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5th Sunday of Easter – April 28, 2024

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

Serving Us Today

Organist Carly Mess; Ushers Don Claeys, Ed Chiappetti

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 145 (pew bible, p.557)
- ◆ The Hymns: 479, 611, 594, 923
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-11
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 67
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Acts 8:26-39

"Grace at Gaza"

1. Salvation prepared.
2. Salvation revealed.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (923)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 1 John 3:18-24

Love One Another

18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 67

Make Your Face Shine upon Us

P May God be gracious to us and bless us:

C And make his face to shine upon us.

P That your way may be known on earth:

C Your saving power among all nations.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God:

C Let all the peoples praise you!

P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity:

C And guide the nations upon earth.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God:

C Let all the peoples praise you!

P The earth has yielded its increase:

C God, our God, shall bless us.

P God shall bless us:

C Let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Second Lesson – John 15:1-11

I Am the True Vine

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken

to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Sermon Text – Acts 8:26-39

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31 And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” 34 And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

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A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests! We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (4/28)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Sun (5/5)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

Upcoming Events

- Class Day / Spring Concert at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire WI: Fri, May 18
- Graduation Ceremony at Immanuel: Saturday, May 18
- West-Central Delegate Conference: May 21-23 (hosted by Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine NE)
- CLC Youth Camp: June 9-15 (on the campus of ILC, Eau Claire)
- 36th CLC Delegates Convention: June 20-23 (at ILC, Eau Claire)

Call News: Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, accepted the call to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Blair Sydow, a member of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, accepted the one-year call to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity's Christian Day School.

May Birthday Blessings To . . .

Willa Mae Janssen, May 19	DeLisa Newton, May 29
Lisa Chiappetti, May 22	(Lance & Diana Clark, May 23)

April Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Mary Anna Sprengeler, Apr 3	Dustin Fritzler, Apr 12
Jennifer Roberson, Apr 3	Debbie New, Apr 15
Wayne Ruegge, Apr 3	Pat Newton, Apr 19
Fred Brethauer, Apr 6	Ruth Claeys, Apr 23
Kylee Acker, Apr 6	(Gilbert & Jo Ellen Blakey, Apr 19)
Derek Barthels, Apr 7	(Bob & Carrol Rankin, Apr 28)
Ruth Greening, Apr 9	

(Missed announcing these last month ... our apologies!)

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 28 – May 4

Mon John 15:1-8 God tends His people like a gardener tends his vineyard, and looks for fruit. But only the branches that are connected to the Vine glorify God with much fruit. Jesus says, “I am the true vine.”

Tues John 15:9-11 Our connection to Jesus is one of love. By that love God is glorified, both through good works which glorify Him, and by bringing others to Him that they might know His love.

Wed Revelation 3:7-11 An example of the Lord tending His vineyard can be seen in His letter to the church in Philadelphia. It is He who opens the door and brings people to see His love. It is also He who delivers from trials and testing.

Thurs Isaiah 5:1-7 The Lord in Old Testament times pictured Himself as a gardener working diligently in his vineyard, but for all His love and tender care getting only bad grapes. How He yearns for His people to return to Him!

Fri 1 John 2:28 – 3:3 The apostle pleads with God’s people to remain in Christ and so bring forth fruits of righteousness. “See the kind of love the Father has given us” (3:1), which gives us a future and a hope.

Sat 1 John 3:4-8 Since the Son of God appeared to take away our sins, we who remain connected to Him will want to turn away from sin. Sin is the work of the Devil, but Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil.