

✠ St. Paul's Lutheran Church ✠
Kenesaw, NE

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

402-752-3421, 3536; 308-216-1254

Mrs. LaMoine Fischer, Organist

Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am

Acolyte: Savannah Williams

Divine Service 10:00am

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 10, 2016

AS WE GATHER

The Book of Revelation records these words, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" The very same honor, glory, and might are bestowed upon the Church in bread and wine and baptismal waters. Through these means we become engrafted to the Lamb---Jesus, the Christ. As His people, alive in the power and grace of the resurrection of our Lord, we do what comes naturally---witness in word and deed to our Lord, confessing "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain."

OPENING HYMN p. 480 "He's Risen, He's Risen"

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

People: to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise. *Revelation 5:12*

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.

People: My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to the Lord.

Psalm 28:7

Pastor: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: To You I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me.

People: For if You remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit. *Psalm 28:1*

Pastor: In repentant faith, we come before our Lord in confession.

(silence for reflection)

Almighty God,

People: we confess to You that we are sinful by nature. We have sinned by our selfish thoughts, our hurtful words, and our unloving actions. We have failed to be Your witnesses. We have been reluctant to do Your will. We have been blind to Your presence. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray, forgive us. Amen.

Pastor: Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard your cry for mercy.

Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE [tune: Crown Him with Many Crowns]

Worthy is Christ our Lord,
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Whose blood has set His people free,
Who over all things reigns.
To Him be glory now;
To Him be pow'r and might;
To Him be wisdom, honor, strength;
The Victor in the fight.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Pastor: O all-powerful and everlasting God, now that You have made us sure that our redemption is complete through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us the will and desire not only to profess our love for You with our lips, but to live it out in our lives. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-20

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to Your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine to carry My name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of My name." So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

PSALM Psalm 28:1-9

Pastor: To You I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if You remain silent,

I will be like those who have gone down to the pit.

People: Hear my cry for mercy as I call to You for help, as I lift up my hands toward Your Most Holy Place.

Pastor: Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts. Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work; repay them for what their hands have done and bring back upon them what they deserve. Since they show no regard for the works of the Lord and what His hands have done, He will tear them down and never build them up again.

People: Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song. The Lord is the strength of His people, a fortress of salvation for His anointed one. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

EPISTLE Revelation 5:8-14

And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the

earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

HOLY GOSPEL John 21:1-14

After this Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and He revealed Himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

APOSTLES' CREED *(in back of hymnal)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN p. 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

SERMON

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYERS

*Pastor: O Lamb of God,
People: hear our prayer.*

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN p. 484 "Make Songs of Joy"



St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	☩ 10:00 AM	Divine Worship
	5:00 PM	Board of Evangelism/Stewardship (following the service)
Mon.	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	7:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
		May Newsletter Items Due
Wed.	10 AM - 2 PM	OGT Sort & Pack Day
	3:30 PM	Midweek
	8:00 PM	Fellowship League
Thurs.	9 AM-2 PM	Pastor's Conference - Zion, Wanda
Tues. - Thurs.		Preschool

A "Life Quote" . . . "God made it known to . . . you and me, through His Word and Spirit that He who created all things in this world including life--and especially us, His crown jewel--ever loves, ever provides for, and ever walks with us daily, as we record our life's book. And regardless of 'bad' pages, God is ever with us and, as His promise says, is working all things for good. This is the good stuff which makes up a truly full and abundant life!" Rev. Lyle Kath www.lutheransforlife.org

Please remember these people in your prayers -

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

Apr. 12 Lillian Burr; Jeannie Powell; Lorna Pritchard

14 Danny Ground; Mark Utter

15 Lindsay Ground

16 Cindy Kennedy

In the Service: Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr, Darren Woodside

Missionaries: Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics
Rev. Brian and Amanda Gauthier, Panama
Rev. Peter Haugen & family, Macau, China

