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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

April 21 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Greeter	Gary & Karen Kull		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

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

TUE. 9:00 AM Bible Study

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**
 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
 6:30-7:30PM WDS
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket making

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service-Choir sings- Confirmation
 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
 9:30 AM Voter's meeting
 5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

Apr 14 8:30: 128 Year Ago: 230 Sunday School: 40

Welcome God sets a table before us and anoints us with the oil of gladness; our cup overflows (see Psalm 23:5; 45:7). Welcome to worship! *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.

LYF LYF would like to thank everyone that supported our Pancake & Sausage breakfast! Thanks to your generous support, we served around 100 people and made \$1200. We enjoyed serving you and appreciate your support of our activities.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Apr 14	\$ 3,750.00	\$2,223.00	\$-1,527.00
year-to-date	\$ 46,250.00	\$50,622.00	\$ 4,372.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Apr 14	\$ 481.00	\$1,370.00	\$ 889.00
year-to-date	\$ 7,215.00	\$8,774.00	\$1,559.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$2,755.00
Building \$160 Seminary \$200 Trinity \$150 LYF \$50 Ladies Aid \$50			

Apr 14 \$4,203.00

04/30 9:00 AM Bible Study
 05/01 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 5:30-7 PM WDS Picnic
 7:00 PM LYF @ Trinity
 05/2 1:30 PM Ladies AID

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Sympathy Please keep the family of Norma Rose Huddleston in your thoughts and prayers. Norma passed away on Saturday, April 13. Funeral was held at St. Paul's Lutheran church on Friday, April 19 with the Rev. Kene Whybrew officiating. Burial was in Grace Cemetery, Strasburg.

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.

Family Life Center Thank you to everyone who donated to the Family Life Center walk. Two people from our area took part in the walk where we prayed for mothers, fathers, babies born and unborn, and babies lost. We raised \$1025 for the work of the center to help save unborn babies and to bring parents to Christ.

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

LYF LYF will host their last meeting of the school year on Wednesday, May 1 at Trinity. We will meet at 7:00 pm for food and games!

Council Meeting The Council meeting will be held on Sunday, April 28th at 9:30AM. The Minutes and Agenda are available to pick up in the narthex.

Call DayThe Vicarage Internship Assignment Day Service at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne will be Tuesday, April 23, at 6 p.m. CST. Seminarian Joshua Gerken will receive his vicarage assignment at this service which he will fulfill for his third year of seminary training. If you would like to watch the service live, you may do so on the seminary's website. Go to <https://www.ctsfw.edu/> and click on "Events". We pray God's blessings upon all the students receiving a call.

Seminary Student St. Paul's was able to send \$1,000 of financial assistance in April to each of our adopted seminary students, Joshua Gerken and Hunter Kinnison. Thank you for your contributions to help support our students. The students also appreciate your prayers, notes, cards and encouragement.



BIRTHDAYS

- 21-Carol Polk
- 22-Wanda Kessler; Matt Tabbert
- 23-Courtney Koch; Rosalyn Reel
- 24-Mary Rincker; Kelsey White;
Rosemary Sporleder
- 25-Marcaill Allen
- 26-Kurt Storm, Kathy Eckstein

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Adam Hoene, Diane Jack, Megan & Jake Ray, Stephanie Jack & Danny Baker, Alicia (Rachel) Kessler, David & Deb Stremming, Doris Stremming, Doug & Amy Stremming, Gaylord & Dixie Stremming

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	

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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Hunter Kinnison
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4th Sunday of Easter – Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation Lamb of God

LSB 550

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

Text: Twila Paris, 1958

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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

Kyrie

LSB 204

C ***Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.***

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C ***1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.***

***2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—***

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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 4:1–12

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 3:16–24

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

C ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

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

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77 Text: Public domain

Sermon 1 John 3:16-24 "We are of the Truth"

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.

Shepherd of Israel, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sought out Your sheep and gathered us into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You alone gather us as Your sheep and send faithful shepherds to us. Call all who have wandered from Your flock, and bless the faithful shepherds who gather them through the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, Your Son has called us to love our brothers. Turn us in love toward the neighbors closest to us, especially within our own homes, that we may daily show our confidence in God by deed and truth, laying down our lives as Christ first did for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Eternal Lord, through the Paschal Lamb You have wrought peace between man and God. By Your gift of good government, grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us. Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or besetting sin,

lead us to find comfort and strength in Your overflowing mercy given to us here in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

LSB 710

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;

He makes me down to lie

In pastures green; He leadeth me

The quiet waters by.

- 2 My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh Text: Public domain

Readings for Next Week – Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:1-11, John 15:1-8

This Week's Memory Verse – 1 John 3:18 "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

Acknowledgments

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