

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

April 9, 2023

The Resurrection of Our Lord

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service- Choir sings
	9:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
	10:00 AM	Egg Hunt 0-6 th Grade
TUE.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
WED.	8:00 AM	Guide/Bulletin
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	2:30 PM	Social Hall Communion
	6:30-7:30 PM	WDS
THURS.	8:30 AM	Blanket Making
SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Hayden Rensner-speaks @ Grace
	12:00 PM	LYF- Ice Skating
	4:00 PM	Post Prom meeting

April 2 8:30: 153 Year Ago: 132 Sunday School: 40

Welcome Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome, one and all, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection — and ours. If you are *a visitor*, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

LYF Join us for a LYF Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 23rd at St.Paul's. 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!

LLA of Strasburg The Ladies Aid is hosting the Spring Joy Shop, April 18. Our "In gathering" this year is Love Packages Ministries. They collect certain material such as Bibles, Christian Books, Sunday School supplies, etc. and send them throughout the world. A complete list can be found in the leaflets "**You Are Wasting That**" located in the narthex. If you have any material you would like to donate, please leave in the box located in the narthex by **April 16, 2023**. Thank you for any and all donations. Thank you LLA

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.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
April 2	\$ 3,578.00	\$4,749.00	\$ 1,171.00
year-to-date	\$ 46,514.00	\$42,771.00	\$ -3,743.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
April 2	\$ 481.00	\$ 922.00	\$ 441.00
year-to-date	\$ 6,253.00	\$10,444.50	\$ 4,191.50
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$3,465.00
Trinity \$120 Building \$90 Sem. Student \$505 Cemetery \$200 Organ Maint \$120 Rev. Gordan Alex \$100			

March 29 \$ 602.00(Lent)
April 2 \$6,204.00

4/18 9:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
4/19 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
6:30-7:30 PM WDS

April Sunday School Class Changes

April 9 – Easter Sunday – No Sunday School classes. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the social hall. There will be an Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. for children 0-6th grade.

April 16 – No Sunday School classes at St. Paul. Everyone (adults & children) are invited to a joint Sunday School class at Grace Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. or immediately following St. Paul's 8:30 a.m. worship service. Hayden Rensner will be making a presentation about her mission work. Hayden has been serving the LCMS in the Czech Republic for the past year.

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.

St Paul's Cemetery Clean Up! Mowing season is coming soon and the St. Paul's Cemetery Committee would like for people to clean up their Christmas decorations, wreaths, blankets, flowers, etc. Thanks for your understanding.

Shoe Box Collection The items we are collecting for the shoe box project for the month of April are underwear and socks for children ages 2-16. Please put them in the box in the narthex. Thanks for caring.

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."

Thank you Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped to meet the Thrivent challenge for the food bank. We collected 264 items that will be given to people who need food. Since we met and even exceeded our goal the food bank will receive \$150 from Thrivent. God bless you!

Lutheran Witness The April issue of the Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.



ANNIVERSARIES

12-Bob & Ronda Schlechte;
Bryan & Allison Vonderheide
14-Ferd & Arlene McCormick

BIRTHDAYS

9-Delbert Foelsing; Troy Uphoff
Jeanne Wildman
10-Ron Boldt
14-Darin Storm; Brooks White

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Christian & Jenna Merriman, Muriel
Merriman, Patrick & Leigh Merriman,
Janice Moomaw, Zachary Moomaw, Luke
& Kalei Rincker, Michael & Laurie Rincker,
Mildred Rincker, Otis & Donna Rincker,
Otto & Lisa Rincker, Maxine Ruff

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

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Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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)**

Pastor Gary Fortkamp
Nancy Slifer
Gayle Klitzing(panc cancer Gary &
Roger Kull Cousin)
Randy Doty
Pat Williams (bypass surgery)
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
Matt Durbin
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Mary Rincker	Norma Huddleston
Wayne Wirth	Marlene Wirth
Dave Polk	Dianna Gibson
Robert Pfeiffer	

P We gather in the presence of God to celebrate the most significant event in the history of the whole world: the fulfillment of God's own promise to mankind from the beginning, the undoing of the curse of death, and the defeat of the cause of death namely sin. It is the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from death. He did not die for Himself. He died the death of Adam and Eve and of all their descendants. He died your death. After three days in a cold tomb of death, He arose bodily and to this day lives and rules the universe. The fact of His resurrection is a celebration of faith. This victory is assured to all who believe. Though we still sin and though we die, by faith in Jesus, the living Lord, sin is forgiven and taken away, and death becomes but the gate to our own resurrection to eternal life.

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen

C He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

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!

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.**

Opening Sentences

1 Corinthians 15:54b–57

P "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory?"

C **O death, where is your sting?"**

P The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Confession and Absolution

P Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C **I confess to You, most merciful God, that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words and deeds, those that I have done as well as the good I have failed to do. It is my own sin that condemns me. In Your mercy and according to Your promise, forgive me my sin, create a new heart in me, restore to me the joy of Your salvation for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord and my God. Amen.**

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 to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

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.**

First Reading

Acts 10:34–43

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10

P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

C **Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.**

P I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."

C **As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.**

P The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

C **The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.**

P The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

C **I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

P I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

C **Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

C **You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

Epistle

Colossians 3:1–4

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

2 Timothy 1:10b

C **Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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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Sermon Psalm 146 “Long Live the King of Kings”

Creed

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

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.**

Proper Preface

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.

C **Amen!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Distribution

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
 Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Now still He comes to give us life
 And by His presence stills all strife.
 Christ has triumphed! He is living!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
 Set heart and will on things above
 That we conquer through Your triumph;
 Grant grace sufficient for life's day
 That by our lives we truly say:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring
 And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Be to the Father and our Lord,
 To Spirit blest, most holy God,
 All the glory, never ending!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB 475

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
 Now is the triumph of our King!
 To all the world glad news we bring:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
 Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
 Let all the world rejoice and say:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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!

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!

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The Day of Resurrection

LSB 478

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Text: Public domain

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P 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

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.**

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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Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 2.

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Readings for Nex Sunday – Acts 5:29-42, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

This Week's Memory Verse – Psalm 146:5 "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God..."