

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

**April 28 2024** **Fifth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

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
TUE.	9:00 AM Bible Study
WED.	8:00 AM <b>Guide/Bulletin</b>
	8:30 AM Chair Yoga
	5:30-7PM WDS Picnic
	7:00 PM LYF @ Trinity
THURS.	1:30 PM Ladies Aid- <b>National Day of Prayer</b>
SUN.	8:30 AM Worship Service
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

**Apr 21 8:30: 130 Year Ago: 120 Sunday School: 42**

**Welcome** Jesus said, "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples" (John 15:8, NRSV). Part of discipleship is worship, which strengthens us to bear the fruit of love. Welcome. *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.

**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.

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Apr 21	\$ 3,750.00	\$5,253.00	\$-1,527.00
year-to-date	\$ 50,000.00	\$55,875.00	\$ 4,372.00
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
Apr 21	\$ 481.00	\$ 895.00	\$ 889.00
year-to-date	\$ 7,696.00	\$9,669.00	\$1,559.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$3,050.00
Building \$325 Seminary \$100 Trinity \$295 LYF \$25 Cemetery \$110			
Melba Storm Mem. \$300			

**Apr 20 \$3,485.00(ACH)**  
**Apr 21 \$3,518.00**  
**Apr 21 \$ 300.00 (MStorm Mem.)**

05/7 9:00 AM Bible Study  
 05/8 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
       2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
 05/9 8:30 AM Blanket Making  
       10:30 AM Ascension Service @ Grace  
       6:30 PM Ascension Service @ St. Paul

**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** Those being confirmed this morning are: Edie Wittenberg, daughter of Barry and Courtney Wittenberg and Karly Wetherell daughter of Luke and Lauren Wetherell. God's Blessings Edie and Karly.

**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!

**Bible Trivia** There will be no Bible Trivia on Sunday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Thank You** We would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers and expressions of sympathy at the passing of our Mom, Grandma, and Great Grandma, Norma Rose Huddleston. Thank you also to all who brought food, sent flowers and game memorials. We are blessed to have so many wonderful friends in our church family. God's Blessings to you! Karen & Dean Rentfro and family and Alan & Diane Crutcher and family.



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

30-Chris & Sue Bowers  
Alan\* & Courtney Koch

### **BIRTHDAYS**

30-Richard Stremming;  
Donna Rincker; Troy Salazar Jr  
22-Wanda Kessler; Matt Tabbert  
2-Troy Salazar  
3-Claire Logue; Caroline Polk  
4-Jocelyn Schultz

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Brian Kessler, Roger & Wanda Kessler,  
Melba Rose Kircher, Brittany & Drew  
Kirkley, Kevin & Chris Kramer, Kim &  
Brad Storm, Kurt Storm, Ryan & Sonia  
Storm, Brad & Kim 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  
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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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday – Setting One

### Hymn of Invocation

Let Me Be Thine Forever

LSB 689

- 1 Let me be Thine forever, My faithful God and Lord;  
Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word.  
Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness,  
And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.
  
- 2 Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,  
My only consolation, O make me wholly Thine!  
For Thou hast dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, Eternal life obtain.
  
- 3 And Thou, O Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,  
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,  
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.  
Give me Thy constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

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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 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

### **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 God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 8:26–40

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

1 John 4:1–11

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Sings** “Let Them Come” (MacKenzie)

**Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

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

**Holy Gospel**

John 15:1–8

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- D 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt. Text: Public domain

**Sermon** "Confessing Jesus Christ" 1 John 4:1-11

## 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.**

## **Confirmation**

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R ***Yes, I do.***

P Do you renounce the devil?

R ***Yes, I renounce him.***

P Do you renounce all his works?

R ***Yes, I renounce them.***

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R ***Yes, I renounce them.***

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R ***Yes, I believe 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.***



P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R ***Yes, 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.***

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R ***I do.***

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R ***I do.***

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R ***I do, by the grace of God.***

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R ***I do, by the grace of God.***

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R ***I do, by the grace of God.***

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C ***Amen.***

P [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; 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 Peace T be with you.

C **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.***

## **The Words of Our Lord**

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

#### To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

LSB 768

- 1 To God the Holy Spirit let us pray For the true faith needed on our way  
That He may defend us when life is ending And from exile home we are wending.  
Lord, have mercy!
- 2 O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow; Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow  
That with hearts united we love each other, Ev'ry stranger, sister, and brother.  
Lord, have mercy!

- 3 Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need, Help us neither scorn nor death to heed  
That we may not falter nor courage fail us When the foe shall taunt and assail us.  
Lord, have mercy!
- 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light; Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright  
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us, Till to our true home He has brought  
us. Lord, have mercy!

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### **O God of God, O Light of Light**

LSB 810

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:  
To you in heaven's glory bright The song of praise forever rings.  
To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory He has won, All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
- 2 For deep in prophets' sacred page, And grand in poets' wingèd word,  
Slowly in type, from age to age The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!"  
Sung once by firstborn sons of light, It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in hate and scorn—  
These all are past, and now above He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken.  
Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. Amen, amen.
- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song, And shout His name, His mercies tell!  
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

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### **Christ, the Word of God Incarnate**

LSB 540

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, Light and life You bring to all;  
Light our path with Your own presence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.

- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul;  
Christ, the manna daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be;  
Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant From the stump of Jesse's tree;  
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches To bear fruit abundantly.  
Graft us into You, O Savior; Prune our hearts so we remain  
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard Till eternal life we gain.
- 4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd, Watching all Your lambs and sheep;  
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, Never-failing vigil keep.  
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home;  
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice alone.
- 5 Christ, the way that leads unailing To the Father's home on high,  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.
- D 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.

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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 Thine Forever, God of Love**

LSB 687

1 Thine forever, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne above;  
Thine forever may we be Here and in eternity!

2 Thine forever! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!  
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend, O defend us to the end!

3 Thine forever, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earthly strife.  
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.

4 Thine forever! Shepherd, keep These Thy frail and trembling sheep;  
Safe alone beneath Thy care, Let us all Thy goodness share.

5 Thine forever! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee supplied,  
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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Next Week's Readings – Acts 10, 34-48, 1 Joh 5:1-8, John 15:9-17

This Week's Memory Verse – 1 John 4:2 "By this you know the Spirit of God: every Spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God..."

### **Acknowledgments**

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