

✠ **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** ✠
Kenesaw, NE

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Sunday School 9:00am; Bible Class 9:30am

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Divine Service 10:00am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Jesus is alive and lives and reigns forever! Our hearts need not be troubled nor afraid; He has shown us the Father's love. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. As God's chosen people, we continue to celebrate our resurrected Lord! And, thanks be to God, next week we will join together face to face, in praise, adoration and celebration of Christ, rejoicing as His people! Let us come into His presence, as we go into the house of the Lord!

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Opening Hymn

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Psalm 147:1-11

Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;

He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;
He gives to all of them their names.

His understanding is beyond measure.
The Lord lifts up the humble;

He casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds;

He prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
in those who hope in His steadfast love.

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND
WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

Kyrie

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord,
have mercy upon us.**

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Old Testament Isaiah 40:25-31

To whom then will you compare Me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of His might, and because He is strong in power not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Epistle I Peter 2:11-20

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by Him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

Verse

Ps. 111:9a; Luke 24:26

All: Alleluia. He sent redemption to His people. Alleluia. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory? Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 16:16-22

(Jesus said) "A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me." So some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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Hymn

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