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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

10:30am Blended Worship

Preacher: Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek

Organist: Beverly Duensing

Acolytes: Billy Kelley, Samuel Wallman, Olivia Aden

Elders: Rod Aden, Craig Wallman

Greeters: Wayne & Chris Schulz

Ushers: Gerrad Busboom, Dale Hagemeyer, Cliff Kumm, Brad Long, Steve Schmidt

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn – “The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644

- 1 The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev’ry nation,
Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev’ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, “How long?”

And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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The Invocation

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

C Amen.

The Introit (read in unison)

Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good | shepherd. *

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

The LORD is my | shepherd; *

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures. *

He leads me beside still | waters.

He re- | stores my soul. *

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for
you are | with me; *

your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies; *
you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, *
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I am the good | shepherd. *

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

The Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

¹ As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,
²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Second Reading

John 10:11-18

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Message Hymn – “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594

- 1 God’s own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth’s treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I’ve traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,

And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!

4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
 I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
 To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
 Baptism has the strength divine
 To make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing
 To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
 Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptized into Christ;
 I'm a child of paradise!

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Message:

Acts 4:1-12

“Confirmation Examination”

The Sharing of Gifts with the Lord

The Rite of Confirmation and the Prayers Reconfirming our Faith *LSB 272*

The Prayers and the 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.

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Hymns during the Reception of the Lord's Supper

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.

Hymn – “The Son of God goes Forth to War”

LSB 661

- 1 The Son of God goes forth to war
A kingly crown to gain.
His blood-red banner streams afar;
Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below—
He follows in His train.

- 2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye
Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw his master in the sky
And called on Him to save.
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue
In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for those who did the wrong—
Who follows in his train?

- 3 A glorious band, the chosen few,
On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints—their hope they knew
And mocked the cross and flame.
They met the tyrant’s brandished steel,
The lion’s gory mane;
They bowed their necks their death to feel—
Who follows in their train?

- 4 A noble army, men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Savior’s throne rejoice,
In robes of light arrayed.
They climbed the steep ascent of heav’n
Through peril, toil, and pain.
O God, to us may grace be giv’n
To follow in their train!

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The Benediction

- 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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn – “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

LSB 722

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life’s way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

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The Sacrament of the Altar: In bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper, our Lord Jesus comes to us in His true Body & Blood. In this Holy Meal, one receives full forgiveness and perfect unity with each other. Scripture requires that each communicant first examine himself/herself regarding confession of sin, trust in Jesus for salvation, belief in the Real Presence, and the desire to grow in grace. We believe that Communion is a time when believers of like mind come close to the Lord and to one another. We do practice ‘close’ Communion, which means that all communicants believe as we do, and graciously receive this gift. If you are supportive of these beliefs, we welcome you to the Lord’s Supper. If, however, at this point you are unsure of your relationship with Christ or question whether your beliefs differ from those of our church, we ask that you use the communion time to meditate and pray. For these reasons, it’s best for our new (first time) guests/visitors to talk briefly before the service with the pastor or an elder. A cup with white grape juice is located in the center of the communion tray for those who are allergic to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

SERMONS: Did you know that many of our sermons from the past year are available on our website? Visit <http://stpaulbeatrice.org/sermon/> to browse the archive. More sermons as well as full services and other special event recordings are coming soon!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: We pray for ...

- Pat Nave, Pete Oestreich
- School Families: Brandon & Shannon Vetrovsky, Craig & Tiffany Wallman, Jeff & Terra Wiese, Sid & Tracy Vitosh
- Continuing prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Leonard Esch, Marie Kitt, Keith Krecklow, Dan Leseberg (father of Jessica Leseberg), Norma Lohse, June Martin, Bonnie Oestreich, Marjorie Rogge, Deb Scheideler (daughter-in-law of Bob & Darlene Scheideler), Kenneth Smock (father of Brad Long), Amy Wrightsman (friend of Marilyn Keilig), Ann Kelley, and our many shut-ins.

