

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping today!

Fellowship: Refreshments available in the Gathering Hall Sundays 9am-10:45am.

Holy Communion: Celebrated during all Worship Services on the first, third & fifth weekends each month.

Parents With Children: Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available. There is a quiet room in the back of church.

We Care Cards: Everyone attending is asked to complete a card found in the pew rack and collected during worship.

Volunteers (Acolytes, Live-stream & PowerPoint help): Sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am | Sunday 11am
Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship

*Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at:

splgraffton.org/church/livestream &
vimeo.com/event/3215174

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson
Pastor: Jacob Schultz
Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke
Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah
Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf
Principal: Michael Yurk
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer
DCE: Tracy Krueger

**EQUIPPING
Every Generation
to *Live Rooted*
in **JESUS****



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024



AS WE GATHER...The Lord never tires of loving His people. God continuously loves the Church through the preaching of His Word and equips the saints through the love and care of pastors and teachers. Just as He loves His cherished Bride, He calls us to love one another genuinely...with a love that exceeds emotions, but dares to invest time, talent and treasure for the sake of another. God invests His Son in order to save the world from Satan...who would seek to distort and destroy a Christ-like love. As we continue in this season of resurrection glory we are reminded through preaching and the reading of the Word that God's love for us and our love for one another is the answer for the well-being and preservation of God's people.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

As you prepare to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, please review these questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I repent of them?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior and that His body and blood are truly present together with the bread and the wine?
3. Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God & neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?
4. Am I a member of an LCMS congregation or a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS?

*If you are not in agreement with these questions,
please refrain from communing or speak with a pastor before communing.*

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES—Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am, 11am; Monday 6:30pm

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during sermon hymn.)

HYMN "Father Welcomes"

LSB 605

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather in the name of the triune God this day, we are confronted with the reality that we have sinned against Him and are deserving of His judgment and eternal punishment. God has called us to proclaim forgiveness of sins in Christ's name to the world. May we boldly confess our sins, rejoicing in the forgiveness God freely gives to us.

All: Gracious Father in heaven, gathered in Your name, we stand before You, as a people who are unworthy. We have broken Your Law by the sins we have committed; we have failed to do the good You demand. At times we have even failed to profess the name of Jesus in the midst of believers and non-believers. We have been silent to the fact that You have died for the sake of all sinners. Forgive us for our apathy and failure to witness to the name of Jesus in our lives and our relationships.

(A time of silent reflection)

Pastor: Let not your hearts be troubled! Jesus has died for all sins, spoken, and unspoken. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

LSB 706, St. 1, 3

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, we, Your children who are saved by Your grace, give You honor and glory on this day. You have redeemed the world by the blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and it is Your ardent desire for all people to call upon the name of Jesus. Use us as Your instruments to reveal Your glory to those who do not know You. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (8am) "Jesus is Alive," Children's Choir

FIRST READING Acts 10:34-48 Peter preaches the Gospel of Jesus. (Holy Bible p. 1169)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 5:1-8 We are born of God and overcame the world through faith in Jesus.
(Holy Bible p. 1304)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LSB 821, St. 1

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:9-17 Loving one another, we abide in God's love and experience the fullness of joy.
(Holy Bible p. 1147)

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

People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

LSB 709

SERMON by Pastor Prah, is based on today's readings.

NICENE CREED (see screens or back cover of LSB)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

SACRAMENT

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22,

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary to give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for sending Your one and only Son into this world to be our Savior. We praise You, Lord Jesus, for willingly enduring the cross on our behalf and shedding Your blood that we may know forgiveness. We praise You, Holy Spirit, for bringing us to faith and for using us to share the love of Jesus with the world. May we worship You, Holy Trinity, as we celebrate the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood, singing with all the saints and angels:

SANCTUS (Tune: LSB 441– Ride On, Ride On in Majesty)

Oh, holy, holy, holy Lord, In pow'r and might Your Son afford.

Hosanna to the Lord most high. Blessed is He who comes now nigh.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION (see screens or LSB 179)

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER (see screens or back cover of LSB)

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Tune: LSB 441– Ride On, Ride On in Majesty)
Oh, holy Lamb of God we pray, Grant us Your mercy, Lord, today.
For You did die to save us all. And give us life both great and small.

