

✠ 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

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Divine Service 10:00am

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 24, 2016**

**As We Gather**

The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the central proclamation of the Christian faith. Because Jesus is raised we not only have joy and the hope of eternal life in heaven, we also have power to live new lives today! As we love one another in Christ's name He is glorified and we are shown to the world as His true disciples!

**Divine Service**

*(Adapted from Hymnal Supplement-CPH)*

Hymn of Invocation p. 554 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

**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.**

**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.**

Hymn of Praise p. 463 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

## 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 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

## Gradual

*Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

**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.**

## Second Reading Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

*(Rise)*

**Verse**

*Rom. 6:9; John 14:23*

**All: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.**

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

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

## Holy Gospel John 16:12-22

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

"A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me." So some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know

what He is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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. 735 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

**Sermon** "Many Things I Have to Say" (John 16:12)

**Offering and Musical Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)

C: Amen.

**Closing Hymn** p. 803 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



## St. Paul's Mission Calendar

**Today** 9:00 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
 ☩ 10:00 AM Divine Worship  
**Mon.** 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study  
**Tues.** 7:30 PM LWML  
**Wed.** 8:00 PM LLL  
**Thurs.** 7:00 PM Preschool Closing Program  
**Tues. - Thurs.** 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

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.

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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.

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*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

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

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

**Birthdays:**

- Apr. 24** Gary Bittfield
- 25** Connie Bittfield
- 26** Sean Duffy
- 27** Ashley Augustin; DeWayne Boesen; Elizabeth Duffy;  
Kathy Marble; Jamey Schutte; Cade Uden
- 28** Robert Mack

**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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**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.

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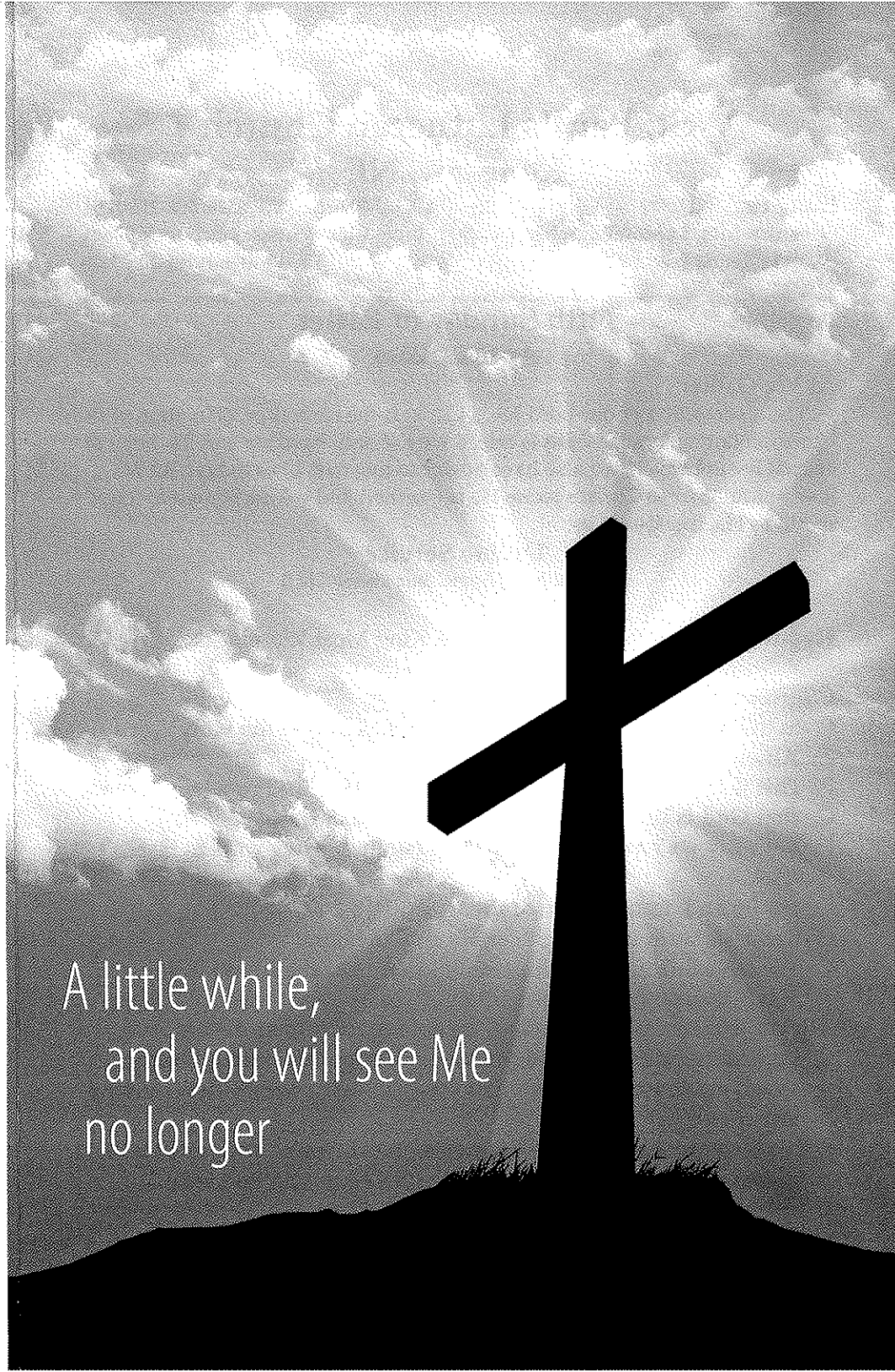
**Our Expression of Love**

<b>Sunday, April 17, 2016</b>	Attendance 131
Current Envelope	\$2,020.00
Current Plate	870.00
Russian Orphanage	68.00
Mission Envelope	<u>205.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,163.00</b>



Easter

**About the Cover:** Jesus is truly compassionate! He has a great desire to calm the fears of all who believe in Him. He knows that we are afraid because we do not understand how He is able to secure our salvation. Just as His followers were fearful and He calmed them, so, too, He calms our fears when we listen to Him and have faith in Him. We will see Him in heaven, for that’s His promise to us.



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and you will see Me  
no longer