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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College
	12:30 PM	LYF Ice Skating
	3:00 PM	Post Prom meeting
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM	Bible Trivia
TUE.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
WED.	8:00 AM	Guide/Bulletin
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	6:30-7:30PM	WDS
	7:30	LYF @ Trinity
THURS.	8:30 AM	Blanket Making
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alph, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace

Jan 28 8:30: 106 Year Ago: 128 Sunday School: 21

Welcome Welcome to worship. May God's love be made known to you during your time shared here today. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Thank you Thank you to Pastor Whybrew, family and friends for your prayers, visits, phone calls and concerns during my bout with pneumonia. God is good.
Wayne Wirth

Basket Binga The Stew-Stras Post Prom committee will be hosting a Basket Binga at St. Paul's on Sunday, February 25th at 2:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

LYF LYF members will be going Ice Skating at the U of I Ice Arena today, Sunday, February 4. We will leave from St. Paul's church at 12:30pm. Youth may invite a friend to attend.

Windsor Harvest Picnic Will be hosting their annual "Soup-er" Bowl Luncheon the Windsor Community Center from 10:30-1:00 on Sunday, February 11th.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Jan 28	\$ 3,750.00	\$1,999.00	\$-1,751.00
year-to-date	\$ 15,000.00	\$10,909.00	\$-4,091.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Jan 28	\$ 481.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -481.00
year-to-date	\$ 1,924.00	\$1,005.00	\$ -919.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$445.00
Building \$425 Sem Student \$320 Trinity \$120 Cemetery \$200			
Rev. Alex Gordon \$20 D Hartman Mem. \$845			

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02/06 9:00 AM Bible Study
 02/07 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 10:30 AM Lenten Service @ Grace
 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
 6:30 PM Lenten Service @ St. Paul
 6:30-7:30 WDS

SHOE BOXES We are starting out the new year preparing for our shipment of shoe boxes later in the year by collecting soap and wash cloths for the month of January and February. Ivory soap is a good brand to donate because it floats in the streams and rivers where some people have to do their laundry. Just put donations in the box in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

Bible Trivia We are looking for more people to play Bible Trivia on the first Sunday evening of each month. It doesn't matter how much you know or don't know, how much you've forgotten or what team wins, we just enjoy the fun and fellowship. And we are all learning and relearning a lot!

Thank you The family of Dwane Hartman would like to thank Pastor Whybrew for his visits to Dwane in the hospital. We would also like to offer our thanks for the wonderful and comforting service he performed for us. Our thanks to Muriel Merriman for the beautiful music she provided. Our gratitude and thanks to the Ladies Aid for the delicious luncheon that was furnished and for their hard work on behalf of Dwane. God bless you all. Sincerely Maude Hartman

FREE-FREE-FREE! Devotional booklets for personal use in our homes during Lent are in the narthex. The Evangelism Committee has helped make free copies available. Pastor Whybrew will be using the theme **Be Gracious To Me** for sermons during Lent. That is also the title of this devotional booklet which is based on Psalm 41. The short daily readings will help you consider your troubles and blessings in the context of Christ's life on earth. Enduring troubles beyond your own, Jesus suffered and died to earn for you full deliverance from sin and death. Highlighting themes and readings from the sermon series, these devotions show how God's divine grace in Jesus has reversed your fate, bringing you to life in God's presence forever. Readings begin Ash Wednesday, February 14 and end Easter Sunday, March 31. Get your copy today or next Sunday.



ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5-Robert Pfeiffer
- 6-Darrell Wirth, Dennis Wirth
- 7-Eliazbeth Funneman
- 8-Linda Orr
- 9-Brian Kessler; Judy Wittenberg
- 10-Linda Newell

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Danielle Wirth, Darrell & Laurie Wirth,
Dennis & Kenna Wirth, Gary Wirth, Kevin
& Allison Wirth, Ron & Karen
Wirth, Shelby (Aurora) Wirth, Tyler &
Jennifer Wirth, Wayne & Connie Wirth,

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Kendall Fulk
Mary Rincker	Robert Pfeiffer
Wayne Wirth	Margaret Swank

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge
Robert Stremming
Noma Huddleston - Lakeland
Healthcare Center
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Bill Orr
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone
Mattoon
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Lutheran Care
Center
Melba Storm- Heartland Senior Living
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook
Effingham

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

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)

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5th Sunday after the Epiphany – Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

O Son of God, in Galilee

LSB 841

- 1 O Son of God, in Galilee You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see; O blessed Lord, be near.
- 2 O listen to the silent prayer Of Your afflicted ones.
O bid them cast on You their care; Your grace to them make known.
- 3 The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear You can restore, O Lord;
Your "Ephphatha," O Savior dear, Can instant help afford.
- 4 Meanwhile to them the list'ning ear Of steadfast faith impart,
And let Your Word bring light and cheer To ev'ry troubled heart.
- 5 Then in Your promised happy land Each loss will prove a gain;
All myst'ries we shall understand, For You will make them plain.

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

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

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

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

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C ***Amen.***

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

C ***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And also with you.***

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:21–31

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:16–27

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C ***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.***

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C ***Glory to You, O Lord.***

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise to You, O Christ.***

Hymn of the Day

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression And rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.
- 5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—That name to us is Love.

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Sermon 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 "Sharing in the Gospel's Blessings"

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.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
We give thanks to You, dear Father, for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh to preach the Gospel and cast out the works of Satan and the corruption of sin, which we could not overcome. By Your Word, rescue us from every evil of body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of the Church, give joy to Your servants on whom You have laid the necessity to preach the Gospel, that many would be saved in every nation and that together we may share in the blessings of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, give to all Christian homes the endurance that comes from Your Holy Spirit, that husbands and wives, parents and children may be disciplined and self-controlled in their duties, run their course in this life, and continue to the end in the holy Christian faith, ready to receive the imperishable wreath of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, Creator of the world and its foundations, You hold sway over the powers of nature and the rulers of the earth. Graciously preserve our land, its produce and industry, and our leaders together with our people. Do not disregard

us for our sins, but renew us, that our lives may be peaceful and our country governed according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, Your Son is the Great Physician of body and soul, at whose hand demon, disease and every ill must turn away. We bring before You those in any need [*especially*_____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offertory

LSB 159

C ***What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

LSB 693

- 1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace And truly serve Him ever.
The hour of death cannot bring loss When we are sheltered by the cross
That canceled our transgressions.

- 2 Help us that we Thy saving Word In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford New grace in richest measure.
O make us die to ev'ry sin, Each day create new life within,
That fruits of faith may flourish.

- 3 And when our earthly race is run, Death's bitter hour impending,
Then may Thy work in us begun Continue till life's ending,
Until we gladly may commend Our souls into our Savior's hand,
The crown of life obtaining.

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Next Week's Readings – 2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6, Mark 9:2-9

This Week's Memory – 1 Corinthians 9:19 "For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them."

Acknowledgments

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