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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS**

**April 23, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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Greeters	Bob & Yvonne Pfeiffer		

**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

- SUN.            8:30 AM Communion Service  
                   8-10 AM LYF Breakfast  
                   **7:00 PM Confirmation Questioning**
- TUE.            9:00 AM Bible Study  
                   7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- WED.            8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**  
                   8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
                   2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
                   6:30-7:30 PM WDS
- THURS.        8:30 AM Blanket Making
- SUN.            8:30 AM Worship Service- Confirmation Sunday-Choir sings "The New 23<sup>rd</sup>"  
                   9:30 AM SS  
                   9:30 AM Voter's meeting

**April 16 8:30: 120 Year Ago: 233 Sunday School:**

**Welcome** Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship. May God bless and strengthen you here today. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**LYF** Join us today for a LYF Pancake Breakfast. We will be serving a delicious meal of pancakes, smoked sausage and scrambled eggs from 8-10 AM. Dine in and carry out! We appreciate your continued support!

**Thank you** My knee replacement has been a long journey and I have finished my physical therapy. I am doing much better. I appreciate all the calls, texts, cards, visits and food given to me during this time. But most of all I appreciate all the prayers and Pastor Whybrew's visits and devotions. Thank you all for thinking of me. In Christ Alone, Dianna Gibson

**The Family Life Center** The Family Life Center of Shelbyville is having a walk/run on the Dacey Trail on Saturday, April 29 at 9:00. If you would like to participate, want more information or donate to the Life Center contact Patsy Lenz. The Family Life Center serves clients in Shelby County and surrounding areas with spiritual and physical help. They hope to soon offer ultrasounds to expectant mothers.

**Vacation** I will be on vacation April 30-May 7<sup>th</sup>. Mike Pfeiffer will be answering e-mails, and doing the bulletin in my absence. Sue

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
April 16	\$ 3,578.00	\$3,082.96	\$ -495.04
year-to-date	\$ 53,670.00	\$51,881.96	\$ -1,788.04
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
April 16	\$ 481.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 39.00
year-to-date	\$ 7,215.00	\$11,414.50	\$ 4,199.50
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$3,615.00
Building \$260	Sem. Student \$215	Cemetery \$35	Trinity \$150
Lutheran Care Center \$100		H Rensner \$541	

**April 16 \$4,903.96**

- 5/2 9:00 AM Bible Study
- 5/3 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
6:30-7:30 PM WDS Picnic
- 5/4 1:30 PM Ladies Aid-Hostess Cinda & Tammy

### **April Sunday School Class Changes**

**April 23** – LYF Breakfast 8-10 a.m. in the Social Hall. Adult Sunday School classes will not meet. Children will have normal classes.

**April 30** – Voters Meeting following worship service. Adult Sunday School classes will not meet. High School and children will have normal classes.

**Save the Date** St. Paul's and Grace dual parish churches will offer Vacation Bible School the week of June 19-23, from 9-11:30 a.m. The theme for this year is "God's Living Water-Covered in Jesus' Grace."

**Confirmation** Confirmation Sunday is April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Oral Exam, public profession of faith prepared for by long and careful instruction, will be at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Those being confirmed are: Amelia Batson, daughter of Johanna Batson, Kendra Hayes, daughter of Kenny & Sara Hayes, Holden Ashmore, son of Chris & Jennifer Ashmore, Zachary Shelton, son of Brian & Lisa Shelton, Wyatt Wetherell, son of Luke & Lauren Wetherell, and Kennedy Kull, daughter of Mark & Rhonda Kull.

**Voter's Meeting** There will be a voter's meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> following the church service. There are copies of the Agenda in the Narthex. Just a reminder that under the new constitution, 18 and older members of the congregation are considered voting members.

**Seminary Student News** Second-year student Micah Brown and wife Jen are anxiously awaiting Call Day in St. Louis on April 26 for Micah's Vicarage Assignment. Find more information about Call Day and how to listen live at <https://www.csl.edu/event/call-day-2023/>. All calls for service are to churches or ministries within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). We pray for Micah's placement on Call Day and that he and Jen thrive in their new environment during his year of vicarage which will begin in August.

First-year student Joshua Gerken and wife Rachel are finishing the closing and moving process on their home in Fort Wayne and have big news to announce. They are expecting their first child, a baby boy in October of 2023! We pray for Rachel and the baby's health as they move forward. We pray for Joshua and his fellow classmates to finish the year strong.

April Newsletters from our adopted seminary students have recently been received and are posted on church bulletin boards and will be included in the May Messenger. Both Micah and Joshua enjoy receiving cards, notes, words of encouragement and prayers from members of St. Paul's.



