



# THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2019

<b>TODAY (May 5)</b> Sunday School.....	8:00 am
<b>WORSHIP</b> Adult Bible Study follows worship.....	9:00 am
<b>MON (May 6)</b> Choir practice.....	6:30 pm
<b>TUES (May 7)</b> Spring Pastor Conference.....	9:00 am
<b>Call Committee Mtg</b> .....	6:30 pm
<b>WED (May 8)</b> Gr.7-8 Catechism Class.....	5:00 pm
<b>THURS (May 9)</b> Pastor Teaches at Bethlehem.....	8:15 am
Teen & 20-Something Bible Class.....	7:00 pm
<b>NEXT SUNDAY (May 12)</b> Sunday School.....	8:00 am
<b>WORSHIP (HC) NO</b> Adult Bible Study.....	9:00 am

The forty days between Easter and Ascension were a time for Jesus to prepare his disciples to function without the visible presence of their Lord. That is also the position we find ourselves in. Jesus Christ is present, but we don't see him with our eyes. Even though we can't see Jesus, he has left us with a number of ways to stay in touch with him: worship, the Word of God, the sacraments and prayer.

If we want to function well in this world, we need to stay in touch with Jesus. Today we meet the risen and glorified Christ in his Word. He appears in order to strengthen our faith.

#### *Dear Guests,*

We're glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you. The restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. Again, so glad you could be with us today for worship—before you leave, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway, and visit again soon!



Did you also know that the service today can also be seen downstairs on television in the foyer just beyond the fellowship hall near the restrooms). This a space for parents with small children or others who need it during worship.

#### OUR GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK

Apr 28 Plate Offerings: \$1,530.00

Electronic Offerings last week: \$109.55

Total Offerings last week: \$1,639.55

Weekly Budgetary Needs: \$2,273.00

OFFERINGS RECEIVED YTD (17 weeks) \$36,605.80

OFFERINGS NEEDED YTD: \$38,641.00;

YTD Shortfall: \$2,035.20;

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#### BIRTHDAYS: May 11 – Jeanne Ruppel.

CALL COMMITTEE FORMED: Council President Bob Grunwald has appointed a committee of several members to work through a questionnaire shared with us by our District President that will help him understand our situation and our pastoral needs. Based on our input our DP will then produce a suitable list of candidates to share with us for a Call Meeting, hopefully later this month.

APPLE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY--SPRING DRIVE STARTS TODAY!! Today is the first Sunday of the annual Spring Drive for the WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry. Special collection bags are supplied for you--take a flyer home showing a list of needed items.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome the Calmes Family: Paul & Kim, and their children: Morgan (21), Mason (16), Kianna (15). **Mt Olive, Appleton (WELS).** You can see a picture of them on the bulletin board.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### BELLS AND WELCOME BY PASTOR

**OPENING HYMN: #143:1-3** *"He's Risen, He's Risen" (On Screen)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP, Based on Revelation 5:11-14**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

**C: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"**

P: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

**C: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"**

P: "The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped." ~ Rev. 5:11-14

**SING: #216:4** *"He's Risen, He's Risen" (On Screen)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In our natural, sinful state we cannot see Jesus as the heavenly hosts see him every day. A dark, gray dark cloud of sin obscures our view of him.

**C: How dark my sinful nature is. How foolish when I blindly follow after it through darkness toward hell.**

P: If you, O Lord had not enlightened me, I never would have seen you. If you had never drawn me I would have never come to you. If you had never awakened me, I never would have watched for you.

**C: But then with a voice full of power You said, "Let there be light" in this heart of mine and there was light.**

any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead."

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #198** *"Around the Throne, A Glorious Band"*

**THE SERMON TODAY: Based on Revelation 5:11-14**

***"The Sweetest Music You Will Ever Hear"***

*After the sermon, please rise to confess our faith according to the words of the Apostles' Creed, page 19.*

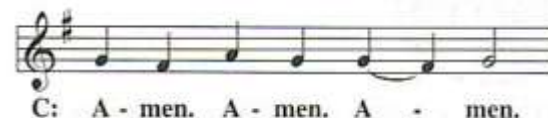
### THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**THE LORD'S PRAYER, p.20** *(Traditional version right side of page)*

**HYMN: vv.1-4** *"Sing With All the Saints in Glory"*

[TUNE: #169] *(Words & Music on screen)*

**PRAYER AND BLESSING, Hymnal p.25**



**CLOSING HYMN: #323** *"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"*

P: You called the one who was not calling you. You converted the one who was not converted.

**C: And then I saw your light. For that immeasurable kindness I will praise your name forever.**

**SING: #216:5 "He's Risen, He's Risen" (On Screen)**

P: Our Lord Jesus has paid the full price of your sins. God, for Jesus' sake, fully forgives you. You belong to him. In Easter joy we worship Him. Together, let's ask him in prayer to cause our Easter joy and confidence to remain with us, and increase our desire to serve him in Easter joy as we study his Word today.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *(Pray together)* "O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."



+ **THE WORD** +

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: ACTS 9:1-19** - *The account of the conversion of St. Paul.* "Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup> "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." <sup>7</sup> The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days

he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. 10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. 11 The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. 12 In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." 13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." 15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." 17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength."

**THE VERSE OF THE DAY:** Alleluia. Alleluia. "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us." Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)



**THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 21:1-14** ~ *Jesus reveals himself as the risen Lord through a miraculous catch of fish, and the disciples scramble to worship him.* "Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you