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

BUSY BAGS for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex (entryway) of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

CHURCH USAGE POLICY: All requests to use the church for a meeting or activity (i.e. – the fellowship hall for a baby shower or a meeting, etc.) must be approved by the church office. If you would like to reserve the church, contact the church office. If your request is approved, Kelly will confirm with you the date is available. If your request is not received by the church office prior to scheduling your event you may not be able to hold your event.

LYF: Interested in what activities are coming up. Please make sure you check the Youth Bulletin Board in the narthex.

AMAZON SMILE: Doing any online shopping? Log on to smile.amazon.com and set St. Paul's Lutheran Church as your organization, and a portion of the sales will be donated to St. Paul's. This is a free, easy way to support our school. When searching for our organization it needs to read SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH in order to find it. SAINT does need to be spelled out.

Mother's Day Luncheon: GREAT COOKS Then and Now. Saturday, April 28th at 12:00 Noon. Ticket Price is \$7.00. Come join us for a sandwich, salad, dessert and entertainment. Our cookbooks will be available for the 1st time at a price of \$10 each. A perfect gift for Mother's Day and any occasion! Purchase your luncheon tickets from an Auxiliary Member or at the banks in Virginia and Filley. Ticket are not available at the door.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND WORK NIGHTS: Outdoor classroom and playground work days have been scheduled for Tuesday, April 24th and Wednesday, April 25th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. On these evening we will be spreading mulch, planting flowers and perennial plants, tilling up the long jump pit, and re-spreading rubber mulch over our playground. With the track meet on May 4th, we would like our grounds to be in excellent shape for our many visitors! Please mark your calendars now and plan to help us. We will need wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, garden hand tools, and many willing hands. A light supper will be served after the work nights.

DORCAS BOUTIQUE: Just a reminder: The Card Boutique has a large variety of lovely greeting cards. It is in the fellowship hall. Stop by on Sunday's between services or during the week days the church office will assist you. Single cards can be purchased for \$0.60 and a box of cards sells for \$6.00.

LADIES: You are invited to attend the annual Mother/Daughter Salad Supper sponsored by the LWML on Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:30pm in the church basement. Come for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Join us as we take a look at "***YOUR PURSE-ONAL JOURNEY***". If you'd like, come dressed classy with your fancy purse. A photo booth will be available for those attending to remember this special evening. Freewill donations from the photo booth will be given to St. Paul's LWML Missionaries for 2018 – Rev. Stu & Deb Freese. Entertainment will be provided by the "Seniorettes". Bring a friend and a salad to share.

A CHALLENGE: There are a number of members of St. Paul's that we have not seen in church for some time. St. Paul's challenges each one of you to take a look through our church directory and find at least one brother or sister in Christ to reach out to them and let them know you care about them and to encourage them to come and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU to everyone who saved Campbells Labels for the school in the past. The Campbells labels for Education program has ended, we no longer need you to turn in those labels or UPC codes.

SunMart cash register receipts update: our current total is \$62,643.98. You can also collect Box Tops, Best Choice UPC labels (from Heartland Foods), Tyson Project A+ labels, and Our Family labels (UPC portion). We can turn in all of these labels to receive money for our school.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE DIRECTOR: St. Paul's Board for Parish Education is seeking candidates to fill the position of Child Care Director at St. Paul's Lutheran School. This would be a full time, salaried position on the ministry team at St. Paul's. If you or someone you know would be interested in applying, please have them send their resume to Mrs. Duever at St. Paul's Lutheran School. They can also contact Mrs. Duever by phone: 402-223-3414 or email: aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org with any questions.

Beatrice Community Blood Drive will be held at the Holiday Inn Express on Wednesday, April 25th 12:00pm-6:00pm and Thursday, April 26th 7:00am-1:00pm. To schedule an appointment, call Joann at 402-228-0260 or go online www.redcrossblood.org.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE! – All articles and information to be included in the May issue of the church newsletter are asked to be turned into the church office by Monday, April 23rd.

