

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

Pastor Paul S. Duffy  
Mrs. LaMoine Fischer, Organist  
Acolyte: Hope Nienhueser

402-752-3421, 3536; 984-2135  
Sunday School 9:00am  
Divine Service 10:00am

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**DAY OF PENTECOST**

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**The Baptism of Blythe Jo Lee Jacobitz**  
May 15, 2016

**AS WE GATHER**

Today we celebrate the work of the third person of the Triune God---the Holy Spirit. Proceeding from the Father, He is sent by the Son as the promised presence of God with us after the Ascension. Now the Spirit is at work within us to create and sustain faith in the redemptive work of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We are witnesses this morning of the new birth of water and the Spirit to Blythe Jo Lee Jacobitz in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Blythe is the daughter of Taylor and Brianna Jacobitz. Her sponsors are Adam and Molly Jacobitz, Nathan and Taylor Hanson, Madison Bittfield, and Parker Bittfield. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon them all!

**BAPTISMAL HYMN** p. 590 "Baptized into Your Name, Most Holy"

**+ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM +**  
*(Blythe Jo Lee Jacobitz is welcomed into the family of God!)*

The Rite p. 268

*(Following the Baptism)*

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all;

**the earth is full of Your creatures.**

These all look to You,

to give them their food in due season.  
When You give it to them, they gather it up;  
**when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**  
When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,  
**and You renew the face of the ground.**

**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.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE "Blessed Spirit"** *(Tune: Children of the Heavenly Father)*

Blessed Spirit now surrounds us  
In His mercy God has called us  
To be His own holy children  
Through the Spirit, grace is given

Blessed Spirit, point us always  
to the finished work of Jesus  
On the cross He died for sinners  
Three days after, rose forever

Blessed Spirit, grant Your comfort  
When we're lonely or we sorrow  
God has promised You'll be present  
Yesterday, now, and tomorrow...

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**All: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:19-22

RESPONSE Psalm 143:5-6, 10-11a

Pastor: I remember the days of long ago;

**People: I meditate on all Your works and consider what Your hands have done.**

Pastor: I spread out my hands to You;

**People: my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.**

Pastor: Teach me to do Your will,

**People: for You are my God;**

Pastor: may Your good Spirit

**People: lead me on level ground.**

**All: For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-11

RESPONSE *(Based on Psalm 143)*

Pastor: The Lord has heard our prayer. He has listened to our cry for mercy.

**People: This morning has brought us Word of His unfailing love!**

HYMN OF THE DAY p. 913 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

SERMON "Strangers, No Longer" (Ephesians 2:19-22)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *[Petitions are structured to reflect portions of Luther's explanation of the third article of the Apostles' Creed.]*

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to Him.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, come to us once again this day renewing our trust in Christ, our Lord.

**People: The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, give us ears and eyes that recognize the truth of salvation in this Good News.

**People: The Holy Spirit has enlightened me with His gifts.**

Pastor: O Counselor and Guide, teach us to know and use the gifts You give so that our lives bear witness to the saving truth found only in Jesus Christ.

**People: The Holy Spirit has sanctified and kept me in the one true faith.**

Pastor: O Spirit, Defender of the faithful, wield Your sword, which is the Word of God, that our lives may be visible temples of Your presence.

**People: The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth.**

Pastor: O Spirit, grant Your divine guidance to all those who seek Your wisdom in accordance with Christ's holy will.

**People: The Holy Spirit keeps the whole Church with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

Pastor: O Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith and grant that we may enjoy fellowship with Your saints on earth and continually rejoice in our heritage with all the saints in heaven.

**People: In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.**

Pastor: O Spirit of pardon and peace, accept our heartfelt thanks and unending praise. Produce in our lives Your abundant fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**People: At the Last Day raise up me and all the dead.**

Pastor: O Spirit of life and hope, sustain the living and comfort the dying by this blessed hope; and grant us all the fulfillment of life eternal together with You.

**People: Holy Spirit, grant eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

Pastor: O Spirit of the Living God, in the hour of our death take us to that promised place our Savior has prepared for us in the heavenly mansions.

**People: This is most certainly true. Alleluia! Amen!**

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

+ SACRAMENT +

**PREFACE**

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.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** *(Spoken)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**INVITATION**

Pastor: The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come: and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. *Rev. 22:17*

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

*(Sit)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** p. 700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Spirit who in this meal has once again testified to us of Christ our Lord!

**People: Today we have received the promise of His unfailing love.**

**All: Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor, and power, and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

*Rev. 7:12*

**BLESSING**

Pastor: The Spirit of our God has called you by the Gospel; gathered you together around Word and Sacrament; sanctified you by His grace; and now may He keep you in the true faith to everlasting life with Christ Jesus, our Lord!

**People: May His peace be with you and with us. Thanks be to God!**

**CLOSING HYMN** p. 496 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"



**St. Paul's Mission Calendar**

- Today** 9:00 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- ✦ 10:00 AM Communion Worship (individual cup)
- 7:00 PM LYF
- Mon.** 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

**June Newsletter Items Due**

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**Sunday School News:** May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the last day for Sunday School this spring. In keeping with our Habitat for Humanity offering project, we are planning to collect non-perishable food, towels, wash cloths or small necessities for a home as our May offerings. Hopefully, the build family will be able to come to meet us in May. A representative from Habitat for Humanity will be present May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**June Newsletter Deadline:** Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to be in mailboxes Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Please place any news items, articles, volunteer lists, etc. on the desk in the work room. Thanks!

