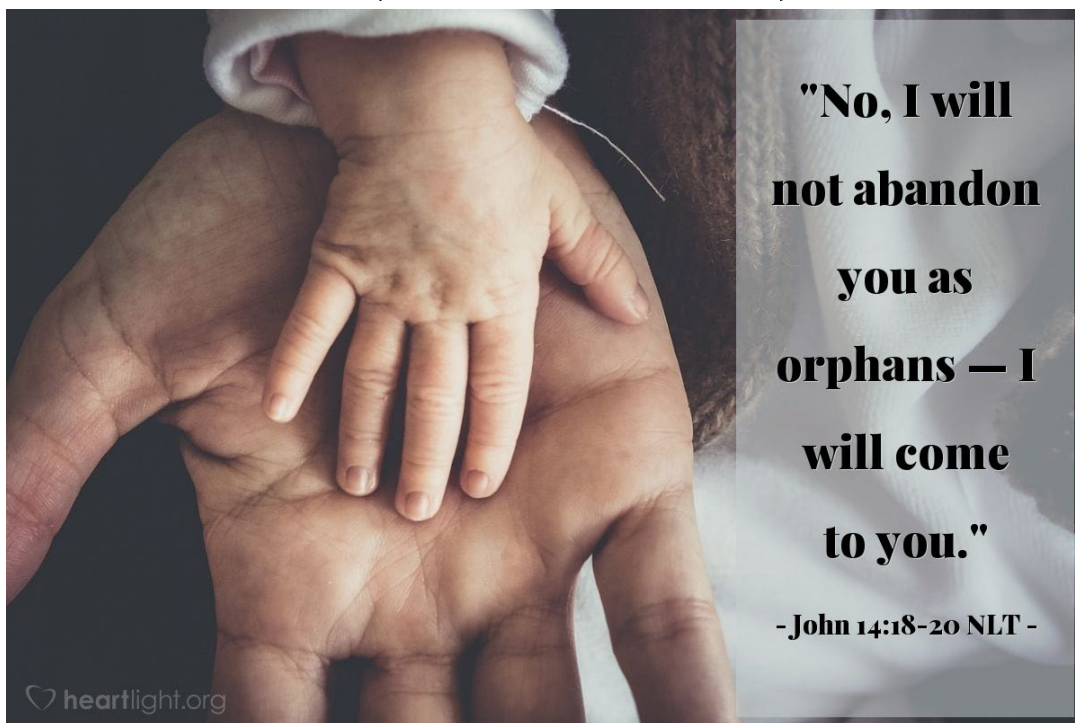




† Sixth Sunday of Easter † May 14, 2023 †



Welcome in the name of Jesus!

We're so glad to have you join us to worship our Lord! If you are a guest with us today, please introduce yourself to our pastor and stop by the registration book at the back of church.

In the Lord's service today:
Rev. Martin Kaufmann, interim pastor
Connie Komnick, organist

308 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL
Sunday School and Bible Study 10:00 AM † Divine Worship 11:00 AM

Opening Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Hebrews 10:22

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
John 20:19-23

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
Forever, O LORD, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
**you have established the earth, and
it stands fast.**
By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.

Psalm 119:89-93; antiphon: v. 105

If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.
I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life.
**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.**
Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

C **O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

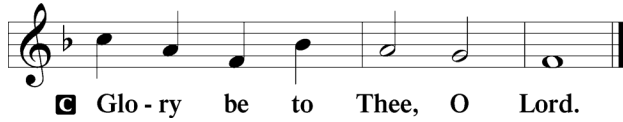
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.



¹⁵[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

LSB 192

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

For All the Faithful Women

LSB 855, sts. 1, 13, 3, 4



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
 2 For Eu - nice and for Lo - is We sing our thanks and praise.
 3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
 Young Tim - o - thy they nur - tured And led him in Your ways.
 In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,
 All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.
 Raise up in ev - 'ry house - hold True teach - ers of Your Word
 We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise
 With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.
 Whose lives will bear clear wit - ness To Christ, our ris - en Lord.
 That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.
 We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

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Sermon

An Orphan No More (John 14:15-21)

Pastor Martin Kaufmann

Offertory

LSB 192

Psalm 51:10-12



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering and Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

C **Lord Jesus, You raised us from death to life by the power of Spirit-given faith in Your death and resurrection. Use these offerings to raise people from death to life through Your living Spirit, here and throughout the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