Beatrice Zone LWML Spring Workshop: Saturday, April 28, 2018 at St. Peter's, Wymore. Opening at 9am. A Light lunch will be served. Theme: "A Balancing Act" Hebrews 12:2. Anyone wanting to carpool meet in the church parking lot at 8:00am.

VBS: St. Paul's Vacation Bible School has been set for the week of July 9th-13th. It will be held in the evenings that week.

FAREWELLS FOR PASTOR REEK: Pastor Reek's last Sunday with us as our Intentional Interim Pastor will be Sunday, April 29. We will have two opportunities for congregation members to thank him for his service and work among us. The Elders will host a short reception following the 8:00 service in the church fellowship hall. The Church Council will host a potluck at the school following the 10:30 worship service being held there. Everyone is encouraged to attend one or both of these times of thankfulness and recognition for Pastor Reek. A basket will be available for cards of thanks at both places. Table service and drinks will be provided at the potluck. Please bring food to share.

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

22	Willis Crouse	25	Marlene Gakle
	Kaylin Hagemeyer		Jeffrey Junker
	Quintin Hartig		Natasha Leach
23	Amber Engler		Karlee Rademacher
	Mark Engler		Bonnie Riekenberg
	Joyce Oltman	26	Steven Norton
	Travis Snyder		Michael Snyder
	Mike Southwick	27	Joanna Gellermann-Long
24	Rhonda Easley		Jami Thavenet
	Rodney Lueders		Jessica Wilkinson
			Jacob Wright

Anniversaries:

- 24 Lawrence & Bonnie Workman, 69 yrs.
28 Charles & Winifred Ellis, 56 yrs.
Brian & Megan Rix, 6 yrs.

Congregational Informational Meeting **Thursday, May 3, 2018**

Meeting at 6:30pm in the church basement

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the congregation on proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Congregational Informational Meeting & Special Voter's Meeting **Sunday, May 6, 2018**

Meeting at 1:30pm in the church basement

The purpose of this meeting is to continue the discussion and answer questions on proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Upon completion of the informational meeting a Special Voters' Meeting will convene to vote for approval to send these documents to the Constitutional Committee for review.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Attendance & Contributions Last Week		
8:00 AM Service	68	\$924.00
10:30 AM Service	98	\$2,980.00
Monday Night Service	25	\$795.00

COINS FOR CHRIST: All loose coins in Sunday offerings during the 2nd quarter are designated to Camp Luther. Total amount collected so far \$11.29.

The Lord's Week

- Today 8:00 Divine Service
- 9:15 Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
- 9:15 Reception for Confirmands
- 10:30 Divine Service (Confirmation)
- Monday 7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion
- Tuesday 12:00 Ladies Quilting/Tying
- 3:30 Child Care Committee
- 6:30 Social Club
- Wednesday 7:00 Elizabeth Circle
- Thursday 12:00 Ladies Quilting
- Sunday 8:00 Divine Service
- 9:15 Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 Divine Service

Church office hours are
9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm, Monday thru Friday

2018 Confirmands



Olivia Leigh Hatzenbuehler

Daughter of Jeff & Theresa Hatzenbuehler

Born: December 31, 2003

Baptized: March 28, 2004

Baptismal Sponsors: Al & Candy Mentgen

Verse: Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.



Alex Gene Holle

Son of Greg Holle & Tamara Holle

Born: February 10, 2004

Baptized: February 22, 2004

Baptismal Sponsors: Daryl Holle, Steven Haase, Bryan Barnard,
Jason Anderson

Verse: Psalm 55:22

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.



2018 Confirmands



Sarah Elizabeth Scheer

Daughter of Ron & Brandy Scheer

Born: September 27, 2003

Baptized: October 19, 2003

Baptismal Sponsors: Eric & Kellie Eyer, Bob & Becky Teet

Verse: Psalm 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.



Parker Douglas Tegtmeier

Son of Doug Tegtmeier & Kim Tegtmeier

Born: February 20, 2004

Baptized: March 4, 2004

Baptismal Sponsors: Heather Stevens, Julie Larson

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."

