St. Paul Lutheran Church "Let's Make a Difference Together"



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Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.
Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month & Festivals
Christian Education: Sunday's at 10:15 A.M.
Air Conditioned & Handicapped Accessible

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

<u>OUR MISSION STATEMENT</u>: Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.



Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family? Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you through

the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

SILENT MEDITATION... Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

Our Church Staff

Pastor: Vacant - in Call Process

Parish Administrator: Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline **Choir Director/Organist**: Mr. Robert Jones

2021 Council Members

Grant Allen
Bill Below
Terry Fouts
Chris Kinsley Sr.
Nicole Kresge
Carl Reindl
Deb Storman
Ingrid Unternahrer
Beth Werkheiser

We welcome Pastor Bill Thompson and thank him for leading us in worship this morning!

Worship Service Easter Sunday Sunday, April 4, 2021

Words in bold print denote congregational response.

Prelude - Solo René Vonk, tenor - "The Holy City" - M. Maybrick

Announcements

*Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God. now and forever.

Amen.

*Confession

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

*Absolution

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

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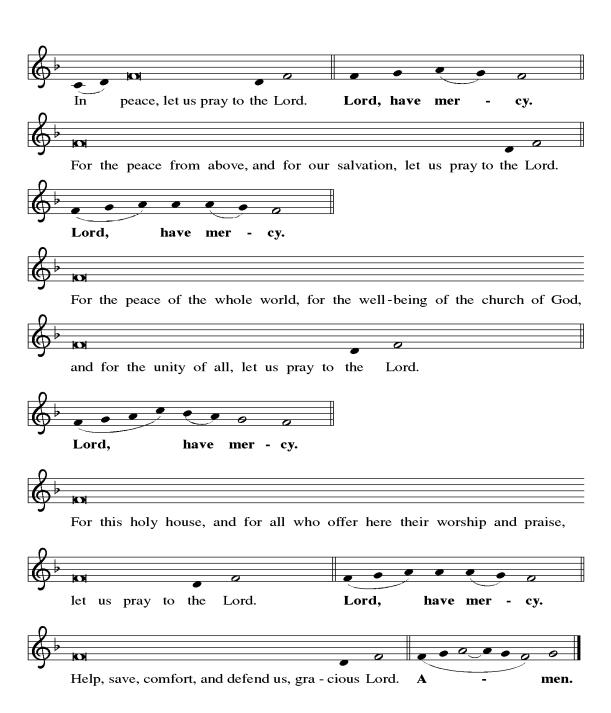
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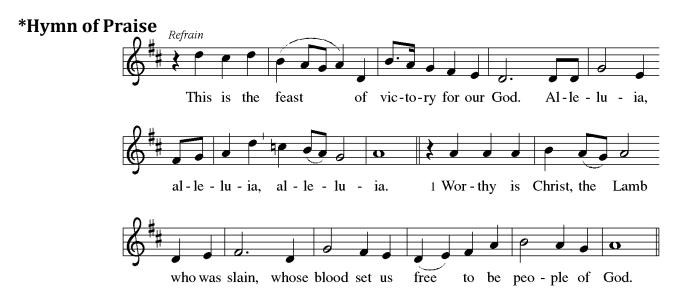
*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*Kyrie







*Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music Bell Choir - *The Strife is O'er* - D. Wagner

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and

sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pastor Bill Thompson - "No Way to End a Gospel?"

*Hymn of the Day

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al le lu ia! Ris en our vic to rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us en thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead! through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more; now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day. We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears; death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now, See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground; All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears. an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow. Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found. hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

*The Creed

He Is Lord



He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;



ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord

Text: Philippians 2:10–11, adapt. Music: HE IS LORD, traditional

*Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

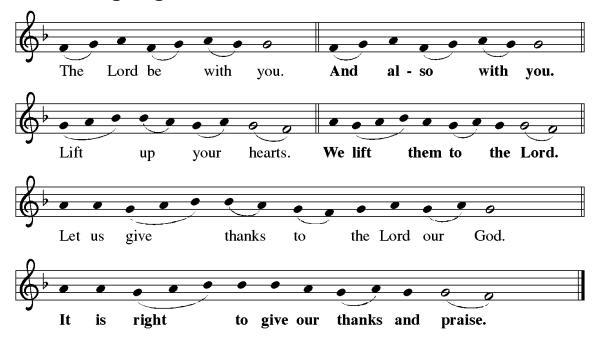
Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

