

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

May 23, 2021

The Day of Pentecost

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha,W.L.S.,College Plus, High School
 10:15 AM Worship Service
TUE. 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study
WED. 8:30 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline
THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket making
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 16 8:30: 107 10:15: 54 Total 161 - Year Ago: 0 Sunday School:

Welcome The Holy Spirit called the church into being and continues to call us together. Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

VBS There are sign up sheets in the narthex for cookies, milk, bottled water and cups for Vacation Bible School. Please contact Karen Pfeiffer at 217-343-6814 or e-mail her at dkpfeiffer@consolidated.net if you have any questions.

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 16	\$ 3,436.00	\$3,784.00	\$ - 348.00
year-to-date	\$ 70,916.00	\$ 71,836.57	\$ 920.57
<u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u>			
May 16	\$ 423.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -323.00
year-to-date	\$ 8,460.00	\$11,507.00	\$ 3,047.00
<u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u>		Total to Date	\$4,510.00
Building \$75 Trinity \$580 Seminary Student \$100 Sunday School \$260			
Ladies Aid \$50 Cemetery \$100			

May 16 \$5,049.00

6/1 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study
6/3 1:30 PM Ladies Aid

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.

Weekday School The Weekday School children presented a musical "Moses & Pharaoh" last Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Thank you to the Weekday School children, teachers and music directors, Sheryl Vonderheide and Courtney Wittenberg for all the time and work they spent in rehearsing and preparing for Music Fest.

Spring Clean to help our Queens The Miss Shelby County and Junior Miss Shelby County Pageants are collecting used shoes, clothing, and bedding for this year's service project and pageant fundraiser. We'd love to take your outgrown or under-used clothes and shoes out of your closet and into the hands of others who desperately need them! Please drop off your items in the box located in the Sunday School hallway. We are partnering with two other organizations who will help ship and recycle these items to inner city St. Louis, Haiti, Belize, and Kenya. Any donated clothing, bedding and curtains will be used to assist in setting up a refugee camp in Kenya. Please do not send boots, high heels over 1", worn out/dirty shoes, t-shirts with inappropriate sayings and images, no alcohol advertisements, and no political statements. In high demand is sneakers, dress shoes, sandals for men, women, & children.



ANNIVERSARIES

- 26- Brandon & Shelby Beltz
- 27- Darrell & Molly Gilbert
- 28- Steven & Sharon Weber

BIRTHDAYS

- 25- Wilma Spannagel; Joshua Tabbert
- 26- Jonathon Schultz
- 27- Travis Pieper
- 29- Debbie* Stremming

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Brian Kessler, Roger & Wanda Kessler, Toby & Melba Rose Kircher, Brittany & Drew Kirkley, Kevin & Chris Kramer, Brett Kull, Kim & Brad Storm, Kurt Storm, Larry Storm, Melba Storm, Ryan & Sonia Storm, Brad & Kim Stremming

HEALING

Brett Kull	Jackie Stodden
Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Ken Hagan
Mary Rincker	Carolyn Stremming
Joe Oakley	Michelle Knop
Glenn Spannagel	Dennis Wirth

LIMITED MOBILITY

Noma Rose Huddleston - Lakeland NH
 Imogene Lding - 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.)

The Day of Pentecost May 23, 2021
PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME

OPENING HYMN Holy Spirit, Hear Us

TLH 229

- 1 Holy Spirit, hear us
 On this sacred day;
 Come to us with blessing,
 Come with us to stay.

- 2 Come as once Thou camest
 To the faithful few
 Patiently awaiting
 Jesus' promise true.

- 3 Up to heav'n ascending,
 Our dear Lord has gone;
 Yet His little children
 Leaves He not alone.

- 4 To His blessed promise
 Now in faith we cling.
 Comforter most holy,
 Spread o'er us Thy wing.

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Please Stand

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

LSB 151

+ Confession and Absolution +

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

KYRIE (*Lord*)

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C ***Lord, have mercy.***

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

This is the Feast

LSB 155

C ***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And also with you.***

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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

Acts 2:1–21

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

Choir Anthem “Holy Spirit Live in Me” (Kirby/Shrader)

Director: Karen Rentfro Accompanist: Sheryl Vonderheide

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

- C ***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.***

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
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 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

LSB 496

- 1** Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.

- 2 Let me see my Savior's face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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SERMON "Pentecost in the Jerusalem Church" Acts 2:41-47

Please Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

- C** ***What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.***

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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 + give you peace.

C *Amen.*

Closing Hymn Come, Holy Spirit, Come

TLH 225

- 1 Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the sorrow from our minds,
The darkness from our eyes.
- 2 Revive our drooping faith,
Our doubts and fears remove,
And kindle in our breasts the flame
Of never-dying love.
- 3 Convince us of our sin,
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wond'ring view reveal
The mercies of our God.
- 4 'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life into each part,
And new-create the whole.

5 Dwell therefore in our hearts;
Our minds from bondage free;
Then we shall know and praise and love,
The Father, Son, and Thee.

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