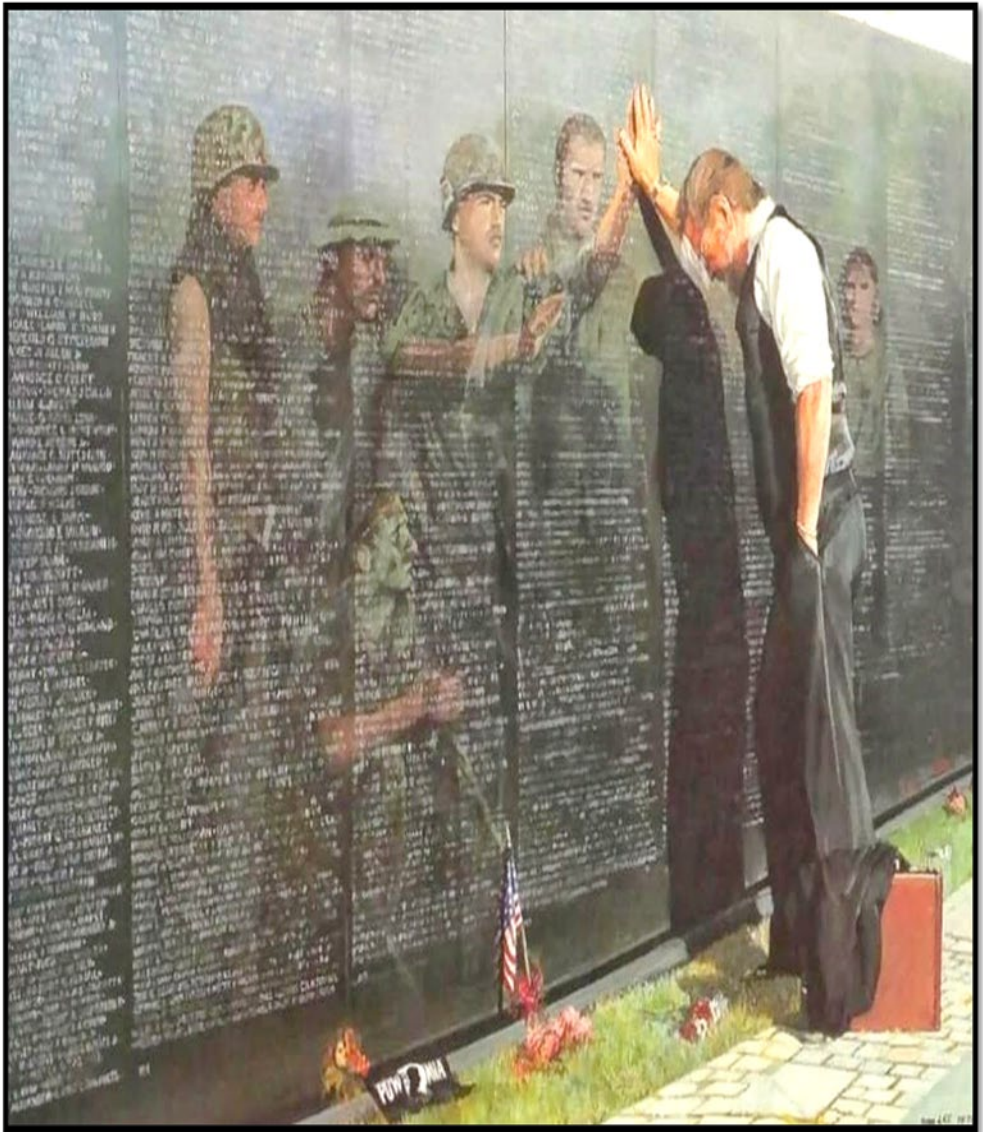


May 24<sup>th</sup>

Ascension of Our Lord



*Seeing God in 2020 with 20/20 Vision*

When Heroes Die

# Welcome to St. Paul!

*We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.*  
~ 1-Thessalonians 1:2

Welcome

Opening Song .....“My Country Tis of Thee”

Opening Prayer

**Psalm 27: 1, 13-14 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
**whom shall I fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
**of whom shall I be afraid?**

<sup>13</sup> I remain confident of this:  
**I will see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.**

<sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord;  
**be strong and take heart  
and wait for the Lord.**

**Joshua 1:1-9 (NIV)**

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: <sup>2</sup>“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup>I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. <sup>4</sup>Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. <sup>5</sup>No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup>“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

<sup>8</sup> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

**Acts 1:21-26 (TLB)**

<sup>21-22</sup> “So now we must choose someone else to take Judas’ place and to join us as witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection. Let us select someone who has been with us constantly from our first association with the Lord—from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us into heaven.” <sup>23</sup> The assembly nominated two men: Joseph Justus (also called Barsabbas) and Matthias. <sup>24-25</sup> Then they all prayed for the right man to be chosen. “O Lord,” they said, “you know every heart; show us which of these men you have chosen as an apostle to replace Judas the traitor, who has gone on to his proper place.” <sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots and in this manner Matthias was chosen and became an apostle with the other eleven.