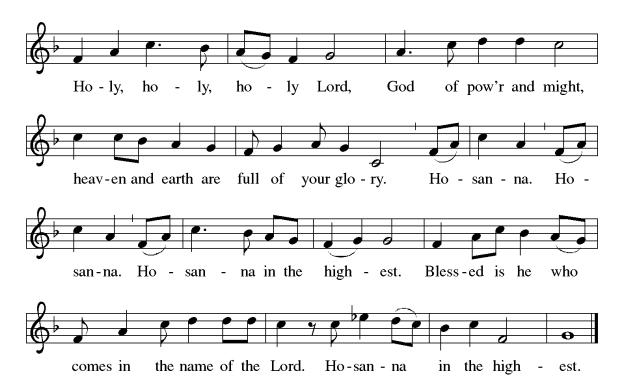
Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving



*Proper Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy



The Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

Communion

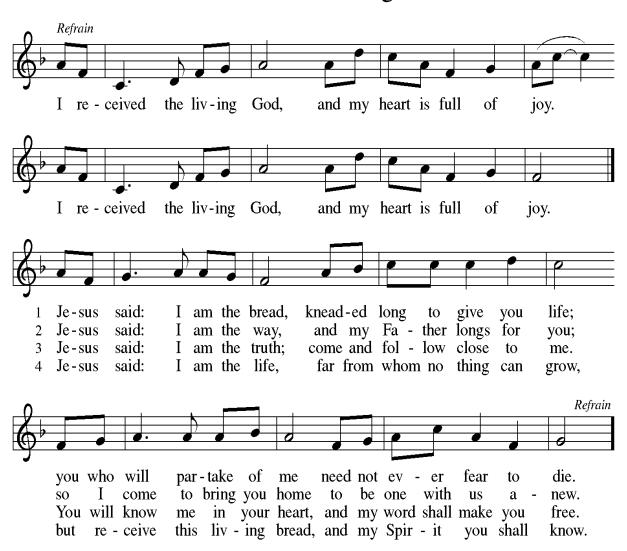
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Hymn During Communion (Congregation should sing refrain after the verses)

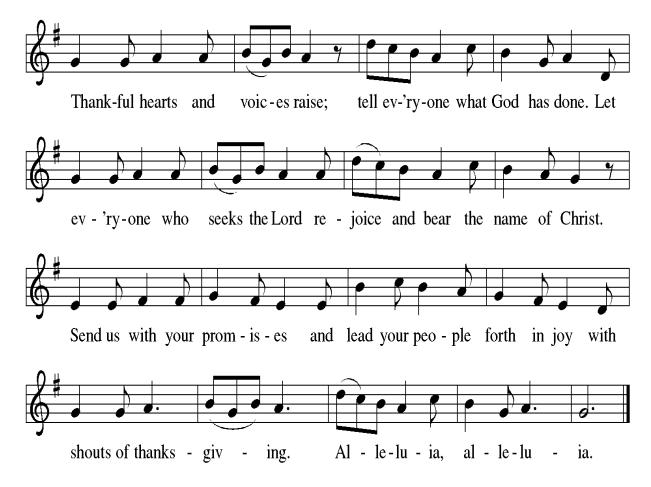
I Received the Living God



Text: Anonymous Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

*Post Communion Canticle

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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Prayer After Communion

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

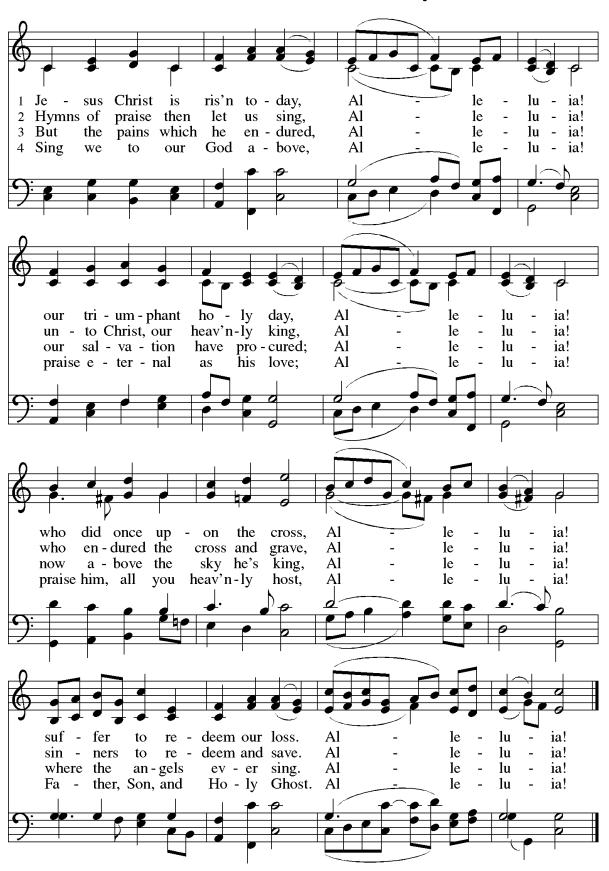
May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father,

→ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



*Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

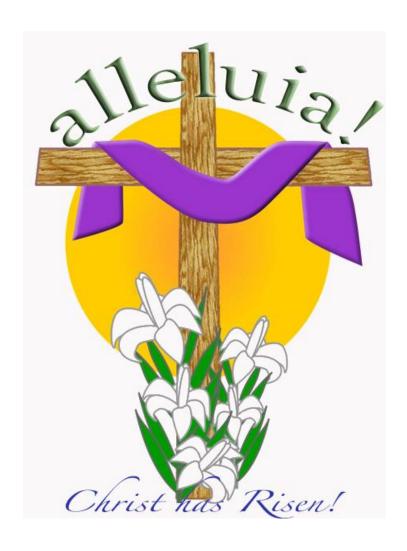
"The worship ends. . .the service begins."

Postlude

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Easter Flowers

Gíven in Memory Of: Gíven By:

Frederick & Jean Gerstlauer, Barbara's parents	Barbara & Grant Allen
Frederick & Juanita Allen, Grant's parents	Barbara & Grant Allen
Angela Singer	The Bartleson Family
Louise Metzger	The Bartleson Family
Max Below	Bob & Linda Below
Isaac & Eleanor Gelok	Bob & Linda Below
My loved ones who have passed	Wynne Below
Jane Hempel	Charlie Hempel
Robert Kinsley	Rick & Dee Dee Jacoby
Fathers Earl Warner and James Johnstone	Janice & Chris Johnstone
Robert "Buzz" Kinsley – Dad	Chris & Margaret Kinsley
Bill & Peggie Kinsley	Chris & Margaret Kinsley
My dear Husband, Bob	Love, Doris Kinsley
Kelsey Alison Besecker	Mark & Nicole Kresge
Our beloved mother & grandmother, Donna Meade	Mark & Nicole Kresge
Our grandparents, family members & friends	Mark & Nicole Kresge
Helen & William Mertens	Bill & Gwen Mertens
Frances & Paige Pulley	Bill & Gwen Mertens
Parents & Grandparents	The Michael Family
Our Parents	Beth & Carl Reindl
Joyce Anderson	Beth & Carl Reindl
Werkheiser Parents	Norm & Joan Rinker
Rinker Parents	Norm & Joan Rinker
Helmut & Marianne Luehrs	The Storman Family
Our son: Thomas W. Miller	Thomas H. & Margaret Miller
Parents: Ernest W. & Emma E. Butz and	Thomas H. & Margaret Miller
Woodrow & Annamae Miller	
John & Patricia Storman	The Storman Family
Erna & Hans Rechter, our parents	Ingrid & Ron Unternahrer
Barbara & Noah Unternahrer, our parents	Ingrid & Ron Unternahrer
Husband Earl Warner	Donna Warner
Parents Mr. & Mrs. Russell Sandt &	Donna Warner
Mr. & Mrs. James Warner	
Peter Gerard, Donald Deibler, James Johnstone &	Donna Warner
Nancy Strauser	
Evelyn Rauch, Evelyn Thompson, Grace & Henry	The Weiss Family
Weigmann	
Elizabeth Weiss, Paul & Elizabeth Schouppe	The Weiss Family
Our Son Jeremy	Dan & Leanna Wickline

Our parents: William & Vera Wickline and	Dan & Leanna Wickline
Jake & Shirley Brightbill	
Our brother: Greg Wickline	Dan & Leanna Wickline

