

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

**April 4, 2021**

**The Resurrection of our Lord/Easter**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service-Choir Sings "Christ is Risen!Alleluia!  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha,W.L.S.,College Plus,  
9:15-10AM Easter breakfast  
9:45 AM Easter egg hunt  
10:15 AM Communion Service

TUE. 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

WED. 8:20 AM Chapel  
8:30 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline  
8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
6:30 PM WDS  
7:30 PM LYF @ St. Paul's

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket making

FRI. 6:30 PM Confirmation questioning

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S.,College Plus,  
10:15 AM Confirmation Service with Communion

**March 28 8:30: 130 10:15: 45 Total 175 - Year Ago: 130 Sunday School: 63**

**Welcome** Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome to worship — and to resurrection life — on this most joyous day. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Congratulations** To Jacob and Brittney Gilbert on the birth of their son, Grayson Jacob Gilbert. Grayson was born on March 22, 2021 at 2:33 P.M. He weighed 7lb 9oz and was 19.5 inches long. God's blessings to Jacob, Brittney and Grayson.

**Mite Box** The collection will be today.

**Pastor Leckband** We have received word that Pastor Leckband has declined our call.

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
March 28	\$ 3,436.00	\$4,784.00	\$ 1,348.00
year-to-date	\$ 44,668.00	\$ 45,909.00	\$ 1,241.00
<b><u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u></b>			
March 28	\$ 423.00	\$ 448.00	\$ 25.00
year-to-date	\$ 5,499.00	\$9,547.00	\$ 4,048.00
<b><u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u></b>		Total to Date	\$2,840.00
Building \$180	LYF \$100	Trinity \$50	Cemetery \$300
Altamont Care Center \$70	Rev. Gordan \$100	Seminary Student \$70	<b>March 28 \$6102.00</b>

- 4/13 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Council meeting
- 4/14 8:20 AM Chapel
- 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 2-3 PM Social Hall Communion
- 6:30 PM WDS
- 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal
- 4/16 Marcail Clark bridal shower

**LYF** Check out our restocked card selection! Cards for all occasions available: Easter, Confirmation, Graduation & more! Cards are located in the Choir/Nursery Room. Funds raised support the joint churches LYF.

**Confirmation Sunday** Confirmation Sunday is April 11<sup>th</sup>, those being confirmed are Samantha Hayes, Ellie Wittenberg and Raegyn Wallin. The Oral Exam, public profession of faith prepared for by long and careful instruction, will be on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**High School Youth** Please join us for our April LYF meeting on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30pm at St. Paul's.

**Stewardship Committee** The Stewardship Committee is working with the Central Illinois District on a program that will allow 1 year free access to the Ramsey Plus suite of financial education programs to every family in our congregation. The timing is still TBD but looking like at least a mid-late summer start. Please complete the survey to help us determine the interest level and obtain your input on how to implement the program. We will keep this survey posted and available until April 11<sup>th</sup> and then we will compile the information so we can report our implementation plans back to the District. The committee will post a link to the online survey on the Church's Facebook group and the church website. There will be a basket in the narthex for your completed surveys.



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

8- Tobias & Melba Kircher

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 5- Stella Petri
- 7- Danielle Wirth
- 9- Delbert Foelsing; Troy Uphoff;  
Jeanne Wildman
- 10- Ron Boldt

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Everest Clark, Jack & Pam Clark, Rusty & Brittany Clifton, Darrell & Doris Cress, John & Lisa Cress, Tina Daniels, Pat Wallace, Rick Wallace, Rachel & Jesse Wallin, Kelsey & Zach White, Steve & Sharon Weber, Tom Weber, Tobias Weber

### **ADOPTED SEMINARY STUDENTS 2020-2021**

Sem. Brian Homann  
Concordia Theological Seminary  
6600 N Clinton St.  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825

Sem. Mason Vieth  
Concordia Seminary  
801 Seminary Place, Box 218  
St. Louis, MO 63105

### **HEALING**

Brett Kull	Jackie Stodden
Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Ken Hagan
Mary Rincker	Carolyn Stremming
Sue Bowers	Michelle Knop
Glenn Spannagel	Pastor Cluver

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Ken Hagan-Lakeland NH  
Noma Rose Huddleston - Lakeland NH  
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga  
Larry Storm – Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming – Brookstone Suites  
Brett Kull- Shelbyville

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

Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
Gloria Fortkamp  
Lavonne Kramer (cancer-Kevin's mother)  
Erica Stollard (cancer)  
Matt Durbin  
Melissa Wirth  
Family of Crewe Jones  
Rhiannon (Wallace) Klier (surgery)  
Colin Kinkelaar (car accident)  
Dennis Ogle (cancer, Mac & Lois Ogle's son)  
Diana Vonderheide (Joe & Linda Oakley' daughter)  
Madonna Nichols (liver cancer)  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)  
Karl Zalman (cancer)  
Bryan Mowry (Laurie Wirth's brother, health)  
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer, undergoing treatments)  
Dave Polk (cancer, Virginia Vogel)  
Dennis Noffke (Stage IV bone cancer)  
Austin Miller, (leukemia, Dennis & Nitelle Lading's gson.)

**Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021**  
**PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME**

**As We Gather**

Though Christmas may be our favorite, Paul reminds us that Easter is of “first importance.” If Christ had not arisen, our hope would be still locked in the tomb. Because He is risen, just as He said, we have hope of our own resurrection from the dead and look forward to the life everlasting, which death cannot touch. We come here today not simply to remember an event but to rejoice in the future made possible for us because of what happened. Before the world we confess that Jesus’ resurrection is not a hope but a fact witnessed by more than five hundred and on that fact God has built a future for us—one we anticipate now even as we wait to see it fulfilled.

**Opening Hymn    Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

*LSB 457*

- 1    Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
    Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
  
- 2    Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!  
    Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
  
- 3    But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
    Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

*Please stand*

- D 4    Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
    Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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**Invocation**

P    In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C    **Amen.**

P    Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C    **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Confession and Absolution**

- P Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray You to grant to the penitent absolution and peace, that freed from the burden of guilt they enjoy the gift of a clear conscience.
- C **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.**
- 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. As we delight in God's forgiving love, let us be reconciled to one another and share the peace of the Lord.
- P Set our minds on things above, that we may walk in love in this earthly journey and that we may dwell with You forever in the heavenly places of light and life.
- C **Grant that we may live in Easter joy today and all the days of our lives until we attain its eternal joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **Salutation**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

- P Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**  
*Please be seated*

## **Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

The Epistle is read

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Sings** "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" Wilson

*Please Stand*

## Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

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

The Gospel is read

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

**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.**

*Please be seated*

## Sermon Hymn      **I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

LSB 461

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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### **Sermon** "I know that my Redeemer Lives" Job 19:25

*Please stand*

#### **Offertory (Sing)**

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**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**P 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.**

*Please be seated*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Words of Institution

### Distribution

#### Distribution Hymn      **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia**

*LSB 463*

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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### Prayer of the Day

- P O Lord, You have given us grace this day to hear in our ears the Good News of our Lord's resurrection and to receive with our lips His crucified and risen body and blood. Grant that by this Holy Communion we be sustained in faith, equipped to fulfill the good purpose of Your love in our daily lives, and be kept holy and blameless until He comes to bring us into the place of everlasting light and life; 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 Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **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.**

### **Closing Hymn            Crown Him with Many Crowns**

*LSB 525*

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
    The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
    All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
    Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
    Through all eternity.
  
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
    The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
    Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
    Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
    The babe of Bethlehem.
  
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.  
    Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
    In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
    Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
    At mysteries so bright.

- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

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