**Matthew 7:13-14 (MSG)**

<sup>13-14</sup> “Don’t look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don’t fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

- Children’s Message..... Laurie Lentz
- Message..... “When Heroes Die”
- Worship Song..... “Onward Christian Soldier”

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

### Apostles' Creed

**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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Confession & Words of Assurance

**P: Most Merciful God,**

**C: We confess our sins to You. 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 neighbor 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.**

### Holy Communion

*We welcome all believers in Jesus Christ and are baptized into Him. We usually commune children from fifth grade on. Other children will receive a blessing.*

**Closing Song ..... Doxology**

### Benediction

**A: Choose this day whom you will serve.**

**C: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**

### Postlude

**Serving Today:**

Presiding Minister..... Pastor Beverly Kelling  
Ushers..... Loraine Miller & Mark Nester  
Lector..... Johnette Dixon  
Pianist.....Rhiannon Smith

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of James Edwards  
by wife Deborah Edwards

The Sanctuary Lamp shines brightly in celebration of Mark Kelling’s  
birthday by The Kelling Family.

**Prayer Ministry**

Email Prayer Ministry – Don Krumrey: [dkrum45@att.net](mailto:dkrum45@att.net)

One – on – One Prayer – offered at the end of service

Contact: Don Krumrey (830-741-9991), Shirley Krumrey (830-931-4311)

Kathy Carrigan (830-363-7510)



**“And never stop praying.”**

~ 1Thessalonians 5:17

**Healing & Comfort:**

Euona Rathjen, Elaine Eccles, Mark Reus, Bill Bryant, Sharon Autrey,  
John Tarleton, Virgil Krenmueller, Pastor Paul Senff, Floyd & Doris Saathoff,  
Doug Nentwich, Kim Zinsmeyer, Nancy Hunt, Morris Faseler, Lynda Hook,  
Matthew Hook, Larry Borgens & Dorothy Wells.

**Homebound and Nursing Homes:**

Brian Boehle, Mabel Jackson, Bert Barrett, Marian Lindeburg,  
Lucille Moss, Virginia Jenkins, Ottalie Schmidt,  
Mary Beyer, Virginia Heiligman & Bernice Lehmsberg

**Active Military:**

Sean Stewart, Larry & Teresa Sullivan, Adriel Schoenhals, Kelly Mueller,  
John Howerton, Rebecca Bryant, Patrick Green, Riley Lynch,  
Collin Bezely, Briana Jernigan, Kephren Adams, Kendle Adams, Clayton Reed,  
Les & Rachel Armstrong, Hunter Portis, Desiree (Warner) Pointer,  
Joshua Fair, Heath Runnels & Ethan Kammer

**Birthdays this week:**

Helen Ann Jones, Tara Sprenger, Becky Scott, Krisann Bendele, Nathan Reed,  
Walter Nester, Tate Topperwein & Nicholas Stein



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**"Come As You Are"**

May 27<sup>th</sup> – Coach Ratliff

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pat Cleary (Services resume)



**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

1 Peter 4:10-11

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**Office Closed**

1 Corinthians 7:17

Isaiah 1:17

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 6:8

Jeremiah 1:5-10

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Proverbs 24

Psalms 144

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 58:6-12

1 Corinthians 9:7-10

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Matthew 28:18-20

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Ephesians 6:10-18



**Ron Sprenger's Class – Lion's Den is resuming today in the Legacy of Life Building**

**St Paul Lutheran Church is excited to announce the hiring of Ashley Neuman as the new Youth Leader.**


**Please reach out to her!**

**Her Cell number is 830-426-6336**

**email is [ashneuman@gmail.com](mailto:ashneuman@gmail.com)**

Please check our church website ([stpaulhondo.org](http://stpaulhondo.org)) & Facebook page (**St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo**) for the most up to date information & online giving.

You can also find current & past Sunday services on these sites & also available on YouTube

The background of the image features a stylized American flag. The top portion is a dark blue field filled with numerous white, five-pointed stars of varying sizes, arranged in a somewhat circular pattern. Below this, a horizontal band of red and white stripes is visible, though the stripes themselves are not fully detailed, appearing as a textured transition. At the very bottom, a wooden plank floor is depicted with alternating red and white planks.

FOR YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED  
TO LIVE IN FREEDOM...USE  
YOUR FREEDOM TO SERVE ONE  
ANOTHER IN LOVE.

GALATIANS 5:13



## When Heroes Die

**Question: "Is God calling you to step in & lead with courage?"**

**Know: Leaders don't lead forever.**

- I. Leaders are not blind to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_ in God's promises.

*"the Lord said to Joshua... 'Moses My servant is dead.'" Joshua 1:1-2*

- II. Divine \_\_\_\_\_ is not a \_\_\_\_\_ for human \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Now then, you & all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—" Joshua 1:2*

- III. God often \_\_\_\_\_ His call \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

*"No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." Joshua 1:5*

- IV. " \_\_\_\_\_ " ones are prepared & approved to lead by \_\_\_\_\_ in the " \_\_\_\_\_ " things.

*"Keep this Book of the Law... meditate on it ... be careful to do it. Then you will be prosperous & successful." Joshua 1:8*

- V. Believers have the courage to lead & obey when we \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Be strong & courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

**Keeper: "This is our time on the history line of God. This is it. What will we do with the one deep exhale of God on this earth? For we are but a vapor & we have to make it count. We're on. Direct us, Lord & get us on our feet." - Beth Moore**