

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

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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
11:30 AM Voter's meeting with Grace to call a pastor

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
6:30 PM **WDS-picnic**
6:30 PM LYF @ Strasburg park

THURS. 1:30 PM Ladies Aid- Hostess Kay Dust

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, High school
10:15 AM Communion Service

April 25 8:30: 66 10:15: 53 Total 119 - Year Ago: 0 Sunday School: 41

Welcome Welcome to worship on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has made! "Let us rejoice today and be glad" (Psalm 118:24, NIV). *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

WDS The weekday school kids are having their annual Songfest on Sunday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m. during Sunday School time. No Sunday School classes will be held this day. The kids will be doing a skit about Moses & Pharaoh, along with some fun songs. Be sure to stay after the 8:30 a.m. church service or come early for the 10:15 a.m. church service for some fun entertainment!

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.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
April 25	\$ 3,436.00	\$2,196.00	\$ - 1,240.00
year-to-date	\$ 60,608.00	\$ 61,958.57	\$ 1,350.57
<u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u>			
April 25	\$ 423.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -423.00
year-to-date	\$ 7,191.00	\$10,807.00	\$ 3,616.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$3,570.00
Building \$35 Trinity \$80 Seminary Student \$220 Cemetery \$1000		April 25	\$3,531.00

5/11 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study
 5/12 2-3 PM Social Hall communion
 6:00 PM Good News Class
 6:30 PM WDS-Music Fest practice
 5/13 8:30 AM Blanket making
 5/14 Clark/Allen wedding rehearsal
 5/15 Clark/Allen wedding

WDS This Wednesday May, 5th the weekday school kids will have their annual picnic.

Thank You I would like to thank our family and church friends for all the lovely cards, flowers, and phone calls I received for my 92nd birthday. A big thank you to pastor Cluver for all the visits he's made at our home. All was very much appreciated. God's blessings to all!
 Loyd & Mary Rincker

LYF Our last LYF meeting of the school year will be held on Wednesday, May 5th. We will host a Cinco de Mayo themed party with food and games! The meeting will be held at the Strasburg Park, weather permitting, at 6:30 PM.

Baby Bottle Project We are currently looking for a member of our congregation to take over the baby bottle campaign. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Sue Bowers or Karen Kull.

Voter's meeting Both St. Paul's and Grace congregations will meet today at 11:30 a.m. to call one of the pastors on our call list. The three candidates are Rev. Dr. Goeffrey Robinson, Rev. Gaylord Spilker, and Rev. Kene Whybrew.

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 before the end of May. The forms can be placed in the holder on the office door.



ANNIVERSARIES

5- Jason* & Angela Edwards

BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Troy Salazar
- 3- Claire Logue; Glen Spannagel
- 4- Jocelyn Schultz
- 6- Gene Lankow; Jacob Schultz
Rick* Vonderheide

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Darrell & Molly Gilbert, Jacob & Brittney Gilbert, Geo & Deb Glasscock, Joshua Glasscock, Kathleen Gray, Doris & Augie Supan, Margaret Swank, Chris & Karla Tabbert, Joshua Tabbert, Mary Tabbert, Matthew Tabbert, Shalyn & Jacob Tabbert

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)

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)
Dennis Ogle (cancer, Mac & Lois Ogle's son)
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.)

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021
PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME

Opening Hymn O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906

- 1 O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
 O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
 This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined to bless,
 Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," The triune God confess.
- 2 This day at earth's creation, The light first had its birth;
 This day for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 This day our Lord victorious, The Spirit sent from heav'n,
 And thus this day most glorious, A threefold light was giv'n.
- 3 This day, God's people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
 His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
 We journey on, believing, Renewed with heav'nly might,
 From grace more grace receiving, On this blest day of light.

Please Stand

- D 4 That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,
 At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.
 We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
 The Church her voice upraises, To Thee, blest Three in One.

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- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *LSB 151*

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie (Words in italics indicates that the congregation sings)

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 4:1–21

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

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 15:1-8

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 While Yet the Morn is Breaking (Tune of 451 TLH) TLH 544

- 1 While yet the morn is breaking, I thank my God once more,
Beneath whose care awaking, I find the night is o'er.
I thank Him that He calls me, To life and health anew,
I know, whate'er befalls me, His care will still be true.
- 2 O Israel's Guardian, hear me, Watch over me this day;
In all I do be near me, For others, too, I pray;
To Thee I would commend them, Our Church, our youth, our land,
Direct them and defend them, When dangers are at hand.
- 3 O gracious Lord, direct us, Thy doctrine pure defend,
From heresies protect us, And for Thy Word contend,
That we may praise Thee ever, O God, with one accord,
And say: The Lord, our Savior, Be evermore adored.
- 4 Oh, grant us peace and gladness, Give us our daily bread,
Shield us from grief and sadness, On us Thy blessings shed.
Grant that our whole behavior, In truth and righteousness,
May praise Thee, Lord, our Savior, Whose holy name we bless.
- 6 Thou art the Vine--oh, nourish, The branches graft in Thee,
And let them grow and flourish, A fair and fruitful tree.
Thy Spirit pour within us, And let His gifts of grace
To such good actions win us, As best may show Thy praise.

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Sermon "Branches on the Vine – Bearing Fruit" John 15:5

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

- 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.**

Closing Collect

P Let us pray. Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord

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.**

Closing Hymn From Eternity, O God

TLH 411

- 1 From eternity, O God, In Thy Son Thou didst elect me;
Therefore, Father, on life's road, Graciously to heav'n direct me;
Send to me Thy Holy Spirit, That His gifts I may inherit.
- 4 Oh, create a heart in me, That in Thee, my God, believeth
And o'er the iniquity, Of my sins most truly grieveth.
When dark hours of woe betide me, In the wounds of Jesus hide me.
- 5 As a branch upon a vine, In my blessed Lord implant me;
Ever of my Head divine, To remain a member grant me.
Oh, let Him, my Lord and Savior, Be my Life and Love forever!

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