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PREPARATION (see screens or top of Page 2)

DISTRIBUTION Common cup and individual cup are offered on both the lectern and pulpit sides.

Please assist the pastor or server when receiving the chalice for common cup.

Non-alcoholic wine (pink) is served in individual cups in the center of the tray.

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633, St. 1-7

“What a Friend We have in Jesus”

LSB 770

“Jesus Loves Me ”

LSB 588

DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS (Tune: LSB 441—Ride On, Ride On in Majesty)

Let now Your servant go in peace, Your Word of grace for us increase.

A light revealed to Gentiles here—Father and Spirit, Son so near.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER and BLESSING

Pastor: We give You thanks, O Lord, for You have acted for our good by giving Your very self to us in this blessed Sacrament. Nourish us also now with Your Spirit, that we may be moved to grow in our work and witness for You.

People: Having tasted Your love, enable us to love in word and deed our circle of friends gathered here, our neighbors near and far, and even those who are unknown to us. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen Indeed. Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB 803, St. 1, 3

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE–9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / STEWARDSHIP MINUTE (Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during opening song.)

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG “Good Good Father”

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE “Can’t Keep That Glory In,”
Mixed Choir

CHILDRENS MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD John 15:9-17 (Holy Bible p. 1147)

NICENE CREED

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution / Lord’s Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / “How He Loves;” “Came To My Rescue” / Dismissal

PRAYERS

WORD OF GOD Acts 10:34-48 (Holy Bible p. 1169)

SERMON by Pastor Prah, is based on today’s readings.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG “Your Love Never Fails”

BIBLE STUDIES, SERVANT MINISTRY MEETINGS AND MORE!

SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am—Family Life Center

May 5:

Topic: Revisiting the Prophets Hosea and Joel

Led by: Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

May 12:

Topic: Revisiting the Prophets Amos and Obadiah

Led by: Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

PROVIDENCE PLACE BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Blessed Are the Chosen

Led by: Stephen Leonard

When: Tuesdays at 1pm through June

Where: The Providence Place

THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Serving Challenge

Led by: Bob Kasten

When: Thursday, 6:30am

Where: Church Front Conference Room

ASCENSION SERVICE

Ascension Celebration will be held on

Thursday, May 9, 6:30pm, at St. Paul Church

Please join us for this special worship service as we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven.



**Eyewitness
for Life, Ltd.**

LWML MAY BRUNCH & GUEST SPEAKER

Saturday, May 11; 9am

Join us for a special gathering of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) for a potluck brunch on **Saturday, May 11 at 9am** in the Family Life Center. This meeting will feature a guest speaker at 9:45am from **Eyewitness for Life**, a non-profit organization that provides free ultrasounds and pregnancy information to women facing unexpected pregnancies. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Eyewitness for Life and support women in need of compassionate care and guidance.



MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE NEXT WEEKEND

Ozaukee area Lutherans For Life will be holding their annual Mother's Day Rose Sale following the Saturday & Sunday services in the Welcome Center on **May 11 & 12**. A free-will donation will be accepted.

Thank you to Kevin and Kaye Voss for organizing this sale to benefit Lutherans for Life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday's 8:15-9:15am; Youth Room

5/5: Join us as we hear the story of the great commission and learn that Jesus is always with us from Matthew 28:16-20.

5/12: We will be looking at the Bible story of God sending the Holy Spirit to the early Christians from Acts 2:1-13 this week as we learn that the Holy Spirit gives us power.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Sunday, June 2, 4-6pm

All 5-8 graders are invited to our final Middle School Youth group of the school year. We are going to be having a Nerf war and BBQ. This year we are challenging the middle school youth from First Immanuel in Cedarburg as well as St. John West Bend. Don't forget to bring your Nerf guns! Sign up here to join the fun and sign up to bring items for the BBQ: tinyurl.com/MSYJune24.

VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families are invited to come join us on **Friday, May 10 from 6-7pm** as we watch *Moe and the Big Exit*. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream.

tinyurl.com/VeggiesMay24.



YOUTH FLOWER SALE

**Saturday, May 11
9am-3pm**

Help support the Youth of the congregation!

