

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

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Greeter	Zach Shelton		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service-Choir sings
	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
THURS.	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
	10:30	Worship Service @ Grace
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace

May 25 8:30: 133 Year Ago: 122 Sunday School: 41

Welcome Before his death Jesus prayed that all his followers "may be one" (John 17). We gather as the one body of Christ to worship and grow. Welcome. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Shoe Box The items we are collecting for the shoe boxes this month are combs, brushes, hair holders and tooth brushes. Thank you for caring!

Baptism Augustus James Allen, son of Gabe and Marvail Allen will be baptized this morning, June 1, 2025. His sponsors are Tanner Clark and Caleb and Lorelei Schwenk. God's blessings to Augustus and his family.

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.

Donations for VBS There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone that would like to donate items for Vacation Bible School.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
May 25	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 4,687.00	\$-1,579.00
year-to-date	\$ 79,391.00	\$ 77,779.00	\$-2,328.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
May 25	\$ 481.00	\$ 420.00	\$ -321.00
year-to-date	\$ 10,101.00	\$12,310.00	\$ 2,270.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000			Total to Date \$3,830.00
Building \$525 Sem. Student \$140 Trinity \$190 LYF \$25 Cemetery \$100			
Sunday School \$150 Rev. Gordon Alex \$100 Missionary Work \$150			
Parsonage Generator \$1000			

May 20 \$3,285.00
May 25 \$4,202.00

6/10 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM LFL @ Grace
6/11 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
6/12 8:30 AM Blanket Making



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 11th of May and drop in your change until Father's Day June 15th. 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!

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.

Monarch Jewelry Mark your calendars for the June 7 Monarch Jewelry event at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8th & Fillmore Streets, Vandalia IL. 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/>



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1-Ron & Karen Wirth
- 3-Heath & Autumn McCormick
- 4-Roger & Wanda Kessler

BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Kane Rincker
- 2-Wyatt Wetherell; Keri Reel
- 3-Dustin Vonderheide
- 4-Patrick Merriman
- 6-Brian Shelton

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

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson	Anna Schlechte
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

4TH Year Student

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2nd Year Student

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2024-25 Vicar assignment at
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Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN
Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son
Callan)
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Fort Wayne, IN 46825

7th Sunday of Easter/Baptism of Augustus James Allen

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

LSB 601

1 All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

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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 Augustus, 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 hard-hearted 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 Augustus according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he 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, he would 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 Augustus 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

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.**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even T forevermore.

C **Amen.**

P Augustus, 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 Augustus James Allen, 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 Hazel 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.**

Service of the Word

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

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.**

Introit

Psalm 61:3, 5–8; antiphon: v. 1

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

Kyrie

LSB 186

C *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

C *Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

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

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

P This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Epistle

Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Sings "The Lord Almighty Reigns" (Arr. McDonald)

Alleluia

LSB 190

C ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Holy Gospel

John 17:20–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth 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.***

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.**

Children's Message

Christ Is the World's Redeemer

LSB 539 - Tune 672

- 1 Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,
The font of heav'nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.

- 2 Christ has our host surrounded With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.
Then Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone
And, suff'ring for the sinful, Our full redemption won.
- 3 Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.
- D 4 Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus, His sole-begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit—The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

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Sermon Acts 1:12-26 “A Witness to His Resurrection”

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** ***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.***

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord God, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that he would turn from his evil way and live. Judas went his own way, unto perdition. We beg You to call back to Yourself those who have strayed from among us, and to give us joy to welcome them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, You desire Your Church on earth to be one. Grant unity in doctrine, in witness and at Your holy table. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P Heavenly Father, You have placed us in communities and families where we are nurtured in the knowledge of Your Word and in love. May we be faithful teachers of that Word to our children and those not yet of the kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P King of kings and Lord of lords, the nations rage in this world, but You promise to bring peace through the ministry of Your Church. By the proclamation of the Gospel, grant healing for the ravages of war, grace in place of vengeance and life in place of death. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Merciful Lord, You graciously provide us with daily bread to sustain this body and life. Give us joy as we bring the fruits of our labors and the tithes and offerings of a grateful faith. Use these gifts so that the Church may not lack for resources to accomplish Your purpose nor the poor suffer need because of our indifference to their plight. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord, You give us endurance for the race set before us. Grant that we may run the course You have given us in faith. According to Your good will, give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, comfort to the grieving and peace to the dying. [We especially remember before You _____.] Strengthen them in weakness, and grant patience in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, heavenly Father, Your Son has ascended to heaven and promises to bring His heavenly city to earth in the world to come. Give us such hope in His heavenly city that we spurn the allurements of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone

we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P 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.*

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

**1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**

- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

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Next Week's Readings – Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31

This Week's Memory Verse – Acts 1:24 "And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen..."

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