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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 Hagemester at 308-325-5768 or Sharon Duffy at 402-752-3536.

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

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

**Birthdays:**

May 15 Bill Nabower

17 Dusty Augustin



**In the Service:** Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickleis, 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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**Our Expression of Love**

<b>Sunday, May 8, 2016</b>	Attendance 133
Current Envelope	\$1,590.00
Current Plate	170.50
Russian Orphanage	20.00
Mission Envelope	205.00
VBS	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,995.50</b>

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**St. Paul's 2016 Budget Analysis as of 4/30/16**

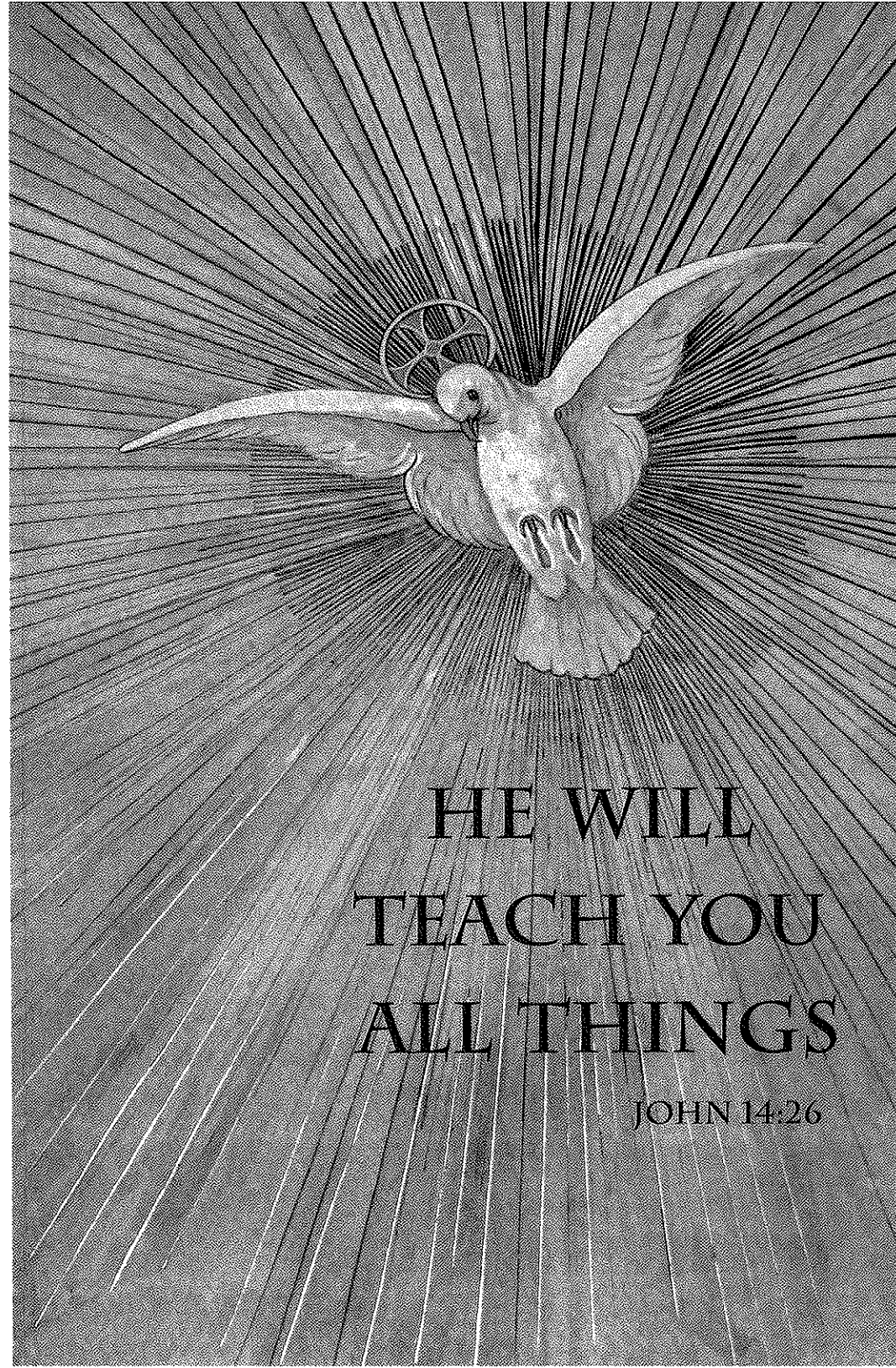
<b>Missions</b>			
Amount Proposed	Amount Received	% of Budget met to date	Amount Needed to meet budget
\$12,000.00	\$4,564.00	38%	\$4,436.00

<b>Current</b>			
Amount Proposed	Amount Received	% of Budget met to date	Amount Needed to meet budget
\$170,00.00	\$42,743.87	25%	\$122,256.13

Commodities and Assets \$6,191.00 Gauthier Family, Missionary \$50.00



**About the Cover:** Praise God the Father for His gift of the Holy Spirit, who instructs us concerning Christ Jesus, the Father's only Son, who lived and died for the Father's creation. The Holy Spirit is witness to all God's redeeming work—the demonstration of the Father's desire that all people be saved. This is the faith to which the Holy Spirit draws us.



**HE WILL  
TEACH YOU  
ALL THINGS**

JOHN 14:26