | feminine hygiene |
| Laundry detergent | products |
| Shampoo | toothpaste |
| Dish soap | cleaning products |
| Toilet paper | |

Baby diapers of all sizes and wipes

Items can be placed on Bev Albright's porch at 119 Spring Street. She is a pantry volunteer. If you would like to donate money, checks can be mailed to Brenda Sieger, 208 North Woodland Street, Clyde. Items will be purchased from Sam's Club.

Thank you,
The Volunteers of the Back-Door Pantry