Given in Honor Of: Sarah Bartleson Duane & Denise Bartleson

Sarah Bartleson	Duane & Denise Bartleson
Emily Bartleson	Duane & Denise Bartleson
Wynne Below	Bob & Linda Below
My loving and caring Family	Wynne Below
Our mother Doris Kinsley	With love, Rick & Dee Dee
Doris Kinsley, mom	Chris & Margaret Kinsley
Chris, Jr., Angie, Rob & Kayla	Chris & Margaret Kinsley
Nora, Chris III, Sophia, Everly Olivia- our grandkids	Chris & Margaret Kinsley
All First Responders	Chris & Margaret Kinsley
Dee Dee & Frostie	Chris & Margaret Kinsley
Our family & friends!	Chris & Margaret Kinsley
My children, Richard & DeeDee Jacoby and	Love, Doris Kinsley
Christopher Sr. & Margaret Kinsley	
Our beautiful children, Emily & Eli	Mark & Nicole Kresge
Our granddaughter: Emma M. Miller	Thomas H. & Margaret Miller
Our son: Todd W. Miller	Thomas H. & Margaret Miller
Our children, Carl & Christine	Beth & Carl Reindl
Our grandchildren	Beth & Carl Reindl
Jay, Neil & Alisha, our children	Ingrid & Ron Unternahrer
Hans & Fritz, our grandchildren	Ingrid & Ron Unternahrer
My children & grandchildren: Janice, Chris, Steve, Kim,	Donna Warner
Devin, & Jacob	
Our children Kaitlyn & Chase	Jim & Dawn Weiss
Our Children: Scott, Kelly, Mark, Melissa & Amanda	Dan & Leanna Wickline
Our Grandchildren: Alyssa, Kyle, Adam, Ethan & Jennica and great-grandson Jackson	Dan & Leanna Wickline
The DeAngelo Family: Dee, Michael, Scott, Cassandra, Vivian & Mikey	Dan & Leanna Wickline
Parents Peter & Catherine Boris and Fred & Lillian Wyckoff Sr.	Children & Grandchildren

Easter Flowers Given to The Glory of God:

Rick & Dee Dee Jacoby

Chris & Margaret Kinsley, Sr.

Fran Zuccarelli

A special thanks to Paige & Julia Nish for their beautiful work in decorating the sanctuary with the flowers that were donated.

A special thanks to René Vonk for the blessing of his musical talents this morning.



Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...

Ryan Ace, Sr.; Msgt. William F. Allen; Private William "Blake" Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; Wynne Below; Nancy Besecker; Dillon Berenti; Cptn. Matthew Blessing; David Brong; Vicki Burnett; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; Todd Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Dee DeAngelo; Don Deibler; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Louis Genset; Lynn Gerber; Barbara Grosch; T. J. Imhof; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Mason & Addison Kapun; Richard Kernan; Robbie Kinsley; Eleanor Kreuger; Dawne Ladeas; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Sue Neumann; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Shirley Pensyl; Faye Reiner; Sandy Richards; Joan Rinker; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gloria Russell; Jack Russell; Claudette Segear; Lynn Seip; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; Gerald Staples; Greg Theadford; Kelly Wickline; Charles Zuccarelli; Fran Zuccarelli; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the families of those killed and wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.

Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.



Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Strunk Food

Pantry! Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong. Items of particular need are: pasta sauce, canned meats like tuna, chicken, beef and other protein sources and cereal. Our Food Pantry remains open, although it is functioning as a curb-side service. This limits the contact to others and protects our food pantry staff and our building while still serving the needs of those in need.



Don't forget to put St. Paul Lutheran Church Tannersville as your charity before checking out on Amazon. They will send us 1% of your purchase.

Grocery Tapes

If you shop at Kinsley's Shoprite or Weis markets we get a percentage of your purchase. Just bring your receipts in and put them in the box on the table in the Narthex. In order for us to receive credit, the receipts must include the date and store number. On a Weis receipt it is below the Weis Club Savings and above the Weis Reward Points. It looks like this: 1/06/2020 12:12 166 306 10 229" Your numbers will be different. If in doubt, don't tear off the bottom of the receipts.

The Adult Sunday School class Rummage Sale

Church members, their families, and friends may bring in their donations on Sunday, April 25 from 8:30 a.m. until noon and on April 26-29 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sale dates: Friday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers Needed

St Paul Lutheran Church needs people willing to open and close the church for groups using our facilities. If you are willing to volunteer for a certain night of the week or for a two-week period of time, please contact the office.

United Ministries Committee Meeting

There will be a United Ministries Committee meeting Tuesday, April 20th at 2:15pm in the sewing room on the lower level.

Life Line Health Screenings

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St Paul's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

The Church office will be closed tomorrow in honor of Easter.

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