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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS**

**May 18, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN.        8:30 AM Worship Service-Choir sings  
              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  
WED.        8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
THURS.      8:30 AM Blanket making  
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

**May 11 8:30: 159 Year Ago: 126 Sunday School: 40**

**Welcome** Psalm 148 calls all creation to praise the Lord. We join with springtime blooms and buds, more hours of sunlight, newborn animals, singing birds and greening landscapes. Welcome to worship! *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

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

**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!

**Pastor out of town** Pastor Whybrew will be out of town on May 20, 21, & 22. Pastor's father will be having surgery. Please keep the family in your prayers. If you have any issues, please contact one of the Elders.

**Congratulations Graduates** Congratulation to our High School graduates, Samantha Hayes, Peyton Long, Dennon Stremming, Ellie Wittenberg, and Raegyn Wallin. We also want to congratulate our 8<sup>th</sup> graders Noah Vonderheide, Lorelei McCormick, and Bryce Rincker on their promotion to High School. Please keep all of these students in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate through the next chapter of their lives.

### FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
May 11	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 1,547.00	\$-2,424.00
year-to-date	\$ 71,449.00	\$ 70,700.00	\$ -749.00
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
May 11	\$ 481.00	\$ 475.00	\$ -6.00
year-to-date	\$ 9,139.00	\$11,730.00	\$ 2,597.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>			Total to Date \$3,640.00
Building \$200 Cemetery \$100 Sem. Student \$225 Trinity \$255			
Organ Maint. \$130 Rev. Alex Gordon \$75			

**May 11      \$3,007.00**

5/27 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
       7:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
 5/28 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
       2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
 5/29 10:30 AM Ascension Service @ Grace  
       6:30 PM Ascension Service @ St. Paul's



**Ascension Service** Ascension Service will be May 29 at 10:30 Am at Grace and 6:30 PM at St. Paul's.

**WDS Picnic** About 50 people attended the annual Weekday Picnic on Wednesday, May 7. The Board of Education provided hot dogs and delicious finger foods. The program for the evening consisted of the kids singing, reciting their favorite Bible passages, and telling about their favorite Bible stories. All four teachers stressed how good attendance had been this year. Then Supt. Diane Jack passed out certificates to all the children. Maura Batson, Brenlee Orman, and Liam Orman all had perfect attendance with several other students missing only one or two classes. A big thank you goes to Diane Jack and Troy Uphoff for organizing the evening and to our Weekday teachers, Courtnay Orman, Susie Allen, Dee Dee Batson, and Rev. Whybrew.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> of May and drop in your change until Father's Day June 15<sup>th</sup>. 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**

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

### **BIRTHDAYS**

19-Jesse\* Wallin  
20-Allison Vonderheide  
22-Dianna Gibson; Lois Ogle

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Sheree Doehring, Eli Dollarhide, Gideon Dollarhide, Travis & Laura Dollarhide, Gary & Sheryl Duncan, Kayla Duncan, Beulah Ulmer, Joyce Ulmer, Troy Uphoff, Trent Uphoff, Deanna Uphoff, Betty Vogel, Daniel & Sarah Vogel, Jay & Kathy Vogel, Kimberly Vogel

### **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	Ramona Radloff

### **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**

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> Year Student**

**Micah Brown (Wife Jen)**  
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**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

**2024-25 Vicar assignment at**  
**Concordia**  
**Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN**  
**Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son**  
**Callan)**  
**5418 Brighton Dr.**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Baptism of Hazel Jean Oller

### Father Welcomes

LSB 605

ref Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

- 1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. Refrain
- 2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. Refrain
- 3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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

C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:*

P Hazel, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Hazel according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her, which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve Hazel as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **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.**

*If the baptismal party has stood at the entrance of the nave to this point, they now move to the font.*

P Hazel, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

P Hazel Jean Oller, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.

C **Amen.**

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Hazel the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and

honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Peace T be with you.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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.

C **Amen.**

## Introit

Psalm 98:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

## Kyrie

LSB 204

C ***Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.***



**C 1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
 Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
 We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
 Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
 O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
 Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
 Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
 You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
 In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

**P** Let us pray.  
 O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 11:1–18

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

## Epistle

Revelation 21:1–7

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Sings** "How Marvelous are the Works" (Angerman/Martin)

## Alleluia and Verse

C ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

## Holy Gospel

John 16:12–22

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

## 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!
- D 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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**Sermon** Acts 11:1-18 "A Message By Which You Will Be Saved"

### **Prayer of the Church**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For calm hearts and strong faith in the midst of our sorrows, that we who celebrate the resurrection of our Lord would trust in the promise of our own resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faithful pastors who will teach us God's Word, devoted church workers who will serve us in His name, and those now preparing for church work vocations, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all mothers with child and those with young children, that God would bless them in their trials; and that He would bless His Holy Church, the mother of all the children of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our president, our governor, the Congress and legislature, judges and magistrates, and those in the armed forces, that the Lord would guide them to serve according to His will and for the common good of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those now in tribulation, that God, who will at last banish all sorrow, sin and death, would increase their faith and see them through their trials, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Benedicamus**

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **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.**

## **Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

LSB 646

- 1 Church of God, elect and glorious,  
Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits,  
Grace that meets all human needs.
- 2 God has called you out of darkness  
Into His most marv'lous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you,  
Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified.
- 3 Once you were an alien people,  
Strangers to God's heart of love;  
But He brought you home in mercy,  
Citizens of heav'n above.  
Let His love flow out to others,  
Let them feel a Father's care;  
That they too may know His welcome  
And His countless blessings share.

- 4 Church of God, elect and holy,  
Be the people He intends;  
Strong in faith and swift to answer  
Each command your Master sends:  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Give your lives in joyful service—  
Sing His praise, His love declare.

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Next Sunday's Readings – Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27, John 16:23-33

This Sunday's Memory Verse – Acts 11:13-14 <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'"

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