

**+++THE GUIDE +++**  
**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS**

**May 12 2024**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN.	8:30 AM Communion Service
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace
TUE.	9:00 AM Bible Study
	7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM LFL @ Bob Roley's
WED.	8:00 AM <b>Guide/Bulletin</b>
	8:30 AM Chair Yoga
SUN.	8:30 AM Worship Service-Pentecost
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

**May 5 8:30: 110 Year Ago: 102 Sunday School:**

**Welcome** People hold many feelings on Mother's Day. I pray for those celebrating, mourning, yearning or experiencing mixed emotions. Wrap all in your care, God of love. Welcome. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Shoe Boxes:** We will be collecting tooth brushes, combs, and hair brushes for the month of May. Thank you for your help with this project.

**Mark your Calendar** St. Paul's Lutheran Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Ballard Nature Center, Altamont, IL. A meal will be catered by Kirby Foods at 12:30 PM. A sign-up sheet will be available the closer this event gets.

**Vacation Bible School** Registration for St. Paul's/Grace Vacation Bible School is now open. VBS will be held June 17-21, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The theme is "Celebrate the Savior-Jesus Give Us Joy". VBS is for ages preschool to students entering 7th grade this fall. There will also be an adult VBS class taught by Pastor Whybrew. Flyers and registration forms can be found in the Narthex, on St. Paul's FB page, and in the school. Please take a flyer and invite your neighbors and friends to attend. If you have questions, please contact the VBS committee of Susie Allen, Suan Hanfland, Karen Kull, Dee Dee Batson and Cindy Roley, or call St. Paul's church office at 217.644.2661.

**Benefit/Fundraiser** St. John Lutheran Church, Dieterich, IL is hosting a benefit/fundraiser for Seminary Student Hunter Kinnison to help with his Seminary expenses. The benefit will be Sunday, May 19 from 4-7pm. Free Will donations will be accepted. There are benefit flyers in the narthex.

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
May 5	\$ 3,750.00	\$3,902.00	\$ 152.00
year-to-date	\$ 57,500.00	\$63,875.00	\$ 6,375.00
<b>Synod-Offerings</b>			
May 5	\$ 481.00	\$ 70.00	\$ -411.00
year-to-date	\$ 8,658.00	\$9,739.00	\$1,081.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$3,250.00
Building \$230 LYF \$75			

**May 5 \$785.00(ACH)**  
**May 5 \$3,492.00**

05/21 9:00 AM Bible Study  
 05/22 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
           2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
           7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  
 05/23 8:30 AM Blanket Making

**Grave Sites** Michael & Janet Antonacci have two (2) grave sites in St. Paul's Cemetery that they wish to sell. They are located in Row 8/ sites 4 and 5. They will sell them for \$150 a site which is what they paid for them. They are now \$200 a site. If interested please call Mike at 217.343.9789.

**Thoughts on stewardship from the LCMS ministry** Acts 1:1 "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and how we care for the things of this world.

**Baby Bottle Project** On Mother's Day, local churches in our area will be participating in the Family Life Center's BABY BOTTLE PROJECT. The Baby Bottle Project is a fundraising effort the whole family can enjoy. Simply take a bottle provided to you in the narthex and fill it with change from Mother's Day to Father's Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and donate the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its life-saving ministry. This fundraiser provides an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in supporting this local ministry that provides FREE services and education to our area. **YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!!**

**WDS** Almost 50 children and adults attended the Annual Weekday Picnic held on Wednesday, May 1. They enjoyed a good meal, the kids' program, games, and fellowship. Thanks to the Education Team for planning the evening. And also thanks to the teachers and Pastor for their dedication all year to our children

**Congratulations** The Regional Office of Education #11 recently recognized exceptionally skillful and dedicated school professionals who have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and co-workers; play active roles within their schools and communities and have the superior ability to inspire a love of learning on students of all backgrounds and abilities. The 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Annual RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE Award Recipients included: Diane Jack, Trinity Lutheran School, Stewardson, IL. Congratulations Diane!



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

15-Gabe\* & Marcaill Allen  
18-Cody\* & Adrienne Bushue

### **BIRTHDAYS**

13-Brendon Bowers; Daniel Vogel;  
Casen Logue; Lennon Booher;  
Kalei\* Rincker  
14-Carol Salazar;  
Gaylord Stremming;  
Laura Dollarhide  
15-Amanda Doehring;  
Ron Sporleder  
16-Brandon Doehring; Alex Allen;  
Liam Booher  
17-Kayla Duncan; Jessica  
Bloemer

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Steve & Jill Layton, Patsy Lenz, Tim &  
Delreen Lenz, Jennifer (Rosine) Logan,  
Claire & Cody Logue, Bob Sporleder, Gary  
Sporleder, Ron Sporleder, Rosemary  
Sporleder

### **Recorded Services**

**Website:** [stpaul-strasburg.com](http://stpaul-strasburg.com)

**YouTube:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Strasburg Illinois

**Facebook:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### **PRAYER**

Dianna Gibson	Anna Schlechte
Nick Hanfland	Kendall Fulk
Frances York	Wayne Wirth
Robert Pfeiffer	Ronda Schlechte
Margaret Swank	Nick Oller

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Mary Rincker-Villas of Hollybrook  
Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge  
Robert Stremming  
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone  
Mattoon  
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming – Lutheran Care  
Center  
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook  
Effingham

