

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

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Mrs. LaMoine Fischer, Organist

Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am

Acolyte: Payton Morrow

Divine Service 10:00am

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 8, 2016**

**AS WE GATHER**

Receiving the free gift of the water of life is one of the great images in the final chapter of the Book of Revelation. The importance of water, from the waters of creation, to the water of Holy Baptism, and to the heavenly water portrayed in John's revelation, is a major component of the Biblical witness. We ponder before worship today the waters from God that bless our lives!

**+ PREPARATION +**

**ENTRANCE HYMN** p. 906 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

**INVOCATION**

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

People: Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for reflection)*

Pastor: O Almighty God,

**All: We confess to You that we have sinned in many ways. Often our thoughts are impure, our words unkind, our deeds dishonorable. We have transgressed Your laws and deserve Your punishment. But we are sorry for our sins and sincerely repent of them. We pray that, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, You**

would grant us forgiveness and peace. By the power of the Holy Spirit, grant us new life and set our minds on heavenly things.

Pastor: Jesus came into the world and obeyed God's laws perfectly for you. He died on the cross for the guilt of your sins, bringing you complete and lasting forgiveness. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

**GREETING OF PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

**INTROIT FOR THE DAY**

Hear my cry, O God,

**Listen to my prayer;**

for You have been my refuge,

**a strong tower against the enemy.**

For You, O God, have heard my vows;

**You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.**

Prolong the life of the king;

**May his years endure to all generations!**

May he be enthroned forever before God;

**appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!**

So will I ever sing praises to Your name,

**as I perform my vows day after day.**

**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.**

Hear my cry, O God,

**Listen to my prayer.**

**PRAYER**

*(Silence for meditation or prayer follows each petition.)*

**All: Praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ, for Your daily goodness and mercy.**

Renew our hearts with thankfulness to You.  
Alert us to the needs of others around us.  
Inspire us to worship You in spirit and in truth.  
Save us from our own sins, from death and from the devil.  
Energize us for service and for witness. Amen.

HYMN OF REFLECTION p. 711 (vv. 1 & 4) "Savior, Like a Shepherd  
Lead Us"

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above  
all heavens: Leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit  
of truth, whom You promised from the Father, that we may all be  
one, even as You and the Father are one; for You live and reign with  
the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
People: Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Acts 1:12-26

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 133

Pastor: How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in  
unity!  
People: It is like precious oil poured out on the head, running down  
on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar  
of his robes.  
Pastor: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.  
People: For there the Lord bestows His blessings, even life  
forevermore.  
All: 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.

EPISTLE Revelation 22: 1-6, 12-20

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God. -3-

*(Stand)*

#### VERSE

All: Alleluia, Alleluia. Since Christ was raised from the dead, He  
cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. Alleluia. I  
will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 17:20-26

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the seventeenth  
chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*(The Gospel is read)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED *(Back of Hymnal)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY p. 699 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

SERMON

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYERS

Pastor: Almighty God, because You have committed Your people to  
the ministry of intercession, hear us as we pray for one another.

People: Fill our hearts with peace and love.

Pastor: We pray for the world: Lord of all, we pray for Your whole  
creation. We rejoice in the land on which we live and in the waters  
that surround our shores. Help us remember that we are stewards of  
Your gifts, that we may live responsively and productively in our  
world. In Your mercy,

People: hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: We pray for the Church: Heavenly Father, let Your divine  
presence ever be with Your Church. Grant to all ministers of the

Word Your grace and a full commitment to their calling, that shepherded faithfully by them, Your people might grow in grace, and that Christ may be honored by all. In Your mercy,

**People: hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: We pray for those who are ill... Gracious Lord, source of all healing, we ask You to strengthen the tired, to ease the pain of those who suffer, and to let those who are dying know that You hold them in Your loving arms. In Your mercy,

**People: hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: We pray for our families, our neighborhoods and our friends: O God, our Father, who places us into families and gathers us into communities, bless those we love, and help us to love all people so that, as You love us, we may grow in love for each other. In Your mercy,

**People: hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: Almighty God, You have given us the privilege to make our prayers known to You and have promised always to listen. Fulfill our requests as may be best for us at this time and grant us knowledge of Your truth in this world and true joy in the life to come. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The peace of God, that passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**People: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN p. 919 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"



## 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

**Wed.** 10AM-2PM OGT Sort & Pack Day

8:00 PM Fellowship League

**Thurs.** 9AM-2PM Pastors' Conference-Peace, Hastings

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**Orphan Grain Train Sort and Pack Day:** Wed., May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Pool rides at church 9:00 AM, work 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

If questions, contact Bev Nixon.

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**Sunday School News:** May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the last day for Sunday School this spring. *Thank you to all the teachers and helpers the past year -- without you we would not have Sunday School!* 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 16th 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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**"War Room"** the movie is coming to St. Paul's, **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** Can their marriage survive despite appearing to have it all? Come and see what happens when a "war room", battle plan for prayer and a step of faith is taken. Movie appropriate for most ages (PG). Dove faith-friendly. Child care will be provided, but please sign-up so that we can have the appropriate staffing. Sign-up sheet on table by Pastor's office. Free-will offering.

