

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

**April 14 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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Greeter	Gary Wirth		

**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
WED.	8:00 AM <b>Guide/Bulletin</b>
	8:30 AM Chair Yoga
	6:30-7:30PM WDS
SUN.	8:30 AM Worship Service-Choir sings
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

**Apr 7 8:30: 142 Year Ago: 160 Sunday School:**

**Welcome** Welcome to worship in the name of the God of life, the risen Jesus, and the Holy Spirit who empowers our discipleship. Amen. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Invitation to Attend WDS picnic** There will be a Weekday School picnic on Wed., May 1, from 5:30-7 p.m., to celebrate the end of the 2023-24 school year for the children attending St. Paul's Wednesday evening Christian education classes in grades 1-6, and also the confirmation students in grades 7 and 8. St. Paul's Education team would like to invite the parents, grandparents, family and members of Grace and St. Paul's to attend the picnic May 1. The evening will begin with a hotdog meal from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in St. Paul's Social Hall. Hot dogs, buns, condiments, table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. At 6 p.m. students in grades 1 & 2 (Courtney Orman, teacher), grades 3 & 4 (Susie Allen, teacher), and grades 5 & 6 (Dee Dee Batson, teacher) will give a brief program to demonstrate what the children have learned throughout the year. After the program, children may play games behind the church or in the gym. Please RSVP on the signup sheet in the back of church at St. Paul's or Grace by April 28 if you plan to attend. Contact Karen Kull if you have any questions 217.549.3141.

**Save the Date** St. Paul's and Grace VBS will be held at St. Paul's, June 17-21, 2024 from 9-11:30 AM. Ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome.

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Apr 7	\$ 3,750.00	\$1,918.00	\$-1,832.00
year-to-date	\$ 42,500.00	\$48,399.00	\$ 5,899.00
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
Apr 7	\$ 481.00	\$ 185.00	\$ -296.00
year-to-date	\$ 6,734.00	\$7,404.00	\$ 670.00
<b><u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u></b>		Total to Date	\$2,605.00
Building \$275 LYF \$145 Operation Christmas Child \$400			
Melba Storm Mem. \$100			

**Apr 5 \$785.00 (ACH)**  
**Apr 7 \$2,138.00**  
**Apr 7 \$100.00(Storm Mem.)**

04/23 9:00 AM Bible Study  
 04/24 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
           2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
           6:30-7:30 PM WDS  
           7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  
 04/25 8:30 AM Blanket making

**Trinity Lutheran School** Trinity Lutheran School Formal Dinner and Live Auction will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024 at 6PM at the Stewardson Community Building, Stewardson, IL. Tickets are \$50/ individual and are available for purchase in the school office until Sunday, May 5. For questions or to make arrangements to pick up your donated items, please get in touch with Ammon Probst at 309.255.2898 or Steph Thompson at 217.273.8306. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and fundraising!

**Shoe Boxes** We will continue to collect clothing this month and will also collect socks and underwear for children age 2 to 18. Thank you for your donations.

**Congratulations** Congratulations to Zachary Weber and Charley Bailey, who were married on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Strasburg, IL. Parents of the couple are Chuck and Gloria Bailey and Steve and Sharon Weber. God's blessings to the new couple.

**Lutheran Witness** The April edition of the Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.

**Confirmation Sunday** Confirmation Sunday is April 28<sup>th</sup>. Those being confirmed are: Edie Wittenberg, daughter of Barry and Courtney Wittenberg and Karly Wetherell daughter of Luke and Lauren Wetherell.



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

17-Doug & Amy Stremming  
18-Jake\* & Megan Ray  
19-August\* & Doris Supan

### **BIRTHDAYS**

14-Darin Storm; Brooks White  
17-Alicia Kessler  
19-Rosemarie\* Manhart

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Neva Hagan, Susan & Gerry Hanfland,  
Katie & Chris Harley, Maude Hartman,  
Sara & Kenny Hayes, Kathy (Stodden) &  
Jacob Helmuth, Randy Stremming, Richard  
& Cathy Stremming, Robert Stremming,  
Sharon Stremming, Shirley Stremming,

### **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	

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Mary Rincker-Villas of Hollybrook  
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  
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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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter- Setting Three

#### **Hymn of Invocation**

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

LSB 737

- 1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, A cheerful trust maintain;  
For God, the source of ev'rything, Your portion shall remain.
- 2 He is your treasure, He your joy, Your life and light and Lord,  
Your counselor when doubts annoy, Your shield and great reward.
- 3 Why spend the day in blank despair, In restless thought the night?  
On your Creator cast your care; He makes your burdens light.
- 4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard ev'ry childhood day?  
And did He not in threat'ning hour Turn dreaded ills away?
- 5 He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down;  
And all your sins He casts aside In ocean depths to drown.
- 6 His wisdom never plans in vain Nor falters nor mistakes.  
All that His counsels may ordain A blessed ending makes.
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, And trust His guiding love;  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand Here and in heav'n above.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. John Kelly, 1833-90, 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 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

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, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

### **First Reading**

Acts 3:11–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

1 John 3:1–7

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia**

LSB 190

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

### **Holy Gospel**

Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth 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  $\tau$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB 483

1 With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.

Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,  
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.

To set us free Forever, He  
Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends  
Good news to save ev'ry nation.

2 True God, He first From death has burst  
Forth into life, all subduing.

His enemy Doth vanquished lie;  
His death has been death's undoing.

"And yours shall be Like victory  
O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave  
His life for us, life renewing.

3 Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring  
To Christ our Lord adoration.

His honor speed By word and deed  
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.

So shall His love Give us above,  
From misery and death set free,

All joy and full consolation.

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**Sermon** 1 John 3:1-7 “Children of God”

**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** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,



C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, preserve our nation and its leaders, our president, and our governor. Preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands and restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless, that we may practice righteousness while awaiting the eternal peace promised in Christ's wounds alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all comfort, You have compassion on those who are afflicted. Remember and have mercy on [                     *and*] all those in need of Your healing and deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Son's crucifixion all sins have been blotted out. Send us now the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar, and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins. 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.**

## **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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored

to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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**

**Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.
  
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.
  
- 3 Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.
  
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.
  
- 5 O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

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**I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
 For weak and weary is my soul;  
 Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
 To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
 Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
 That sinners may salvation see  
 Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
 So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
 Because I have a sinful heart,  
 Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
 For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
 With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
 Receive me graciously and gladden  
 My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
 It is faith's bond and solid base;  
 It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
 The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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**Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed**

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed  
 With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
 To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
 Christ crucified, I come.

- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- 4 And then for work to do for Thee,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928  
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## 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**

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

LSB 632

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Next Week's Readings – Acts 4:1-12, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

This Week's Memory Verse – 1 John 3:5 "You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin"

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