LWML CARD MINISTRY

Cards for Confirmation and Mothers Day

are now on display in the Gathering Hall; your continued financial support of this service project is much appreciated!

Send a message of faith and Scripture to those you love; each card is made with faith to encourage you, your friends and family.



AUGUST QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING CORRECTION

Due to a scheduling conflict with a school event, the next Quarterly Voters Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 15, 2024**.

STUDENT AID FUND 2024-25

Attention Students Considering or Enrolled in Synodical School

Any congregational member who will attend a synodical school on a full-time basis and will be training for a career as a full-time church worker within the LCMS is eligible to apply for aid.

Application forms are available in the Church Office. **Deadline to apply is May 31.**

Contact Gabriel Metzger (Board of Elders) with any questions at: gmetzger@me.com.

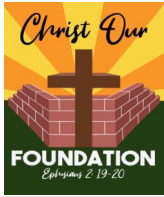
PASTOR WENDORF'S WEEKLY DEVOTION FIX IT PLEASE

Now may the God of Peace make you holy in every way. Colossians 5:23

Have you ever been called upon to fix something broken? Think of the nursery rhyme about Humpty Dumpty. Remember this line: "all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty together again." There are many things in life that are broken. You and I are broken by events that have happened to us, as well as by the things we have done. This brokenness is a result of sin which leaves us helpless like all the king's men. Our text proclaims the good news to us that there is one that puts the pieces back together again. The God of Peace makes us holy. He heals our brokenness. We can rejoice in knowing that no matter how broken we are, or how broken we feel, we have a loving Savior who cares for us, and heals the brokenness in our lives.

*You are welcome to contact Pastor Wendorf to share your thoughts regarding his weekly devotions:
pastor.wendorf@splgraffton.org*

SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK



1. We are currently taking names for a new Kindergarten teacher for next school year. Please contact me if you have questions or a name you would like to submit.
2. Thank you to everyone that supported the 8th grade trip to Washington DC. It was a great trip again this year. If you missed the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, you can view it on the school Facebook account.

MINISTRY EXPANSION BUILDING PROJECT – PROMISSORY NOTES

Starting in May, St. Paul will begin to issue promissory notes to those who may be interested in helping further support the financing of our ministry expansion building project.

A promissory note issued by St. Paul is a written promise that St. Paul will pay the noteholder back the amount borrowed to St. Paul at a future date when the noteholder submits a request for repayment. Interest will be payable by St. Paul to the noteholder during the period the promissory note is outstanding. To learn more about what a promissory note is and how the process will work, several general sessions will be available to meet with Jason Hasenstein, St. Paul's Director of Finance, to provide further insight about promissory notes and answer questions. No appointment is needed.

To learn more or decide if entering into a promissory note with St. Paul may be of interest, please consider stopping by the Family Life Center during one of the general sessions below:

- **Wednesday, May 8, 2024** between 5:30 and 6:30pm
- **Tuesday, May 21, 2024** between 6:00 and 7:00pm
- **Tuesday, June 4, 2024** between 6:00 and 7:00pm
- **Wednesday, June 19, 2024** between 6:00 and 7:00pm



If you need an alternative date and time, please contact the St. Paul Finance Office.

SPRING FLING BBQ & LIVE MUSIC

What: May Senior Adult Ministry Event Dinner & Live Music by Carol Butt

Where: The Providence Place

When: Thursday, May 16; 5pm

Dinner Menu:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Roasted Red Potatoes
Coleslaw, Fruit, Dessert, Lemonade, Beer & Wine

Cost \$15.00/person (cash)
Includes dinner, refreshments
& live music!

**RSVP to Jenny @ 262-377-9900
Sign-up by Monday, May 13th!**

NEW ADULT MINISTRY

FAITH-BASED - COLLABORATION - SOCIAL - SERVING

MAY 9; 6:30-9PM

@ The Stillery

1304 12th Ave., Grafton

Appetizers, socializing, and fun!

Space limited to 40 people RSVP by May 5th!

