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

**May 7, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeters	John & Judy Wittenberg		

**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College

TUE. 9:00 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**  
8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
6:30 PM LYF bowling-meet @ Trinity

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket making

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service  
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+

**April 30 8:30: 192 Year Ago: (No 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) Sunday School: 19**

**Welcome** In John 17, Jesus prays that his Father will protect and unify his followers. In confidence that God binds us together as Christ's family, let us join in worship. If you are *a visitor*, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

**Congratulations** to James and Claire Hortenstine on the birth of their daughter, Violet Leann Hortenstine. Violet was born on Monday, May 1, 2023. Grandparents are Dan and Karen Pfeiffer. Great-Grandmother is Donna Pfeiffer. God's blessings to Violet and her family.

**Adult Information Class:** Pastor Whybrew will hold an information class for adults in the St. Paul's social hall on Wednesday May 10, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Three additional classes will follow at the same time here at St. Paul's on May 17, 24 and 31.

**Vacation Bible School** Registration for St. Paul's/Grace Vacation Bible School is now open. VBS will be held June 19-23, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The theme is "God's Living Water-Covered in Jesus' Grace." VBS is for ages preschool to students entering 7th grade this fall. There will also be an adult VBS class taught by Pastor Whybrew and Virginia Vogel. The mission project will be Hayden Rensner, LCMS missionary to the Czech Republic. Registration forms are in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact the VBS committee of Karen Kull, Dee Dee Batson, Susie Allen and Cindy Roley, or call St. Paul's church office at 217.644.2661.

**Christmas Shoe Boxes** The items we are collecting for the month of May for the shoe box project are small books. Put your items in the box in the narthex.

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
April 30	\$ 3,578.00	\$2,802.00	\$ -776.00
year-to-date	\$ 60,826.00	\$57,418.46	\$ -3,407.54
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
April 30	\$ 481.00	\$ 275.00	\$ -206.00
year-to-date	\$ 8,177.00	\$12,074.50	\$ 3,897.50
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$3,765.00
Building \$100 Sem. Student \$260 Cemetery \$285 Trinity \$20 LYF \$100			
		<b>April 30</b>	<b>\$3,842.00</b>

5/16 9:00 AM Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
 5/17 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
 7:00 PM Adult Information class @ St. Paul's  
 5/18 10:30AM Ascension Service @ Grace  
 6:30 PM Ascension Service @ St. Paul's

**Thank You** to everyone who donated to the Family Life Center walk. We collected \$735 for the center. They are giving a lot of good help to mothers and fathers who need it. They have received an ultrasound machine, have a nurse who will administer it, and will soon have this service available to the clients. Please pray for the center to lead people to Christ, save babies, and meet the needs of the clients.

**Weekday School** The 2022-23 Weekday School year concluded May 3 with an end-of-the-year picnic which consisted of games and snacks. The Education Committee would like to recognize and thank the teachers and helpers who worked with our youth each week, teaching them about Jesus, God's Word, and the catechism. Teachers included Courtney Orman, Susie Allen, Dee Dee Batson, and Pastor Whybrew. Helpers included Shanna Kessler and Jennifer Stodden. Roger Kull was a sub. Please give these folks a big thank you when you see them.

**Trinity Lutheran School** Trinity Lutheran School's Formal Dinner and Live Auction will be held on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available in the school office from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on school days, or contact Krystal Friese at 618.704.8058. Tickets are on sale now through Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor Jerry Bagwell** of Effingham, passed away on May 2 from complications of cancer that had been discovered and diagnosed only a few days earlier. He had been serving as the vacancy pastor at Faith-Shumway. He had preached here at St. Paul's for two Sundays in 2021.

**News from Seminarian Micah Brown:** 5/1/23 Good afternoon from St. Louis! Attached is the latest newsletter regarding Jen and my experience here at Concordia Seminary. Highlighted in this May issue is Call Day which was on April 26. In the newsletter, you'll find where we have been placed for vicarage, our plans for moving forward, and a picture of Jen and me with our supervising pastor for next year. In all of these things, with the Psalmist, we remember to raise thanksgiving and glory to God who governs all things. Thank you so very much for your generous contribution to my education here at Seminary and your devotion to expanding the ministry of the Church! May God bless you and I hope you enjoy this month's edition of From Your Seminarian! Blessings, Micah Brown



**BIRTHDAYS**

10-Gerry Schlechte;  
Carolyn Boldt;  
Lorelei McCormick  
11-Brenton Pieper; Cody\* Bushue  
13-Brendon Bowers; Daniel Vogel;  
Casen Logue; Lennon Booher;  
Kalei\* Rincker

**HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Mary (Pieper) London, Scott & Lori Pieper,  
Derryl & Sue Pikesh, Neil Pikesh, Steve  
Polk, Jessica (Hanfland) Polko, John & Judy  
Radloff, Ramona Radloff, Merle Ragan,  
Roy & Mary Reed,

**Recorded Services**

**Website:** [stpaul-strasburg.com](http://stpaul-strasburg.com)

**YouTube:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Strasburg Illinois

**Facebook:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**PRAYER**

Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Kendall Fulk
Mary Rincker	Robert Pfeiffer
Wayne Wirth	Marlene Wirth
Dave Polk	Dianna Gibson
Margaret Swank	

**LIMITED MOBILITY**

Rose Schlechte- Villas of Hollybrook  
Robert Stremming-Heartland Senior  
Living  
Noma Huddleston - Lakeland  
Healthcare Center  
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone  
Mattoon  
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming – Lutheran Care  
Center  
Melba Storm- Heartland Senior Living  
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook  
Effingham

**FRIENDS & FAMILY**  
**(non-members)**

Christie Dust ( Howard & Kay's  
daughter) (Primary Progressive  
Multiple Sclerosis)  
Pastor Gary Fortkamp  
Nancy Slifer  
Gayle Klitzing(panc cancer Gary &  
Roger Kull Cousin)  
Randy Doty  
Pat Williams (Health issues )  
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
Matt Durbin  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's  
uncle)  
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer,  
undergoing treatments)

**Adopted Seminary Students 2022-23**

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**Micah Brown**  
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- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:  
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
 Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still He comes to give us life  
 And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above  
 That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
 That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- D 4 Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessèd sing:  
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord,  
 To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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.

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.**

### **Introit**

Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

### **Kyrie**

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.**

### **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**

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 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

1 Peter 2:2–10

A 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 14:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth 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

### Hymn of the Day

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 piercèd 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!

**Sermon** "There is only One Way" John 14 1-14

- 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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## **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**

### **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.***



## 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.**

## 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.**

## Recessional Hymn

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

LSB 660

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;  
Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day.  
Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long;  
This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see  
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

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Readings for Next Week – Acts 17:16-31, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

This Week's Memory Verse – John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.""

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