

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

May 14, 2023

Sixth 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
TUE.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
WED.	8:00 AM	Guide/Bulletin
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	7:00 PM	Adult Information class@ St. Paul
THURS.	10:30AM	Ascension Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM	Ascension Service @ St. Paul
SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+

May 7 8:30: 102 Year Ago: 128 Sunday School: 23

Welcome Welcome to worship! Today we acknowledge mothers and special mother-figures in our lives — thank God for you! If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

Adult Information Class: Pastor Whybrew will hold an information class for adults in the St. Paul's social hall on Wednesday May 10, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Three additional classes will follow at the same time here at St. Paul's on May 17, 24 and 31.

Vacation Bible School Registration for St. Paul's/Grace Vacation Bible School is now open. VBS will be held June 19-23, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The theme is "God's Living Water-Covered in Jesus' Grace." VBS is for ages preschool to students entering 7th grade this fall. There will also be an adult VBS class taught by Pastor Whybrew and Virginia Vogel. The mission project will be Hayden Rensner, LCMS missionary to the Czech Republic. Registration forms are in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact the VBS committee of Karen Kull, Dee Dee Batson, Susie Allen and Cindy Roley, or call St. Paul's church office at 217.644.2661.

Family Life Center The Family Life Center is looking for a volunteer from St. Paul's to be in charge of the Baby Bottle Project this year. The collection runs from Mother's day through Father's day. Please let the church secretary know if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you A big Thank You to Mike Pfeiffer for filling in for me during my vacation. I greatly appreciate all that you do. Sue Bowers

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
May 7	\$ 3,578.00	\$2,607.00	\$ -776.00
year-to-date	\$ 64,404.00	\$60,025.46	\$ -3,407.54
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
May 7	\$ 481.00	\$ 145.00	\$ -206.00
year-to-date	\$ 8,658.00	\$12,219.50	\$ 3,897.50
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$3,815.00
Building \$125 Trinity \$50 LYF \$25 Bell Tower \$25 Cemetery \$200			
Rachel Comfort Dog \$200			

May 5 \$785.00 (ACH)

May 7 \$2,592.00

5/23 9:00 AM Bible Study

5/24 8:30 AM Chair Yoga

2:30 PM Social Hall communion

7:00 PM Adult Information class @ St. Paul's

5/25 8:30 AM Blanket making

WDS On Wednesday, May 3 over 20 children and several adults enjoyed games, food, and fellowship at the annual Weekday Picnic. Thanks to Susie and DeeDee for leading the games, to Karen and the Board of Education for the food, and to Jennifer Stodden, Shanna Kessler, and Pastor for helping. We also want to thank Courtney Orman for the great job she did teaching the first and second grade students all year. Classes will begin again in August.

Congregational Bible Study Beginning Sunday, June 4, St. Paul's will begin a special 7-week congregational study, God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace. God's Living Water will include a sermon series, youth and children's Sunday School lessons, and adult Bible class lessons, which allow you to attend Sunday School classes together as a family. God's Living Water is a resource that explores the place of water in God's sweeping plan of salvation. A collection of short Bible stories leads you chronologically through God's judgment against sin and His salvation of the world through Jesus Christ. Each week is a complete lesson, so don't worry if you have to miss any weeks. We invite all members of the congregation to attend this seven-week study during June and July. Pastor Whybrew's sermons will follow the story theme each week during the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 or immediately following the worship service. The High School/Adult classes will meet jointly in the social hall. Youth class for grades 1-8 will meet in classroom 3. The Pre-K class will be taught in classroom 1. All SS classes study the same weekly Bible stories. Plan to attend and be blessed by the fellowship of studying God's Word together.

Thank you Thank you to my church family, my family and my friends for all the prayers and phone calls checking on me during my recovery of my 2 heart cath and 3 stent replacements. May God bless all of you as He has blessed me. Sandy Bugenhagen



ANNIVERSARIES

15-Gabe* & Marcaill Allen
18-Cody* & Adrienne Bushue
19-Jonathon & Abby* Luce

BIRTHDAYS

14-Carol Salazar;
Gaylord Stremming;
Laura Dollarhide
15-Amanda Doehring; Ron Sporleder
16-Brandon Doehring; Alex Allen;
Liam Booher
17-Kayla Duncan; Jessica Bloemer
19-Jesse* Wallin
20-Allison Vonderheide

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Dusty & Claudia Rincker, Gary Rincker,
Jim & Sharon Rincker, Mary Rincker, Luke
& Kalei Rincker, Michael & Laurie Rincker,
Mildred Rincker, Otis & Donna Rincker,
Otto & Lisa Rincker, Maxine Ruff,

Recorded Services

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PRAYER

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

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
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook
Effingham

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

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!
- D 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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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 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 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105

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.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 17:16–31

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13–22

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

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

Hymn of the Day

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!

- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

Sermon John 14:15-21 "A Helper Forever"

- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Text: Public domain

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.***

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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.**

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

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958 Text: Public domain

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.
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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB 549

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

Text (sts. 1–5): Edward Perronet, 1726–92, alt.; (sts. 6–7): A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, 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

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C *and His mercy endureth forever.*
- A** 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

A 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.***

Recessional Hymn

God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392

1 God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me. Refrain

ref Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

2 I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working To make me free. Refrain

3 He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. Refrain

4 Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. Refrain

5 Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You All my life long. Refrain

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Readings for Next Week – Acts 1:12-26, 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

This Week's Memory Verse – John 14:9 "Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live."

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