

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

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Organist: Mrs. LaMoine Fischer

Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am

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Divine Service 10:00am

Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2015

As We Gather

The Gospel today records Thomas refusing to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead unless he had proof. Yet, he is not the only disciple whom the Lord must forgive for his unbelief. We all need God's forgiveness daily for such sins, and others. Still, we are heirs of eternal life with Thomas and all who trust in Christ - no matter how many times we may fail! John, in his epistle, tells us all about this eternal life that was made manifest to him and all the apostles!

Divine Service

(Adapted from Hymnal Supplement-CPH)

Hymn of Invocation p. 490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,

C: **that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.**

P: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

C: **we lie and do not practice the truth.**

P: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,

C: **We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.** *(1 John 1:5-7)*

All: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love, according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.** *(Psalm 51:1-2)*

P: God has spoken to you, His people, in this way: "Your guilt is taken away; your sins are forgiven for Christ's name's sake."
(Isaiah 6:7, 1 John 2:12)

C: Amen.

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Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels;

praise Him, all His hosts!

Praise Him, sun and moon,

praise Him, all you shining stars!

Praise Him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord!

For He commanded and they were created.

And He established them forever and ever;

He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and mist,

stormy wind fulfilling His word!

Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all livestock,

creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together,

old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for His name alone is exalted;

His majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for His people,

praise for all His saints,

for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the Lord!

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. AMEN.

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Hymn of Praise p. 477 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray...one God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Gradual

All: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor, He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

Epistle Reading I John 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. -3-

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

(Rise)

Verse

All: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostles' Creed (Back of Hymnal)

Hymn of the Day p. 470 (vv. 1-5) "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Sermon

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

P: May the blood of Christ, who through the eternal †Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience to serve the living God. (Hebrews 9:14)

C: Amen

Closing Hymn p. 470 (vv. 6-9) "O Sons and Daughters of the King"



St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
†	10:00 AM	Divine Worship Service
Mon.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
Wed.	3:30 PM	Midweek
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Class Barbecue
Tues. - Thurs.	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Preschool
	12:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Preschool

May Newsletter Deadline: Monday, April 20th to be in mailboxes Sun., April 26th. Please place any news items, articles, volunteer lists, etc. on the desk in the work room. Thanks!

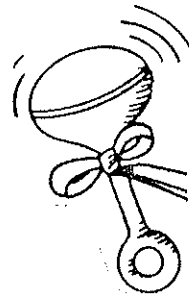
Confirmation Class Barbecue this Wednesday, April 15th, 6:00 p.m. at Pastor's.

What great joy was experienced Easter Sunday, joining together for breakfast after the beautiful worship service. Thanks to all who attended and generously donated. Remember to attend our LWML salad supper on April 28th, 6:30 p.m., for Camp Luther information.

The Sunday School children wrapped up 47 "Baskets of Hope" which will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for your support of this mission project.

Thank You to all who donated lilies to beautify the sanctuary Easter morning, this small touch adds so much to the joy of the Easter celebration. *Alleluia!*

The Hastings Pregnancy Resource Center is a non-profit corporation staffed by caring and concerned volunteers from various churches and communities. They desire to offer help in a compassionate setting by providing honest information and emotional support to anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. Classes are also provided to help with prenatal, parenting and life skills.



June Reiners will be here on April 19 to tell us more about the Hastings PRC and their baby bottle fund raising project.

Time to Register for Preschool: St. Paul's Preschool is registering for the 2014-2015 school year. A quality preschool curriculum in a Christian setting is provided 3 days per week for all children 4 years of age by Dec. 31st. Contact Michelle Hagemester (308) 325-5768 Or Sharon Duffy (402)752-3536 with questions or to enroll.



Please remember these people in your prayers -

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

- Apr. 12 Lillian Burr; Jeannie Powell; Lorna Pritchard
- Apr. 14 Danny Ground; Mark Utter
- Apr. 15 Lindsay Ground
- Apr. 16 Cindy Kennedy
- Apr. 17 Mike Engelhardt; Carter Kurpgeweit; Curt Mack

In the Service: Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate,
Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker,
Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr
Darren Woodside (brother of Chelsey Jacobitz)

Missionaries: Sharon Owens, Macau, China
Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics

Our Expression of Love

April 5, 2015 (7 a.m.)	Attendance 172	
Current Envelope		\$ 2,470.00
Current Plate		1,653.28
Mission Envelope		180.00
Russian Orphanage		<u>75.00</u>
Total		\$4,378.28

Our Expression of Love

April 5, 2015 (10:00 a.m.)	Attendance 73	
Current Envelope		\$987.00
Current Plate		73.48
Fellowship Hall Use		<u>35.00</u>
Total		\$1,095.48



Easter

About the Cover: Their minds still unable to process the good news they had heard, the disciples huddle in fear behind their closed doors. But there is no barrier that will keep the Lord from His own. He appears in their midst, speaking His peace to their troubled hearts and filling them with gladness. So He continues even to this day to be among His gathered people, bringing His blood-bought peace.

