

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

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pastor	Kene Whybrew	Secretary	Sue Bowers
Pastor's Cell	815-383-1148	Secretary HRS	M-W 4-7PM TH 12-4PM
Pastor's Home		Church Office	217-644-2661
Pastor's E-mail	chebrev@yahoo.com	E-mail	stpaulcms@consolidated.net
Pastor's Address	512 S Walnut St Strasburg	Address	511 S Walnut St Strasburg
Sunday School Supt	Karen Kull	Website	stpaul-strasburg.com
Altar Flowers	Judy Wittenberg	YouTube	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Organist	Muriel Merriman		Strasburg Illinois
Choir Director	Karen Rentfro	Pause for Peace	217-644-3124
Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeter	Darin & Colleen Storm		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
 5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

TUE. 9:00 AM Bible Study

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**
 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket Making
 10:30 AM Ascension Service @ Grace
 6:30 PM Ascension Service @ St. Paul's

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
 5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

Apr 28 8:30: 145 Year Ago: 134 Sunday School: 16

Welcome Jesus says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love" (John 15:9, NRSV). One way we do that is to gather in Christian community. Welcome, beloved ones!

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 you Calendar St. Paul's Lutheran Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 23rd 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.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Apr 28	\$ 3,750.00	\$4,098.00	\$ 348.00
year-to-date	\$ 53,750.00	\$59,973.00	\$ 6,223.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Apr 28	\$ 481.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -481.00
year-to-date	\$ 8,177.00	\$9,669.00	\$1,492.00
<u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u>		Total to Date	\$3,250.00
Building \$525 Seminary \$395 Trinity \$200 LYF \$100 LCMS World Relief \$100			
Lutheran Care Center \$100 Rev. Alex Gordon \$160			
		Apr 28	\$5,678.00

05/14 9:00 AM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM LFL @ Bob Roley's
 05/15 8:30 AM Chair Yoga

Bible Trivia There will be no Bible Trivia on Sunday evening, May 5th. We will resume on June 2nd.

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.

Lutheran Witness The May edition of the Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.

Thoughts on stewardship from the LCMS ministry 1 John 5:3 " For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome." God's commandments are burdensome, but that's only true for Christian's precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

Strasburg's 150th Celebration There will be a meeting on Monday, May 6th at 6:30PM in the social hall for anyone interested in helping with a float for the parade on June 15th.



ANNIVERSARIES
5-Jason* & Angela Edwards

BIRTHDAYS
6-Rick* Vonderheide; Jacob Schult Maxwell Bowers
10-Gerry Schlechte; Carolyn Boldt Lorelei McCormick
11-Brenton Pieper; Cody* Bushue

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Gary & Karen Kull, Rhonda & Mark Kull, Roger & Marilyn Kull, Imogene Lading, Dwight Lading, Jenna & Josh Layton, Ryan Sporleder, John Stewart, Rick Stodden, Jennifer Stodden, Darin & Colleen Storm, Floyd & Chris Storm

Recorded Services

Website: 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

Joshua Gerken
6600 North Clinton St., Box 224
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Hunter Kinnison
6600 North Clinton St., Box 194
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Micah Brown
2023-24 Vicar assignment Brookfield Lutheran Church
Brookfield, WI
mrbrown5462@gmail.com

6th Sunday of Easter – Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

Text: Christian Fürchtegott Gellert, 1715–69; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, alt. 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 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

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 God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

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

Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth 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.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon "Born of God" 1 John 5:1-8

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556

- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Text: Public domain

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

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.

Salutation

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

- 4 Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88 Text: Public domain

Next Week's Readings – Acts 1:12-26, 1 John 5:9-15, John 17:11b-19

This Weeks Memory Verse – 1 John 5:4 “⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV[®] Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version[®]), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.