



The Epistle

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Pastor's Letter for May, 2018

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
Peace be with you!

And so it so that our Easter celebration continues as we rejoice in the wonder of resurrected life granted to us through the resurrection of Jesus our Lord and Savior.

May is filled with days to celebrate the good things we share as people of God. On **May 10, 2018** **we will gather at 7:00PM** to recall and sing the joy of **Ascension Day**. Forty days after Jesus was raised from the dead we celebrate his entrance into heaven and his sitting at the right of God to rule and to bless this world. Ascension Day is all too easily forgotten and has taken a back seat to Easter. But without the ascended Lord, we would be lost and wonder if in fact we too have a place in the eternal kingdom. We stand in awe as Jesus is lifted up into the heavens and we thank God for the glorious day even as we are sent forth to preach the Good News and baptize.

Mother's Day is also celebrated in May - - as usual. On **May 13, 2018**, we will give thanks to God for motherhood and parenthood. While this is not a holy day in the church, it is a day to offer our gratitude to those who have birthed us or have assumed the role of mother - - guiding us and loving us unconditionally.

On **May 20, 2018** we celebrate the birth of the church! **Pentecost Day** recalls for us the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We are the church of Christ breathed into by the power of God's Spirit to be empowered to be church: demonstrate God's love and mercy; care and forgiveness to a world which all too often sees vengeance and retribution as the way to deal with others. To be the church in this day and age is no different than it was centuries ago when the Holy Spirit blew into the city of Jerusalem and fire danced atop the heads of the disciples. That same breath and fire burns within us today as we face a world who seems to reject the promises and the goodness of

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1 - Della Mussey
 10 - Noah Borders
 Edward Krute
 11 - Charles Bergsten
 Paisley Teeters
 14 - Toby Monger
 17 - Heather Sheets
 20 - Anna May Hoffman
 23 - Amanda Rowles
 24 - Tiffany Jolly
 26 - Deb Yirku



2 - Linda / Ron Brauer
 5 - Katie / Corey Thiessen
 20 - Traci / Troy Richter
 25 - Jeanette/Blair Bartling
 Ginger Flynn/Shane Gattis



+Please let me know if a
 birthday or anniversary has
 been missed.
 amfowler@skybeam.com
 Thank you.

God. We feel the Spirit as we gather each week, but especially on the Day of Pentecost. Come breathe in the wonder of God's powerful breath!

And then on **May 28, 2018** we stop and remember those who have died in the heat of battle and have given their lives in some way for the betterment of our nation and peace in our world. **Memorial Day** sometimes can be a very somber day and yet - - and yet - -it is also a day to rejoice in the promise given to us all that death is swallowed up in the victory of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Those who gave their lives for our country here on our own soil or on battlefields far away, surely have been offered the promise of eternal life and will indeed celebrate the eternal resurrection with all the dead. Their sacrifice was not in vain and we offer our deepest thanks for their spirit and lives.

So, for all of these days of celebration we say *Alleluia! Christ is risen!* We sing the wonders of eternal hope and we rejoice that we as God's people can gather together in peace and share in God's Holy Word and feast on the Blessed Meal.

I look forward to celebrating each of these festivals with you and ask God's blessings on us all as we come together in joy, thanksgiving, and wonder.

Looking forward to seeing you all around the altar of God,
 I am your shepherd and servant,

+Pastor Tim

May Baptismal Anniversaries

2-Beth Babcock
 5-Delia Ozburn
 7-Savannah Teetor
 11-Jeanette Bartling
 29-Everett Slothower
 31-Dustin Drew, Katie Fowler,
 Hannah Fowler, Kelly Fowler



Thank You...

To the special members of our church family:

We would like to express our love and thanks to you for your calls, cards, food and compassion you have shared in the recent death of Andy Kosley. We are forever grateful for the kind expressions of sympathy you have extended. We treasure the care you have shown. Sincerely, The Andy Kosley Family: Susan, Chad, Charlotte, Savannah, Ray and Chris, Cindy and Becky



Thank You...