### **FRIENDS & FAMILY** **(non-members)**

Zona Doty ( Health)  
Walker Warden (cancer)  
Christie Dust ( Howard & Kay's  
daughter) (Primary Progressive  
Multiple Sclerosis)  
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
Matt Durbin  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's  
uncle)

### **Adopted Seminary Students 2022-23**

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## 7th Sunday of Easter – Setting Three

### Hymn of Invocation

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

LSB 553

- 1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, Creation's mighty Lord,  
Redeemer of the fallen world, By holy love outpoured:
- 2 How vast Your mercy to accept The burden of our sin  
And bow Your head in cruel death To make us clean within.
- 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The ransom has been paid;  
You now ascend the Father's throne In robes of light arrayed.
- 4 O let Your mighty love prevail To purge us of our pride  
That we may stand before Your throne By mercy purified.
- 5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy, Our future great reward;  
Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!
- D 6 All praise to You, ascended Lord; All glory ever be  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Through all eternity!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, adapt. Text: Public domain

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**Introit**

Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7

C ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**Kyrie**

LSB 186

C ***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.***

**Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 187

C ***Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

## First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

1 John 5:9–15

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

LSB 190

C ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

## Holy Gospel

John 17:11b–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

## The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

## Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all**

**things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day**      LSB 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer      Tune LSB 443

1 Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,  
The font of heav'nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,  
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.

2 Christ has our host surrounded With clouds of martyrs bright,  
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.  
Then Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone  
And, suff'ring for the sinful, Our full redemption won.

3 Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory,  
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.  
And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne  
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.

D 4 Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,  
All honor be to Jesus, His sole-begotten Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit—The perfect Trinity.  
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

Text: attr. Columba, 521–597; tr. Duncan MacGregor, 1854–1923, alt. Text: Public domain

**Sermon** 1 John 5:9-15 "Our Life is in Him"

**Offertory**

LSB 192

**C** ***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.***

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all the faithful gathered again in the presence of the King, that they may dwell in His house all the days of their lives and gaze upon His beauty manifested here in the Word and the Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the ministers of the Church, that they would be sent to proclaim God's name, just as the Father sent His Son and the Son sent His apostles, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all God's children who are hated by the world because they are not of the world, that holding fast to His sure Word, not one of them would be lost, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges, that the Lord would teach them the testimony of the truth and make them wise and effective in their offices, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those who are sick and in distress, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that holding the Son of God in faithful hearts, they may have eternal life and an answer for all their prayers, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**



P For all who eat and drink the Savior's body and blood, that they would receive His light and salvation, grow strong and courageous in heart, and never fail to have hope as they await His deliverance, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who offer these petitions, that they would be one, just as the Father and Son are one; and that they would be sanctified in the truth of God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## **Preface**

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**C** **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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** ***O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.***

***O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.***

***O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.***

## Distribution

### Draw Us to Thee

LSB 701

**1** Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy steps forever  
And hasten on Where Thou art gone To be with Thee, dear Savior.

**2** Draw us to Thee, Lord, lovingly; Let us depart with gladness  
That we may be Forever free From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

- 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the road to heaven!  
Direct our way Lest we should stray And from Thy paths be driven.
- 4 Draw us to Thee That also we Thy heav'nly bliss inherit  
And ever dwell Where sin and hell No more can vex our spirit.
- 5 Draw us to Thee Unceasingly, Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us fore'er Thy glory share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.  
Text: Friedrich Funcke, 1642-99; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt. Text: Public domain

### **The Will of God Is Always Best**

LSB 758

- 1 The will of God is always best And shall be done forever;  
And they who trust in Him are blest; He will forsake them never.  
He helps indeed In time of need; He chastens with forbearing.  
They who depend On God, their friend, Shall not be left despairing.
- 2 God is my comfort and my trust, My hope and life abiding;  
And to His counsel, wise and just, I yield, in Him confiding.  
The very hairs, His Word declares, Upon my head He numbers.  
By night and day God is my stay; He never sleeps nor slumbers.
- 3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea, Deny me not this favor:  
When Satan sorely troubles me, Then do not let me waver.  
O guard me well, My fear dispel, Fulfill Your faithful saying:  
All who believe By grace receive An answer to their praying.
- 4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I this world am leaving,  
Grant me to say, "Your will be done," Your faithful Word believing.  
My dearest Friend, I now commend My soul into Your keeping;  
From sin and hell, And death as well, By You the vict'ry reaping.  
Text: Albrecht von Preussen, 1490-1568; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Text: Public domain

## Be Still, My Soul

LSB 752

- 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
  
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
  
- 3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.
  
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Text: Catharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel, 1697–1752; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt. Text: Public domain

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C ***and His mercy endureth forever.***

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C ***Thanks be to God.***

## Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C ***Amen, amen, amen.***

## Recessional Hymn

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

LSB 651

1 I love Your kingdom, Lord, The place of Your abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

2 Beyond my highest joy I prize its heav'nly ways,  
Its sweet communion, solemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.

3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev'ry land,  
Dear as the apple of Your eye And graven on Your hand.

4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers ascend;  
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.

5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, alt. Text: Public domain

Next Week's Readings – Ezekiel 37:1-14, Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

This Week's Memory Verse – 1 John 5:11 "And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

### **Acknowledgments**

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