

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

**May 9, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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Organist	Karen Rentfro		Strasburg Illinois
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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

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

TUE. 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:20 AM Chapel  
8:30 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline  
2-3 PM Social Hall Communion  
6:00 PM Good News Class  
6:30 PM **WDS**-Music Fest Practice

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket making

FRI Clark/Allen Wedding Rehearsal

SAT Clark/Allen Wedding

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:30 AM **WDS Music Fest**  
10:15 AM Worship Service

**May 2 8:30: 66 10:15: 67 Total 133 - Year Ago: 0 Sunday School: 39**

**Welcome** Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and women! Welcome to worship, as we praise the God who calls forth love in all relationships. *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!

**Seminary Students** Blessings to adopted Seminarian Brian Homann, who received his call to serve St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beardstown, Illinois, and Seminarian Mason Veith who received his call to serve as Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Elkhart, Indiana. May God bless your ministry.

**Call Committee** On Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the voter's of St. Paul's and Grace Lutheran Church extended a call to Pastor Kene Whybrew. Please remember him in your prayers for God's will to be done.

**Wedding** Marcail Clark and Gabe Allen will be united in marriage at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Michael Mohr is conducting the wedding and we wish God's blessings.

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
May 2	\$ 3,436.00	\$2,974.00	\$ - 462.00
year-to-date	\$ 64,044.00	\$ 64,932.57	\$ 888.57
<b><u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u></b>			
May 2	\$ 423.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -73.00
year-to-date	\$ 7,614.00	\$11,157.00	\$ 3,543.00
<b><u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u></b>		Total to Date	\$3,880.00
Building \$1660 Trinity \$310 Seminary Student \$70 Sunday School \$20			
LCMS World Relief \$40			

**May 2 \$5,424.00**

5/18 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study                      7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
 5/19 2-3 PM Social Hall communion  
 6:00 PM Good News Class

**Religious Material** As you are doing your spring cleaning and find religious material you no longer use, recycle it by bringing it to church and putting it in the box in school hallway. We need devotional guides such as Portals of Prayers, Bibles, and other religious material. These will be used to help spread the love of Jesus through prison ministry and to take to Love Packages, a nondenominational organization that sends religious material all over the world.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thank you** We would like to thank everyone who prepared meals for us to help out as we adjust to being new parents! They were all delicious and we are so grateful of you thinking about us.  
 Thank you! Jake, Brittney & Grayson Gilbert

**LWML CID** The LWML CID is overjoyed to announce our mission goal for 2021-2022 is \$105,000 with \$78,750 for district grants and the remaining funds to national mission grants. As funds become available throughout the year, the mission grants will be paid in order: **May & June, 2021 LWML CID Grant #1**-Student Aid for Church Workers-\$30,000- Due to the high cost of becoming a full-time church worker, many students find it difficult to complete their schooling. This grant will provide partial funding to CID students so they may realize their dreams of becoming full-time church workers. These funds will be distributed through the LCMS CID Scholarship Committee. How can you help? Pray that God provides men and women willing to become church workers to spread the Gospel message throughout the world. Support this grant by donating to our Ladies Aid mite fund. It will all be greatly appreciated!



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 10- Carolyn Boldt; Lorelei McCormick;  
Gerry Schlechte
- 11- Cody\* Bushue; Brenton Pieper
- 13- Lennon Booher; Brendon Bowers;  
Casen Logue; Daniel Vogel;  
Kalei\* Rincker
- 14- Laura Dollarhide; Carol Salazar;  
Gaylord Stremming
- 15- Amanda Doehring; Ronald Sporleder

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

Neva & Ken Hagan, Susan & Gerry Hanfland,  
Katie & Chris Harley, Dwane & Maude  
Hartman, Sara & Kenny Hayes, Kathy & Jacob  
Helmuth, Randy Stremming, Richard & Cathy  
Stremming, Robert & Betty Stremming, Sharon  
Stremming, Shirley Stremming, Hannah &  
Levi Sudkamp

#### **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)**

Christie Dust (Howard & I Kay  
daughter-inlaw)  
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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021**  
**PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME**

**COMMUNION** We practice close communion. We welcome communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to the Lord's Table. If you are not a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before attending the sacrament.

**Opening Hymn      Today With Homage in Each Heart      (Tune TLH 295)**

- 1    Today with homage in each heart, We pray thee graciously impart  
    Thy boundless love and every good, Unto all loyal motherhood
- 2    God bless the kind and busy hands, Of faithful mothers in all lands  
    Keep thou the lips pure undefiled, That form the language of a child.
- 3    To mothers weary and distressed, Send comfort to the toilworn rest  
    The mothers sick restore to health, Give needy mothers of thy wealth.
- 4    Pity the mother children shun, And visit the forsaken one  
    Keep motherhood from sin and shame, Worthy of its exalted name.
- 5    Thank God for mothers young and old, Who live today within the fold  
    Who pattern as in days of yore, The godly mothers gone before.
- 6    Whose hands repose complete their task, Thank God for these then Lord we ask  
    Bless mothers who for us still pray, Thank God for them this Mother's Day!

*Please Stand*

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

C    **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution.**

P    O almighty God, merciful Father,

C    **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P    Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the

command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*2 Samuel 21:1–10*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

*1 John 5:1–8*

The Epistle is read

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

### **Holy Gospel**

*John 15:9–17*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed**

**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 T of the world to come.**

*Please be Seated*

**Sermon Hymn**                      **Mother's Day Hymn**      (Tune TLH 436)

- 1    Today Dear Lord with humble hearts and gratitude sincere,  
    We thank Thee for our mothers, Whom we honor and hold dear.
- 2    They brought us Savior Dear to Thee, They taught with tender care  
    That Thou hast bought our sin-lost souls, And that Thou hearest prayer.
- 3    We pray Thee Lord this Mother's Day, To bless our mothers all  
    Be Thou their strength, their confidence, Whatever may befall.
- 4    And when their earthly course is run, Grant them in love we pray  
    The glories of Thy presence Lord, In heaven's eternal day.

**Sermon**    "A Mother's Love" 2 Samuel 21:9-10

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**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.**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

P    The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C    **Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn**

**Hymn**      **I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

*LSB 618*

1    I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
    Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

ref    Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, Be for my soul the highest good!

2    Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning, That sinners may salvation see  
    Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden, My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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*Please Stand*

### **Prayer**

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

A Bless we the Lord.

C ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Benediction**

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C ***Amen, amen, amen.***

### **Closing Hymn Oh Father Thou Who Givest All** (Tune TLH 13)

- 1 Oh Father Thou who givest all; The bounty of Thy Perfect Love;  
We give Thee thanks that on us fall, Such tender blessings from above.
- 2 We thank Thee for the grace of home, For Mother's love and Father's care,  
For friends and teachers all who care, Our joys and hopes and fears to share.
- 3 For faith to conquer doubt and fear, For love to answer every call  
For strength to do and will to dare, We thank Thee Oh Thou Lord of All.

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