I would like to say thank you to everyone for your love, prayers and cards of sympathy in the recent death of my husband Wilbert. Your thoughtfulness has touched our family and your prayers have been felt.

Love,

Anna May Hoffman



You've done it again!

Mission accomplished!

Hip Hip Hooray!

Way to go!

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Our Lenten offering for 2018 goes to support the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation.

The money will support Sentimental Journey, Pet and Art Therapy, Touch Therapy, Music Therapy and other amazing programs. We have surpassed our goal of \$2000 with a total of **\$2661.77** collected. Your giving spirit and generosity continues to bless those around us.

For more information on the programs available through Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care please go to www.pikespeakhospice.org

Mysterious ways

Before pursuing a career as a Christian singer, Ryan Stevenson was a paramedic, encountering trauma and "true brokenness." When he received a 911 call about a woman struck by lightning, Stevenson didn't think she'd survive. But thanks in part to his efforts, the woman made a full recovery — and later struck up a friendship with him.

One day the woman asked Stevenson, "If you could be doing anything with your life, what would it be?" His answer? Music. She gave him a check for \$2,000, and he used it to cut an EP, which led to a record deal. Through Stevenson's chart-topping song "Eye of the Storm," he wants to remind listeners that God "hasn't forgotten about us. He's still paying attention to us no matter how horrible things might seem. He's in control."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 29 10am – Worship 5th Sunday of Easter	Apr. 30 7pm-Adult Forum	May 1 Preschool 8-11am 	2 Preschool 8-11am	3 Preschool 8-11am 	4 Preschool 8-11am	5
6 10am – Worship 6th Sunday of Easter 12:30pm- Fostering Hope Team Meeting	7	8 Preschool 8-11am	9 Preschool 8-11am 7pm - Choir	10 Preschool 8-11am  HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN 7pm- Worship	11 Preschool 8-11am	12
13 10am – Worship 7th Sunday of Easter *Social Ministry 3pm- Simla Good Samaritan Worship 	14 1pm - Bible Study	15 Preschool 8-11am	16 Preschool 8-11am 7pm - Choir	17 Preschool 8-11am	18 Preschool 8-11am	19
20 10am – Worship Day of Pentecost *Potluck	21	22 Preschool 8-11am	23 Preschool 8-11am 7pm - Choir	24 Preschool 8-11am	25 Preschool Program 10am	26
27 10am – Worship The Holy Trinity 11:30am-Council Mtg. 12pm-Quilting	28 1pm - Bible Study 	29	30 7pm - Choir	31	June 1	June 2 

Tasks	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Acolytes	Dale Drew	Emily Heikkila	Sara Larvie	Ciara Monger
Altar Guild	Nancy Chintala Shirley Tukua	Nancy Chintala Shirley Tukua	Nancy Chintala Shirley Tukua	Nancy Chintala Shirley Tukua
Asst. Minister	Kevin Kanuch	Nancy Rowles	David Slothower	Della Mussey
Cantors	Kelly Fowler	Carl & Diana Strobel	Stacie McCrary Darcy Wallace	Nancy Rowles Deb Drew
Communion	Stacie McCrary	Ginger Flynn	George & Sally Fosha	Carl & Diana Strobel
Council Member	AJ Fowler	Ginger Flynn	Laurie White	Ginger Flynn
Hospitality	Gregg Doan	Stacie McCrary	Potluck	Ginger Flynn
Lector	Gail Bagenstos	Craig Bagenstos	Nancy Rowles	Ginger Flynn
Offering Counter	Deb Drew Andrea Fowler	Kristi Heikkila Tammy Podpora	Della Mussey Elaine Walberg	Jeanette Bartling Sally Fosha
Ushers	Strobels	Gregg Doan Austin Strobel	Kaye Todd Parker Burch	The Bartlings

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We at St. Paul Lutheran welcome everyone, equip for discipleship, and send everyone out into the world to make a difference in Jesus' name.