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

May 4, 20	<u>025</u>		Thir	<u>d Sunday of Easter</u>				
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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD								
SUN.		AM Worship Service						
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+							
	10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace							
	5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace							
	6:30	PM Bible Trivia						
TUE.	9:00	AM Morning Bible Study						
WED.	8:30	AM Chair Yoga						
	6:00-	-7PM WDS Picnic						
THURS.	8:30	AM Blanket Making						
SUN.		AM Communion Service						
	9:30	AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.	S. College+					
	10:30	Worship Service @ Grace						
	5:30	PM Worship Service @ Gra	ce					
P	April 27	8:30: 155 Year Ago: 145	Sunday School: 1	12				

Welcome Welcome to worship, friends! As Jesus met Saul (later called Paul) in a powerful light and voice on The road to Damascus, so he meets us here. It might

be less dramatic, but it's no less real. If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our questbook.

WDS Picnic The WDS picnic, closing program, and play time will be on Wednesday, May 7th from 6:00-7:00pm. Congregation members are welcome to attend. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex by today! Food, table service, and drinks will be provided.

Text Messages from St. Paul's We now have the ability to notify members with text messages from the Church360 software. To sign up, please write your name and email address on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. An email message will be sent to you from the Church360 software and will include a link that will ask for your cell number. After you enter your cell phone number a confirmation text message will then be sent to you. You will need to reply "Yes" to that message and will then be enrolled to receive important text messages from the church. Questions? Ask Mike Pfeiffer.

Baptism Blair Ragan Ohnesorge, daughter of Dylan and Amelia Ohnesorge, will be baptized this morning. Blair's sponsors are Collin Ohnesorge and Stephanie McKinley. Grandparents are Joe & Linda Buscher, Barb Ohnesorge, Brad Ohnesorge. God's blessings to Blair and her family.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$	TO MEET YEARLY	BUDGET \$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Apr 27	\$	3,971.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$-1,221.00
year-to-date	\$	63,507.00	\$ 63,891.00	\$ -384.00
Synod-Offerings				
Apr 27	\$	481.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -200.00
year-to-date	\$	8,177.00	\$10,985.00	\$ 2,808.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000			Total	to Date \$3,385.00

Building \$200 Trinity \$80 Sem. Student \$290 Cemetery \$400 Lutheran Care \$100 Lutheran Hour \$40 Rev Gordon Alex \$50

Apr 27 \$4,110.00

5/13 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM LFL @ Grace 5/14 8:30 AM Chair Yoga 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion



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!

<u>Church Service Videos</u> The QR Code shown above can be used to go directly to the church's YouTube channel. On your phone or device open the camera and point it at the QR Code. A link will pop up that will take you to the channel.

Baptism Beau Weber Bowers was baptized on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Beau is the son of Tanner and Caroline Bowers. His sponsors are Wade and Haley Culver. Grandparents are Chris & Sue Bowers and John & Eileen Janecki. God's blessings to Beau and his family.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Family Life Center at Shelbyville for the prayer walk. We walked to and prayed at four stations: Mothers, Fathers, unborn and the lost. We had a total of \$1210 to give to the center. If you did not get to donate, you can give to the baby bottle project. Thanks for caring for the unborn!

LYF will host their last meeting of the school year on Sunday, May 4 at Trinity. We will meet at 6:30pm for food and games!

Blankets We recently sent 30 blankets to the LWML ingathering for Orphan Grain Train at Lincoln and 5 blankets to Indianapolis Indiana to a rehab center there. Thank you to all that have helped in any way to make the blankets. We pray they will keep the people who receive them warm physically and with Jesus' love, Join us in this rewarding project on the second and fourth Thursdays at 8:30 in the social hall.

<u>Seminarian Hunter Kinnison</u> has received a one year vicarage assignment to St Paul Lutheran Church in Eldora, IA and he will begin there in July. Blessings to Hunter!

LYF would like to thank everyone that supported our Pancake & Sausage breakfast! Thanks to your generous support, we served around 100 people and made \$1400. We enjoyed serving you and appreciate your support of our activities.



