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

May 25, 2	<u> 2025</u>		Sixth S	Sunday of Easter			
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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD							
SUN.		AM Communion Service					
		AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.	2				
10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace							
		PM Worship Service @ Gra	ce				
TUE.		AM Morning Bible Study					
		PM Choir Rehearsal					
WED.		AM Chair Yoga					
		PM Social Hall communion					
THURS.		AM Ascension Serv. @ Gra					
		PM Ascension Serv. @ St.	Paul's				
SUN.		AM Worship Service					
		AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.	S. College+				
		Worship Service @ Grace					
	5:30	PM Worship Service @ Gra	ce				

May 18 8:30: 110 Year Ago: 97 Sunday School: 24

**Welcome** Children of God, siblings of Christ: The Holy Spirit has called and gathered us here. Let us worship together. *If you* are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

<u>Shoe Box</u> 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!

<u>Congratulations Graduates</u> 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.

**Vacation Bible School** Registration for St. Paul's/Grace Vacation Bible School is now open. VBS will be held June 16-20, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The theme is "Epic Australian Adventure"." VBS is for ages preschool to students entering 7th grade this fall. There will be a VBS adult class taught by Pastor Whybrew. This year's Mission Project is the Stew-Stras Blessings in a backpack. If you have any questions contact Diane Jack 217.565.3434 or the church office 217.644.2661.

#### FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$	TO MEET YEARLY	BUDGET \$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
May 18	\$	3,971.00	\$ 2,392.00	\$-1,579.00
year-to-date	\$	75,420.00	\$ 73,092.00	\$-2 <b>,</b> 328.00
Synod-Offerings				
May 18	\$	481.00	\$ 160.00	\$ -321.00
year-to-date	\$	9,620.00	\$11,890.00	\$ 2,270.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000			Total t	to Date \$3,640.00

Building \$720 Tech Fund \$100

May 18 \$3,372.00

6/3 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study

6/4 8:30 AM Chair Yoga 6/5 1:30 PM Ladies Aid



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

**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!

**Baptism** Hazel Jean Oller was baptized on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Hazel is the daughter of Nick and Brittani Oller. Her sponsors are Josh Tabbert and Makenna Durbin. God's blessings to Hazel and her family.

**Thank you** The floor in the office has been replaced along with a new coat of paint on the walls. It looks really nice! **Thank you**... Don Telgmann, Tim Lenz, Chris Ashmore, Mike Pfeiffer and Charlene Telgmann for moving everything in/out of the office.



#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

26-Brandon & Shelby Beltz 27-Darrell & Molly Gilbert 28-Steve & Sharon Weber 30-Jared\* Stephanie Petri 31-Chris & Jennifer Ashmore

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

25-Josh Tabbert
26-Jonathon Schultz
27-Travis Pieper
30-Sharon Stremming; Maxine
Ruff; Harper\* Hoene
31-Jonathon Luce; Rachel Wallin
Ellie Wittenberg

#### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Kay & Howard Dust, Kathy & Will Eckstein, Deanna Foelsing, Delbert Foelsing, Dianna Gibson, Charlene Telgmann, Don & Kim Telgmann, Jessica & Derek Bloemer, Olivia Telgmann, Marcie Thomas, Katie Thomas, Stephanie Tracey

#### **PRAYER**

Anna Schlechte Dianna Gibson 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 Charlene Telgmann

#### 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) 6C Founders Way St. Louis, MO 63105

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# O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB 913

- O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,
  Your dwelling place now make us. Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
  Around and in us brightly shine, To joy and gladness wake us
  That we may be Truly living, To You giving Prayer unceasing
  And in love be still increasing.
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r, That in our hearts from this good hour As fire it may be glowing, That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be, Your glory ever showing. Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife, In us be strongly burning That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith, From You true wisdom learning.

  Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing, Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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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 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.

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

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit Psalm 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22

Kyrie 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.

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**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- 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 16:9–15

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

**Epistle** Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

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

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

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

Holy Gospel John 16:23–33

- 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.

# Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556

- 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!
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- God said to His belovèd 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."

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**Sermon** Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 "The Lamb's Book of Life"

#### LSB 556

### Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

- 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.
- "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.
- "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."

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#### **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.

# **Prayer of the Church**

Offertory LSB 159

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.

Preface LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, 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 161

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

# **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.

Pax Domini LSB 163

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

Agnus Dei LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen.

# **Entrust Your Days and Burdens**

LSB 754

- 1 Entrust your days and burdens To God's most loving hand; He cares for you while ruling The sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the tempests Along their thund'rous ways Will find for you a pathway And guide you all your days.
- 2 Rely on God your Savior And find your life secure. Make His work your foundation That your work may endure. No anxious thought, no worry, No self-tormenting care Can win your Father's favor; His heart is moved by prayer.
- Take heart, have hope, my spirit, And do not be dismayed; God helps in ev'ry trial And makes you unafraid. Await His time with patience Through darkest hours of night Until the sun you hoped for Delights your eager sight.
- 4 Leave all to His direction; His wisdom rules for you In ways to rouse your wonder At all His love can do. Soon He, His promise keeping, With wonder-working pow'rs Will banish from your spirit What gave you troubled hours.

- O blessèd heir of heaven, You'll hear the song resound Of endless jubilation When you with life are crowned. In your right hand your maker Will place the victor's palm, And you will thank Him gladly With heaven's joyful psalm.
- Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen; With joy our spirits bless Until we see the ending Of all our life's distress.

  And so throughout our lifetime Keep us within Your care And at our end then bring us To heav'n to praise You there.

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#### If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

LSB 750

- 1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
- What can these anxious cares avail thee, These never-ceasing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou bewail thee O'er each dark moment as it flies? Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.
- 3 Be patient and await His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure And His discerning love hath sent, Nor doubt our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.
- 4 God knows full well when times of gladness Shall be the needful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with sadness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to thee all unaware And makes thee own His loving care.
- 5 Nor think amid the fiery trial That God hath cast thee off unheard, That he whose hopes meet no denial Must surely be of God preferred. Time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to ev'rything.
- All are alike before the Highest; 'Tis easy for our God, we know,
  To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low.
  True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully, And trust His Word; though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.; Georg Neumark, 1621-81 Text: Public domain

Draw Us to Thee LSB 701

- 1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy steps forever And hasten on Where Thou art gone To be with Thee, dear Savior.
- 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lovingly; Let us depart with gladness That we may be Forever free From sorrow, grief, and sadness.
- 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the road to heaven!
  Direct our way Lest we should stray And from Thy paths be driven.
- 4 Draw us to Thee That also we Thy heav'nly bliss inherit
  And ever dwell Where sin and hell No more can vex our spirit.
- Draw us to Thee Unceasingly, Into Thy kingdom take us; Let us fore'er Thy glory share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

  Text: Friedrich Funcke, 1642-99; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt. Text: Public domain

Thank the Lord LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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.

# Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB 917

- Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
   With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
   Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
   Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
   Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
   From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
   For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
   Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
   Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
   Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

Next Week's Readings – Acts 1:12-26, Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20, John 17:20-26

This Week's Memory Verse – Revelation 21:22 "And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb."

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