

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

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Organist: Mrs. LaMoine Fischer

Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am

Acolyte: Rhett Augustin

Divine Service 10:00am

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

**As We Gather**

The twenty-third Psalm provides comforting words to the spirit weighed down with the burdens of this life. We sometimes long for material blessings, but only find true comfort and fulfillment in the divine care of Jesus. Living under the care of the Good Shepherd, we listen to His voice and follow Him, and nothing can snatch us from His hand!

Divine Service, *Setting One* p. 151

Opening Hymn p. 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Confession and Absolution p. 151

**Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**

He leadeth me beside still waters.

**He restoreth my soul:**

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:**

for Thou art with me;

**Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.**

Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

**Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

**And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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. 152

Hymn of Praise p. 155 "*This Is the Feast*"

Salutation and Collect p. 156

**First Reading Acts 20:17-35**

Now from Miletus he (Paul) sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" -2-

**Second Reading Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**Alleluia p. 156**

**Holy Gospel John 10:22-30**

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around Him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name bear witness about Me, but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

**Hymn of the Day p. 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"**

**Sermon "Assurance of Life Eternal" (John 10:22-30)**

**Nicene Creed p. 158**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering and Offertory p. 158**

**Service of the Sacrament p. 160**

**Communion Hymn p. 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**  
*\*\*Parents are welcome to bring their children to the altar for a blessing\*\**

**Post Communion Canticle p. 164**

**Post Communion Collect p. 166**

**Benediction p. 166**

**Closing Hymn p. 469 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**



**St. Paul's Mission Calendar**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	☩ 10:00 AM	Communion Worship (individual cup)
	7:00 PM	LYF
<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
<b>Wed.</b>	10 AM - 2 PM	OGT Sort & Pack Day
	3:30 PM	Midweek
<b>Tues. - Thurs.</b>		Preschool

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**Ladies Aid Salad Luncheon** will be held **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon**. Jack Duffy will give his presentation on "The Voice of Democracy". *Please sign up by April 24<sup>th</sup>*. The signup sheet is under the mailboxes in the entryway.

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**"National Day of Prayer" Prayer Service  
Thurs., May 5th - 7:00 PM**

*"Wake Up America"*

*"Shout it aloud, do no hold back.*

*Raise your voice like a trumpet." Isaiah 58:1a*

A special prayer service is planned to pray for our nation, our leaders and others. [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org) for more information.

All members of St. Paul's congregation are invited. . .

### Kenesaw High School Graduation

Sat., May 7, 2016 2:00 p.m.

Kenesaw High School Gymnasium

#### Receptions Following Graduation:

Jack Duffy at the Parsonage

Carson Woodman at St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

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**St. Paul's Scholarships:** Financial support is available to college and seminary students who are attending a synodically supported school. All applicants must hold communicant membership in St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Scholarships are available per term as follows: Freshman \$200; Sophomore \$350; Junior, Senior, Graduate School \$500. Pending individual needs, the payments will be made to the institution or directly to the student. Applicants need to make their request known to a member of the Board of Christian Education well in advance of the initial school term. The Board of Christian Ed will make the applicant's desire for further financial assistance know to the congregation if the applicant agrees. Request forms for financial assistance are available from Connie Bittfield, Scholarship Coordinator.

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☞ **John 10:27** "My Sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice -- and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out: let us follow Him!  
www.lcms.org

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**Save the Date! "War Room"** the movie is coming to St. Paul's, Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more details.

**Please remember these people in your prayers -**

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

#### Birthdays:

- Apr. 17 Mike Englehardt; Carter Kurpgeweit; Curt Mack
- 19 Alec Applegate; Gloria Hoban; Conda Quackenbush
- 20 Ryan Agustin; Pam Binfield
- 21 Michele Kimle
- 22 David Powell; Joel Ferguson
- 23 Tyler Ramsey; Larry Woodman

**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

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### St. Paul's 2016 Budget Analysis as of 2/29/16

		Missions	
Amount	Amount	% of Budget	Amount Needed
<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>met to date</u>	<u>to meet budget</u>
\$12,000.00	\$2,134.00	18%	\$9,866.00

		Current	
Amount	Amount	% of Budget	Amount Needed
<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>met to date</u>	<u>to meet budget</u>
\$170,00.00	\$28,676.00	17%	\$141,324.00

Commodities and Assets \$0 Gauthier Family, Missionary \$50.00

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### Our Expression of Love

<b>Sunday, April 10, 2016</b>	Attendance 95
Current Envelope	\$2,007.00
Current Plate	771.75
Mission Envelope	285.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,063.75</b>

A "Life Quote" . . .

"Let us stand firm for the rights of all people, especially for the most vulnerable, defenseless of them all , the unborn children. . . The Church has confessed from the beginning that each life is created by God, that human life is not given unconditionally but is given under the condition that we will be responsible for preserving it."

Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

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**Decision America Tour**

The Decision America Tour will be coming to the **Nebraska State Capital North Plaza, Lincoln, Nebraska, Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon.** Interested in attending this event? Please sign the sheet by Pastor's office. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for more information as it becomes available. For more information and how you can become involved can be found at <https://decisionamericatour.com>

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool Now Registering for 2016-2017**

We are the only Preschool in Kenesaw, licensed through the State of Nebraska and associated with the LCMS schools. To qualify, your child must be 4 by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a \$20.00 registration fee that will be waived if you register by May 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Michelle Hagemeister at 308-325-5768 or Sharon Duffy at 402-752-3536.

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**LWML "Quarterly" Bible Study**, Tues., April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to come and be refreshed in God's Word and enjoy fellowship with others. Our ingathering this month is for Orphan Grain Train and Mites.

MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE

JOHN 10:27



Easter

**About the Cover:** Sheep know the voice of their shepherd. When sheep in the field hear their shepherd, they come at his call. As people of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we hear His voice and come at His call. His voice comes to us though His Word and Sacraments. "God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:1-2 ESV). Thanks be to God!