

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

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Organist	Marlene Wirth		Strasburg Illinois
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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM **WDS Music Fest**
10:15 AM Worship Service
TUE. 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
WED. 8:20 AM Chapel
8:30 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline
6:00 PM Good News Class
SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha,W.L.S., College Plus, High School
10:15 AM Worship Service

May 9 8:30: 90 10:15: 58 Total 148 - Year Ago: 0 Sunday School: 44

Welcome God gave us eternal life," says the writer of 1 John, "and this life is in his Son" (5:11, NRSV). We gather to worship the Giver of life. Welcome! *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Seminary Students Blessings to adopted Seminarian Brian Homann, who received his call to serve St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beardstown, Illinois. Brian's Commencement will take place on May 21st at 4 P.M. Seminarian Mason Veith received his call to serve as Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Elkhart, Indiana. Mason's Commencement was held May 12th. May God bless your ministry.

Senior Citizens Programs The Case Coordination Unit will be at the Strasburg Community Building on Wednesday, May 26th from 8:30-11:30 A.M. to help assist with RTA/License Plate discounts, Medicare A, B, C, D, Senior Tax Freeze & Homestead exemptions. The trained staff will be there to answer questions and help fill out applications on a first come serve basis.

Congratulations Chris & Alicia Harrell who was blessed with a son on May 4th. Camden David Harrell weighed 7lb 1oz and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Rick & Susie Allen.

Communion Beginning in June, we will be going back to communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We will also begin filling out communion cards.

Thank You to all who donated to the Walk for Life for the Pregnancy Resource Center, \$11,732 was raised, with \$1325 of that from the Stew-Stras community. The money will be used for the physical and spiritual needs of those who need help. The latest project of the Center is the installation of an ultrasound so expectant parents can see their developing child. We pray that this will help save babies from abortion.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
May 9	\$ 3,436.00	\$3,120.00	\$ - 316.00
year-to-date	\$ 67,480.00	\$ 68,052.57	\$ 572.57
<u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u>			
May 9	\$ 423.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -173.00
year-to-date	\$ 8,037.00	\$11,407.00	\$ 3,370.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$3,930.00
Building \$550 Trinity \$50 Seminary Student \$10 LCMS World Mission \$125			
		May 9	\$4,105.00

5/25 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study

5/27 8:30 AM Blanket making

5/28 3-7 PM Poppy Day

5/29 7-11 AM Poppy Day

Religious Material As you are doing your spring cleaning and find religious material you no longer use, recycle it by bringing it to church and putting it in the box in school hallway. We need devotional guides such as Portals of Prayers, Bibles, and other religious material. These will be used to help spread the love of Jesus through prison ministry and to take to Love Packages, a nondenominational organization that sends religious material all over the world.

Sunday School School is almost over, but we are blessed that Sunday School teachers for preschool through high school are still in the classroom each week. Your child's Christian education can continue throughout the summer. There are also three adult Sunday School classes. We invite you all to attend, enjoy fellowship with other members and grow together in the Word. Coffee and snacks are available before Sunday School which is currently 9:30-10 a.m.

VBS St. Paul's Vacation Bible School "Rainforest Explorers-Jesus Leads the Way" is June 21-25 from 9-11:30 a.m. VBS classes are for ages 3 to children just finishing the 6th grade. The morning will include Bible stories, crafts, games, activities, great songs and snacks. An adult class led by Virginia Vogel will be discussing "Unafraid-Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times". VBS is for everyone, so invite your friends to attend with you. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or in the church secretary's office. **Please complete and return the VBS registration form to the office as soon as possible.** The forms can be placed in the holder on the office door.

LWML CID The LWML CID is overjoyed to announce our mission goal for 2021-2022 is \$105,000 with \$78,750 for district grants and the remaining funds to national mission grants. As funds become available throughout the year, the mission grants will be paid in order: **May & June, 2021 LWML CID Grant #1-Student Aid for Church Workers-\$30,000-** Due to the high cost of becoming a full-time church worker, many students find it difficult to complete their schooling. This grant will provide partial funding to CID students so they may realize their dreams of becoming full-time church workers. These funds will be distributed through the LCMS CID Scholarship Committee. How can you help? Pray that God provides men and women willing to become church workers to spread the Gospel message throughout the world. Support this grant by donating to our Ladies Aid mite fund. It will all be greatly appreciated!



ANNIVERSARIES

- 18- Cody* & Adrienne Bushue
- 19- Jonathon & Abby* Luce

BIRTHDAYS

- 16- Alex Allen; Brandon Doehring
- 17- Jessica Bloemer; Kayla Duncan
- 19- Jesse* Wallin
- 20- Allison Vonderheide
- 22- Dianna Gibson; Lois Ogle

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Adam & Brittney Hoene, Norma Huddleston, Diane Jack, Megan Jack, Stephanie (Delia) Jack, Alicia (Rachel) Kessler, Carolyn Stremming, David & Deb Stremming, Doris Stremming, Doug & Amy Stremming, Elizabeth Stremming, Gaylord & Dixie Stremming

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
Joe Oakley	Michelle Knop
Glenn Spannagel	

LIMITED MOBILITY

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)

Christie Dust (Howard & Kay Dust daughter in-law)
Janet Bloemer(ovarian cancer, G/M Wirth neighbor)
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)
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.)

***** On Friday evening, May 21st, Trinity Lutheran School will be hosting its annual dinner and live auction at the Stewardson Community Building. We would love for you to join us in celebration of the end of an awesome school year and in support of next year's students. Tickets are available for purchase in the school office. If you have questions, please call the office at 217-682-3881.**

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 16, 2021
PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME

Opening Hymn The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794

- 1** The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me, Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield, And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield, New blessings on my way.
- 2** The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned, With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith, The highest heav'nly good.
- 3** The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son, In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart, And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support, In sorrow's gloomy hour.

Please Stand

- D 4** The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host, Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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.**

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy**

Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

(Sing) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as LSB 186
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 LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Epistle

1 John 5:9–15

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 17:11b–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth 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.**

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.**

Please be Seated

Sermon Hymn I Gave My Life for thee

TLH 405

- 1 I gave my life for thee; My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be, And quickened from the dead.
I gave My life for thee; What hast thou giv'n for Me?
- 2 I spent long years for thee, In weariness and woe
That an eternity, Of joy thou mightest know.
I spent long years for thee; Hast thou spent one for Me?
- 3 My Father's home of light, My rainbow-circled throne,
I left for earthly night, For wand'rings sad and lone.
I left it all for thee; Hast thou left aught for Me?
- 4 I suffered much for thee, More than my tongue may tell,
Of bitt'rest agony, To rescue thee from hell.
I suffered much for thee; What canst thou bear for Me?
- 5 And I have brought to thee, Down from My home above
Salvation full and free, My pardon and My love.
Great gifts I brought to thee; What hast thou brought to Me?

6 Oh, let thy life be given, Thy years for Me be spent,
World's fetters all be riven, And joy with suffering blent!
I gave Myself for thee; Give thou thyself to Me.

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Sermon "Jesus prays for us" John 17:11b-19

Please Stand

Offertory

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.

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.

Closing Hymn Abide, O Dearest Jesus

LSB 919

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us, Nor we to sin give place.
2 Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter, True peace and joy afford.
3 Abide with heav'nly brightness, Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us, From error's gloomy night.
4 Abide with richest blessings, Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom, Grow daily through Your Word.
5 Abide with Your protection, Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us, And overcome at length.
6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us, To reach our home above.

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