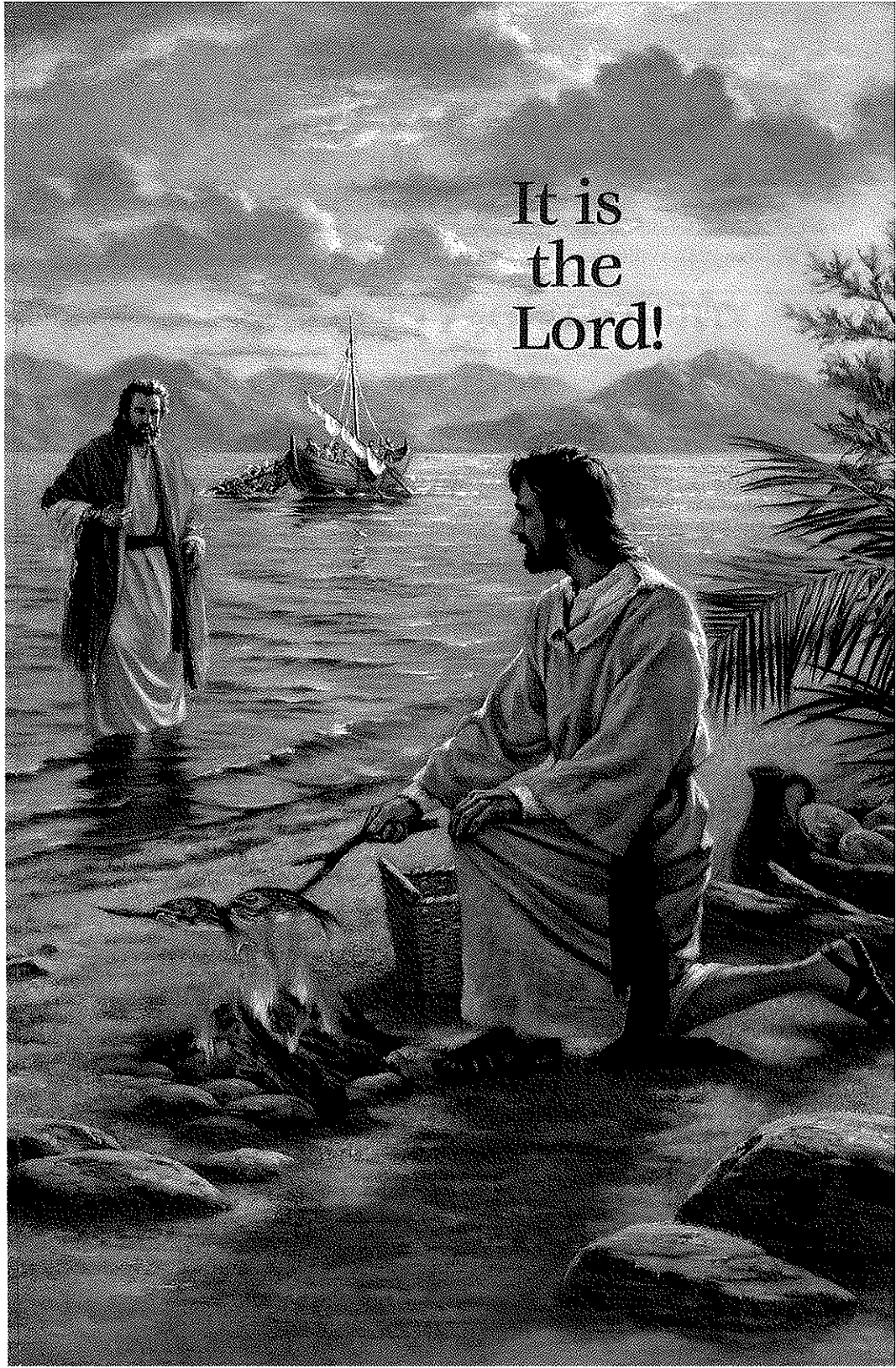
Our Expression of Love

Sunday, April 3, 2016	Attendance 114	
Current Envelope		\$1,407.00
Current Plate		314.37
Russian Orphanage		115.00
Mission Envelope		<u>1,050.00</u>
Total		\$2,886.37



Easter

About the Cover: After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to His disciples to encourage them in their faith. He appears on the shore as they fish and blesses them with a great catch. John recognizes Him and tells Peter, "It is the Lord!" Jesus comes to us in different ways and blesses us, and we recognize it is the Lord who daily and richly blesses us and encourages us in our faith.



It is
the
Lord!