**BIRTHDAYS**

23-Courtney Koch; Rosalyn Reel  
 24-Mary Rincker; Kelsey White;  
 Rosemary Sporleder  
 25-Marcaill Allen  
 26-Kurt Storm; Kathy Eckstein

**HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Bill & Linda Orr, Lela Ostermeier, Diane Paraiso, Tom Patrick, Stephanie & Jared Petri, Dan & Karen Pfeiffer, James & Claire Hortenstine, Mark & Deb Richards, Chris Rincker, Deb Rincker, Doug & Marla Rincker

**Recorded Services**

**Website:** stpaul-strasburg.com  
**YouTube:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg Illinois  
**Facebook:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**PRAYER**

Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Kendall Fulk
Mary Rincker	Norma Huddleston
Wayne Wirth	Marlene Wirth
Dave Polk	Dianna Gibson
Robert Pfeiffer	

**LIMITED MOBILITY**

Rose Schlechte- Villas of Hollybrook  
 Robert Stremming-Heartland Senior Living  
 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

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

Christie Dust ( Howard & Kay's daughter) (Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis)  
 Pastor Gary Fortkamp  
 Nancy Slifer  
 Gayle Klitzing(panc cancer Gary & Roger Kull Cousin)  
 Randy Doty  
 Pat Williams (Health issues )  
 Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
 Matt Durbin  
 Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)  
 Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer, undergoing treatments)

**Adopted Seminary Students 2022-23**

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## Hymn of Invocation

## Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow

LSB 476

- 1 Who are you who walk in sorrow Down Emmaus' barren road,  
Hearts distraught and hope defeated, Bent beneath grief's crushing load?  
Nameless mourners, we will join you, We who also mourn our dead;  
We have stood by graves unyielding, Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.
- 2 Who is this who joins our journey, Walking with us stride by stride?  
Unknown Stranger, can You fathom Depths of grief for one who died?  
Then the wonder! When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,  
Then You opened wide the Scriptures Till our hearts within us burned.
- 3 Who are You? Our hearts are opened In the breaking of the bread—  
Christ the victim, now the victor Living, risen from the dead!  
Great companion on our journey, Still surprise us with Your grace!  
Make each day a new Emmaus; On our hearts Your image trace!
- 4 Who are we who travel with You On our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging, Wakened by the Spirit's breath!  
At the font You claim and name us, Born of water and the Word;  
At the table still You feed us, Host us as our risen Lord!
- 5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship As the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people Called from ev'ry land and race.  
Make the Church Your servant body, Sent to share Your healing grace!

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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 133; antiphon: v. 1

## Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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 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 2:14a, 36–41

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

1 Peter 1:17–25

A 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

Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth 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

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 Peter 1:17-25 "The Precious Blood of 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.

## Prayer of the Church

### Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

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

P Lift up your hearts.

C ***We lift them to the Lord.***

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

P It is truly good, 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 161

C ***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

### Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### 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.**

### Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 163

C ***Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***  
***Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***  
***Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.***

**Distribution**

**Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**

LSB 467

- 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.
- 2 The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;  
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.
- 3 This is a sight that gladdens—What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
- 4 Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn;  
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.  
Grim death with all its might Cannot my soul affright;  
It is a pow'rless form, Howe'er it rave and storm.
- 5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;  
Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.  
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.  
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

- 6 Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;  
 My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.  
 He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;  
 He shatters hell's grim thr all; I follow Him through all.
- 7 He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,  
 Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:  
 "Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;  
 Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt. Text: Public domain

### **I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives**

LSB 468

- 1 I am content! My Jesus ever lives, In whom my heart is pleased.  
 He has fulfilled the Law of God for me, God's wrath He has appeased.  
 Since He in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever.  
 I am content! I am content!
- 2 I am content! My Jesus is my head; His member I shall be.  
 He bowed His head when on the cross He died With cries of agony.  
 Now death is brought into subjection For me by Jesus' resurrection.  
 I am content! I am content!
- 3 I am content! My Jesus is my light, My radiant sun of grace.  
 His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all, Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.  
 This Easter sun has brought salvation And everlasting exultation.  
 I am content! I am content!
- 4 I am content! At length I shall be free, Awakened from the dead,  
 Arising glorious evermore to be With You, my living head.  
 The chains that hold my body, sever; Then shall my soul rejoice forever.  
 I am content! I am content!

Text: attr. Johann Joachim Möller, 1660–1733; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Text: Public domain

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LSB 469

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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## Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.***

## Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C ***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**

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

LSB 464

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia! Refrain

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Readings for Next Sunday – Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

This Weeks Memory Verses 1 Peter 1:17-19 “<sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”