ANNIVERSARIES

5-Jason* & Angie Edwards

BIRTHDAYS

4-Jocelyn Schultz
6-Rick* Vonderheide;
Jacob Schultz; Max Bowers
10-Gerry Schlechte; Carolyn Boldt
Lorelei McCormick

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Everest Clark, Jack & Pam Clark, Rusty & Brittany Clifton, Darrell & Doris Cress, John & Lisa Cress, Tina Daniels, Pat Wallace, Rick Wallace, Rachel & Jesse Wallin, Kelsey & Zach White, Steve & Sharon Weber, Tom Weber, Tobias Weber

Monarch Jewelry Mark your calendars for the June 7 Monarch Jewelry event at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8th & Fillmore Streets, Vandalia II. Shop from 11:30-1:30, a free light lunch will be provided and there will be a presentation about the organization at 12:30. Monarch Jewelry raises money to aid in the search and rescue of people sold into human trafficking as well as counseling and a safe house for those rescued. Monarch takes old jewelry and creates new jewelry and decorations. The organization works out of Faith Lutheran Church in Oakville, MO (Kaitlyn Kramer-Sharma, Kevin & Chris Kramer's niece, is a member and is involved in this mission) Donations of unused jewelry of any kind and quality will be accepted at this event. https://monarchjewelry.org/shop/

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson Anna Schlechte
Nick Hanfland Kendall Fulk
Frances York Wayne Wirth
Robert Pfeiffer Ronda Schlechte
Margaret Swank Beulah Ulmer Clay Tabbert
Karla Tabbert Mark Richards

Cathryn Stremming

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 4TH Year Student Micah Brown (Wife Jen) 6C Founders Way St. Louis, MO 63105 mrbrown5462@gmail.com

2nd Year Student Hunter Kinnison (Wife Naomi) 6600 North Clinton St., Box 194 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

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

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- Dearest Jesus, we are here, Gladly Your command obeying; With this child we now draw near In response to Your own saying That to You it shall be given As a child and heir of heaven.
- Your command is clear and plain, And we would obey it duly: "You must all be born again, Heart and life renewing truly, Born of water and the Spirit, And My kingdom thus inherit."
- Therefore we have come to You, In our arms this infant bearing.

 Truly here Your grace we view; May this child, Your mercy sharing,
 In Your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and Yours forever.
- 4 Gracious Head, Your member own; Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it; Precious Vine, let nothing sever From Your side this branch forever.
- Now into Your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
 Our petitions heav'nward soar; May our hearts' desires be heeded!
 Write the name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven!

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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 Blair, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your T forehead and upon your T 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 hardhearted 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 Blair 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 Blair 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

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 Blair, 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 Blair Ragan Ohnesorge , I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

- 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 Blair 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.
- 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.

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, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading Acts 9:1–22

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

Epistle Revelation 5:1–14

- 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 21:1–19

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first 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.

Children's Message

LSB 483

With High Delight Let Us Unite

- With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation. To set us free Forever, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends Good news to save ev'ry nation.
- True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing. His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing. "And yours shall be Like victory
 O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave
 His life for us, life renewing.
- Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration. His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation. So shall His love Give us above, From misery And death set free,

All joy and full consolation.

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Sermon Acts 9:1-22 "Brother Saul"

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.

Prayer of the Church

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P That the Lord would accomplish His holy purpose in calling many joyfully to know His redemption; and that we, as the people of God, would live lives of service as a kingdom of priests in accordance with God's holy will, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the Church of God, that many men would be called to the service of the Church and to suffer for the Gospel, confounding her enemies with Christ's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the Church of Jesus, that He who provided fish for His apostles and sent them out as fishers of men would bless the Word and gather in as many as would be saved, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all fathers and mothers, that God would strengthen their faith and increase their joy in the Gospel, and that they would declare the mighty acts of God to the generation to come, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For our rulers and all the nations of the earth, that God who orders all nations would inspire His Church to shepherd them unto eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who struggle among us, <u>[especially</u> _____,] that God would give them faith and grace and be glorified through their trials, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the faithful reception of Christ's very body and blood, that God would give us the Holy Spirit so that what we receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Lord, You are holy, and You sanctify us in Christ. Give us strength during temptation, courage in times of fear, comfort in distress and resolve in the face of persecution. Help us to abound in hope in every circumstance; through the same Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

Long before the World Is Waking

LSB 485

- 1 Long before the world is waking, Morning mist on Galilee, From the shore, as dawn is breaking, Jesus calls across the sea; Hails the boat of weary men, Bids them cast their net again.
- 2 So they cast, and all their heaving Cannot haul their catch aboard; John in wonder turns, perceiving, Cries aloud, "It is the Lord!" Peter waits for nothing more, Plunges in to swim ashore.

- 3 Charcoal embers brightly burning, Bread and fish upon them laid: Jesus stands at day's returning In His risen life arrayed; As of old His friends to greet, "Here is breakfast; come and eat."
- 4 Christ is risen! Grief and sighing, Sins and sorrows, fall behind; Fear and failure, doubt, denying, Full and free forgiveness find. All the soul's dark night is past, Morning breaks in joy at last.
- Morning breaks, and Jesus meets us, Feeds and comforts, pardons still; As His faithful friends He greets us, Partners of His work and will.

 All our days, on ev'ry shore, Christ is ours forevermore!

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Next Week's Readings – Acts 20:17-35, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

This Week's Memory Verse – Acts 9:15 "But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel."

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