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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace
 5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM LFL @ Grace

WED. 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion

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 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
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 5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

May 4 8:30: 140 Year Ago: 110 Sunday School: 30

Welcome Welcome, and Happy Mother's Day! Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, Jesus our Good Shepherd loves and cares for us without fail. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Text Messages from St. Paul's We now have the ability to notify members with text messages from the Church360 software. To sign up, please write your name and email address on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. An email message will be sent to you from the Church360 software and will include a link that will ask for your cell number. After you enter your cell phone number a confirmation text message will then be sent to you. You will need to reply "Yes" to that message and will then be enrolled to receive important text messages from the church. Questions? Ask Mike Pfeiffer.

Lutheran Witness The May edition of the Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
May 4	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 5,262.00	\$ 1,291.00
year-to-date	\$ 67,478.00	\$ 69,153.00	\$ 1,675.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
May 4	\$ 481.00	\$ 270.00	\$ -211.00
year-to-date	\$ 8,658.00	\$11,255.00	\$ 2,597.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000			Total to Date \$3,385.00
Building \$745 Cemetery \$10 Tech Fund \$100 LYF \$25 Landscape Proj. \$40			

May 4 \$5,667.00
May 5 \$ 785.00 (ACH)

5/20 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
5/21 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
5/22 8:30 AM Blanket Making



Shoe Box The items we are collecting for the shoe boxes this month are small books and small stuffed animals such as beanies. Thank you for all the donations!

Church Service Videos The QR Code shown above can be used to go directly to the church's YouTube channel. On your phone or device open the camera and point it at the QR Code. A link will pop up that will take you to the channel.

Blankets We recently sent 30 blankets to the LWML ingathering for Orphan Grain Train at Lincoln and 5 blankets to Indianapolis Indiana to a rehab center there. Thank you to all that have helped in any way to make the blankets. We pray they will keep the people who receive them warm physically and with Jesus' love, Join us in this rewarding project on the second and fourth Thursdays at 8:30 in the social hall.

Seminarian Hunter Kinnison has received a one year vicarage assignment to St Paul Lutheran Church in Eldora, IA and he will begin there in July. Blessings to Hunter!

Family Life Center Baby Bottle Project-We will once again be saving change for the Family Life Center Baby Bottle Project this year! Funds collected will be used to support FLC's many programs which serve area dads, moms, and children because our Lord has called all of us to share what we have with those who might be less fortunate.

Please pick up a baby bottle from the basket in the narthex on Mother's Day this Sunday the 11th of May and drop in your change until Father's Day June 15th. The bottles can be returned to the basket, dropped off with Sue in the office or give to Kay Dust. Thank you for your support and generosity and for investing in the work of the Family Life Center!



ANNIVERSARIES

15-Gabe* & Marcaill Allen

BIRTHDAYS

11-Brenton Pieper; Cody* Bushue
13-Brendon Bowers; Daniel Vogel;
Casen Logue; Lennon Booher;
Kalei* Rincker
14-Carol Salazar; Gaylord Stremming;
Laura Dollarhide;
15-Amanda Doehring; Ron Sporleder
16-Brandon Doehring; Alex Allen;
Liam Booher
17-Kayla Duncan; Jessica Bloemer

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Todd Daniels, Amanda Doehring, Brandon & Jessica Doehring, Darin Doehring, Don & Linda Doehring, Virginia Vogel, Allison & Bryan Vonderheide, Gina & Travis Vonderheide, Sheryl & Rick Vonderheide, Tanya Walker, Doug Walker

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson	Anna Schlechte
Nick Hanfland	Kendall Fulk
Frances York	Wayne Wirth
Robert Pfeiffer	Ronda Schlechte
Margaret Swank	Nick Oller
Beulah Ulmer	Clay Tabbert
Karla Tabbert	Mark Richards
Cathryn Stremming	

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge
Robert Stremming
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Bill Orr
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone
Mattoon
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Willowbrook,
Effingham
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook
Effingham

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

Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer's father)
stroke
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 2024-25 **4TH Year Student**

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2024-25 Vicar assignment at
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Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son
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4th Sunday of Easter – Setting Three

Jerusalem the Golden

LSB 672

- 1 Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation,
The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not
What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory,
The bliss beyond compare!
- 2 Within those walls of Zion
Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them;
The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed
Shines bright with glorious sheen.
- 3 Around the throne of David,
The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph
To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader,
Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever
Their gleaming robes of white.

D 4 O sweet and blessèd country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country
That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Text: Public domain

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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 unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

Gloria Patri

C ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Kyrie

LSB 186

C ***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

C ***Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

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 20:17–35

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Epistle

Revelation 7:9–17

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Alleluia

LSB 190

C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

John 10:22–30

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

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to Thee, O 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.

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 Revelation 7:9-17 “The Lamb is Our Shepherd”

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** ***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

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** ***And with thy spirit.***
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** ***It is meet and right so to do.***
- P** It is truly meet, 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 195

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C *Amen.*

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Distribution

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 furnished
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

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

LSB 766

- 1 Our Father, who from heav'n above Bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family And pray to You in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say But from our inmost hearts to pray.
- 2 Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, In purity to keep Your Word,
That to the glory of Your name We walk before You free from blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert; All poor deluded souls convert.
- 3 Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain And Your eternal righteous reign.
The Holy Ghost enrich our day With gifts attendant on our way.
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage; Preserve Your Church from age to age.
- 4 Your gracious will on earth be done As it is done before Your throne,
That patiently we may obey Throughout our lives all that You say.
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill That sets itself against Your will.
- 5 Give us this day our daily bread, And let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war, and strife; In plague and famine, spare our life,
That we in honest peace may live, To care and greed no entrance give.
- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community To serve each other willingly.

- 7 Lead not into temptation, Lord, Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand. Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host, Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.
- 8 From evil, Lord, deliver us; The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death, And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release, And take our souls to You in peace.
- 9 Amen, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; (sts. 1, 6, 8–9): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (sts. 2–5, 7): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001, alt.
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Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

LSB 694

- 1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tower; Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.
Thee will I love with all my power, With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
Thee will I love, O Light divine, So long as life is mine.
- 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Savior, Who art my best and truest friend.
Thee will I love and praise forever, For never shall Thy kindness end.
Thee will I love with all my heart—Thou my Redeemer art!
- 3 I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven, Whose radiance hath brought light to me;
I thank Thee, who hast richly given All that could make me glad and free;
I thank Thee that my soul is healed By what Thy lips revealed.
- 4 O keep me watchful, then, and humble; Permit me nevermore to stray.
Uphold me when my feet would stumble, And keep me on the narrow way.
Fill all my nature with Thy light, O Radiance strong and bright!
- 5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness; Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness, And not for hope of high reward,
For Thine own sake, O Light divine, So long as life is mine.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C *and His mercy endureth forever.*

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C *Amen, amen, amen.*

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740

1 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941 Text: Public domain

Next Week's Readings – Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-7, John 16:12-22

This Week's Memory Verse – Revelation 9:17 "For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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