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**Jean Stocker has moved** to a new address in Hastings:  
3507 W. 12<sup>th</sup> ST, Suite #2

**Save the date: Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Coffee and Hymn Sing.** Pastor Harold King will be speaking about his experiences as a military chaplain during coffee hour beginning at 9:00 a.m. *You won't want to miss this!*

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**Summer Schedule - Begins Sunday, June 5th**

9:00 AM ♦ Worship Service ♦



**Fellowship Coffee** following the service. Any organization, group, or family may host a coffee. For best choice of dates sign up early! The sign up sheet Education wing entryway on table by Pastor's office.

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**Barnyard Roundup VBS 2016**

June 6 - 10 (Mon - Fri.) 8:15 - 11:00 a.m.

**Ages 4 years - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome!** VBS 2016 is "farm-tastic!"

**Register now to attend or to help - Online at**

<https://vbsmate.com/stpaulskenesaw> Questions? Contact Sarah Kroos 402-984-7735 or [kroosfamily@gmail.com](mailto:kroosfamily@gmail.com)

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

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

**Birthdays:**

- May 9 Carissa Chandler
- 10 Seth Campbell
- 14 Joe Bittfield; Sarah Woodman

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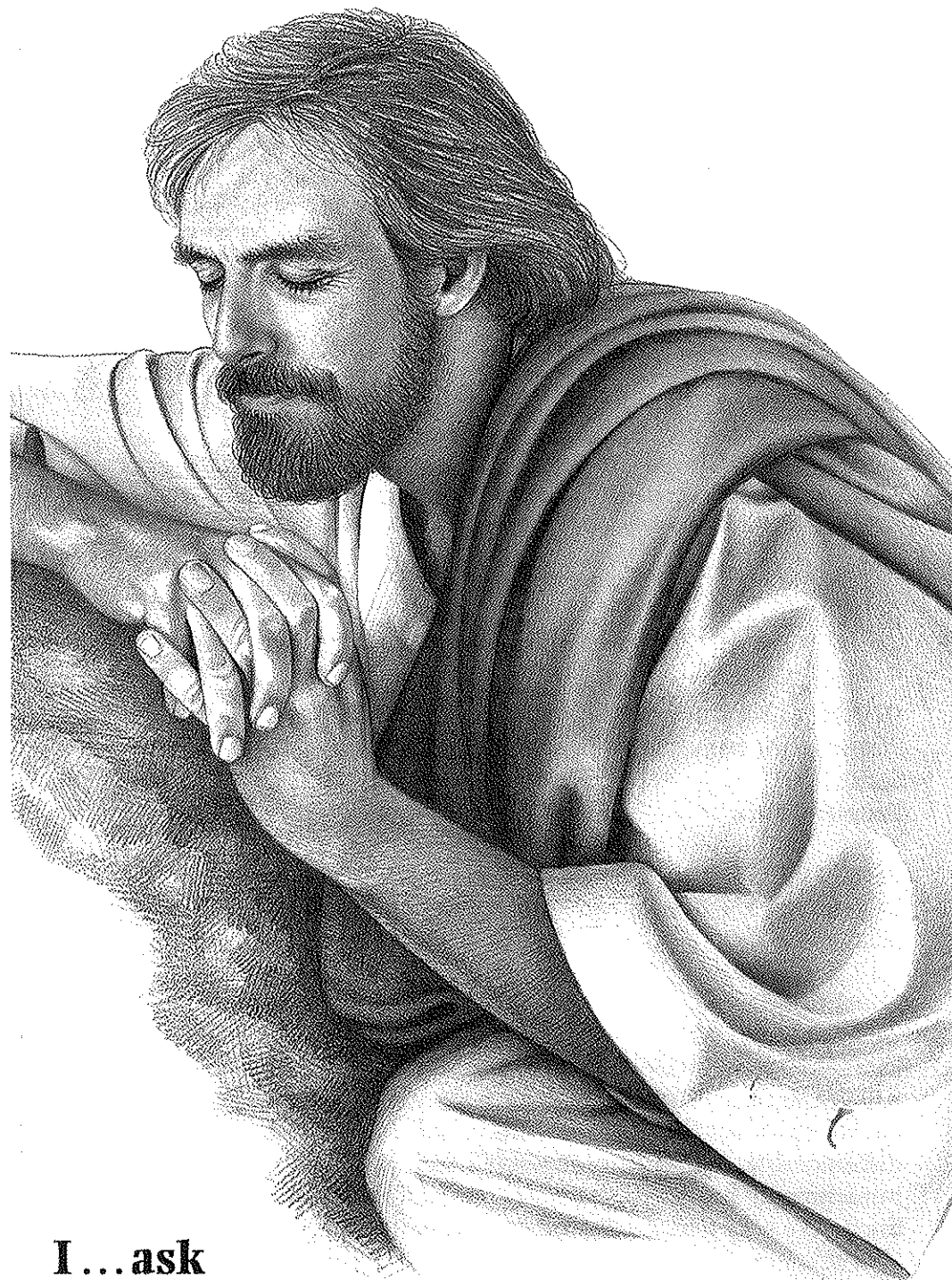


**Our Expression of Love**

<b>Sunday, May 1, 2016</b>	Attendance 124	
Current Envelope		\$3,495.00
Current Plate		126.00
Russian Orphanage		370.00
Mission Envelope		<u>300.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,291.00</b>



**About the Cover:** Jesus was truly concerned for His followers and provided for them in many ways. He was also concerned for all those who would come to believe in Him after His time on earth ended. He prayed to His heavenly Father that they, too, would know the Father's love, just as those who were with Him had come to know it. We have been blessed to know God's love among us.



**I...ask  
...also for those who will believe in Me**