Sign up at tinyurl.com/NewSPLMin

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer / Greg Batiansila
Leader: Rev. Timothy Maschke

Altar Guild: Kathy Lubner & Joyce Kroemer
Sermon: Rev. Larry Prah

SERVICE	ELDERS / COMMUNION SERVERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	B. Dorn / J. Schroeder / R. Schultz / J. Brooks / C. Meunier	Brian Hadler
Sun., 8am	G. Hilgendorf / G. Kern / G. Krueger / J. Kell	Ron Kuta
Sun., 9:30am	S. Natale / V. Micha / B. Marien	Dave Schmidt
Sun., 11am	M. Papcke / M. Young / N. Gierach / M. Hauser	Matt Stec
Mon., 6:30pm	G. Metzger	Casey Haas

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Karen Boatman* (friend of Richard and Carolyn Wohlers); *Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Robin, David, Dominick and Larry Gunder* (friends of John & Patty Richmond); *Richard Wolf*; *Wendy Zetting*

Long Term Illness / Treatment: *Pam A.* (friend of Maribeth Witkowski); *Kathy Bruskwitz*; *Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Patricia Biedenbender* (grandmother of Nick & Abby Biedenbender); *Jim & Sharon Caulfield* (parents/in-law's of Alison & Steve Eckert); *Christine Capstran* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Cindy C.* (coworker of Jessica Roeder); *Tim Drover* (friend of Lisa Valdez); *Heidi Feucht* (friend of Stephanie Steinert); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Mary Lou Mercer*; *Andy Panasa* (friend of Dennis Kranz); *Patrick Swan* (friend of Liz Dehmel)

Death: *Ronald Block*

Deployment: God's protection and strength for *Mark & Bev Brueggmann* as they deploy on behalf of **LERT** to Nebraska to assist with tornado cleanup.

Hospice: *Dorothy Rutz*, Harbor View; *Marion Rieboldt* (mother of Bill Rieboldt)

Rehab: *Darlene Sukowski*, Newcastle

Surgery: *Jean Stickney* (May 8)

Travel: *Cassandra Mammen* will be on a mission trip to Guatemala May 4-12

FLOWERS

Flowers next to the pulpit are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the *2024 Confirmation Class* by the Confirmation Class Families.

Flowers next to the lectern are given to the Glory of God in memory of *Mike's 80th birthday and Darlene & Mike's 55 wedding anniversary* by his wife Darlene Sukowski.

CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral: *Esther Leiphart*, born May 28, 1927, went to be with Jesus on April 21, 2024. A private family service was held.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL—Visit splgraffton.org/church and Look for the Give Now! Button.

- **Plate:** Offerings may be placed in a collection box near the exits.
- **Mail/Drop-Off:** 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8am to 4pm.
- **VancoOnline Electronic Giving:** Visit splgraffton.org/church/giving (then click Online Giving).
- **Vanco Mobile App:** Vanco Mobile is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" to download the app.
- **Text-to-Give:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to 855.927.0750 (example: 25 for \$25). You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation.
- **Text-to-Give directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute followed by the letters EGFT, to 855.927.0750. For example, text "25 EGFT" to contribute \$25. You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Every contribution sent to this number will go directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together fund.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul. If you have questions, contact St. Paul Finance Office at 262- 377-4659.

This past week, our 8th Grade class went to Washington D.C.
Thank you for your prayers and support!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS!

We are in need of **4 more Crew Leaders** Please consider helping out in this way!
Sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPLVBSVolunteers24

Registration is OPEN for this year's VBS, Scuba! - 40 spots remaining SIGN-UP NOW!

Come join us for the fun! Our VBS is set for **June 10-14**, from **9am to 12pm**, and is open to children who have **COMPLETED 3PK** thru 5th Grade. There is a \$20 per child fee for VBS this year, which helps to cover the cost of things such as t-shirts, music, and snacks. Register before 5/20/24 to be sure to get a t-shirt. We can't wait to jump into this faith-filled adventure this Summer as we dive into friendship with God. Space is limited so be sure to sign up today for the best 5 days of the summer! If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org or 262-377-4659 x105.

Sign up your kids up for the fun and learning today:
tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2024

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED

We are collecting a wide variety of items for VBS this summer. Please consider donating one or more of the needed items. All donations need to be returned to the church by **Thursday, May 30**. Thank you for your support!

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org



THANK YOU!

Some of our Middle School Students helped put together 192 bags for The Gathering in Milwaukee.

Thank you also to everyone for donating items for these bags.