2 Timothy 2:1-4

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1



C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

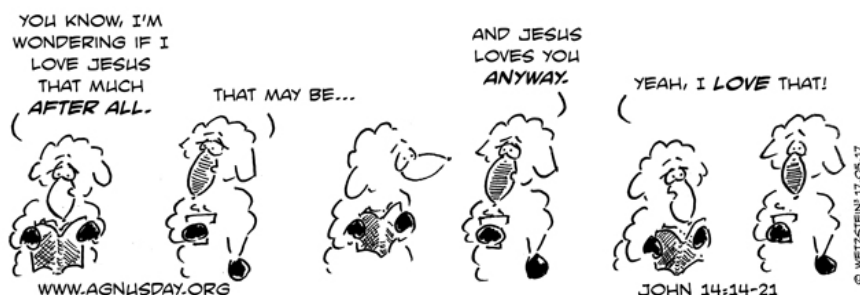
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



C A-men, a-men, a - men.



Closing Hymn

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

LSB 867



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -
2 So make to them His glo - ries known, His works of
3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -
4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of
5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -



formed of old, Which in our youn - ger
pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His
gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions
God's own Word, To place in Him their
cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er



days we saw, And which our par - ents told.
won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.
con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,
doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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Dahlias are my favorite flowers. One day, not able to resist their beauty, I bought an armful. This year I decided to grow my own. The seed catalog promised a grand collection if started from seed. I bought a supply and carefully planted and watered them. The seedbeds had to be covered with plastic to keep the moisture in. Each morning I faithfully checked my miniature garden for signs of growth. Each morning I saw only drops of moisture clinging like tiny pearls to the underside of the plastic wrap.

One day the pearls of moisture were being pushed aside by little emerald leaves. I stood for a long time studying my plants and thinking of how much care they would need to grow properly. The thought then came to me that mothers and gardeners are so very similar. They both have lives to care for and protect. I thought of my own mother and how she grew the children in her "garden". Each of us was a totally different plant; at times ranging from roses to cacti. Each of us were striving to grow, and hopefully to some day bloom. Many times our loving mother must have thought we were weeds, but as Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "A weed is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered." Mother sighed, and continued to water us with love, Daily my mother cared for us in countless ways. Yet, despite the constant attention; we were all bothered by "bugs" at different stages of our development. Instead of rushing for the many insecticides offered by so many of the experts; our mother resorted to the natural resources on hand. She dusted us with love and encouragement seeking aid from our loving God through prayer. The sunshine in Mom's character helped each of us to fight off the "bugs". We all grew and in time we all blossomed. My wonderful mother - a gardener of life!

May all of you mothers enjoy success in your gardens, and may God bless each of you!



Church News

PRAYER LIST

Jimmy Davenport, recovering from a stroke.

Andy Davenport, at home as he recovers from a stroke.

Landen Lipka, classmate of Tate Ryan, as she undergoes treatment for Hodgkins lymphoma.

Regina McKernan and her son, Scott, for continued healing of their medical issues.

Alissa Mercier, past teacher at STJNB and now at OS, as she goes through treatments for breast cancer.

Ron Krohse, for heart-related health issues.

The pastor call process.

To add a prayer request, please contact Rachael Davenport or Pastor Kaufmann.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a special council meeting on Monday, May 15, at 7:00 pm.

GARAGE DEDICATION

The parsonage garage will be dedicated immediately following the May 21 worship service.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Pastor Moore's ordination and installation will be held on Sunday, June 11 at 4:00 pm. More information will be provided closer to the event.

BANNER COMMITTEE: EXTRA BANNER DATES

There will be extra banner work days on May 19 and May 26 from 9:30 to noon.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Watch for upcoming announcements about Twists and Turns, our VBS program for summer 2023, as well as the summer Sunday School schedule. Exciting things are coming your way!

GRADUATE INFO NEEDED

If you have a 2023 graduate in your family, we want to know! Please send Rachael Davenport the graduate's name, school, and field of study (if applicable) by noon on Thursday, May 18. We would like to include them in a special prayer during next week's service.

CONGRATS, GRAD!

Skylar Meats will be graduating from Trinity Lutheran School on Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 pm. The celebration will be held at the Trinity Parish Hall located at 515 South MacArthur. Skylar will be attending Lutheran High School in the fall. God's blessings on her graduation.

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS

A Dollar for Missions invites each of us to contribute one extra dollar per week for designated mission projects in our Central Illinois District. The current project is to help one of our campus ministries, University Lutheran Church in Champaign, to purchase a 12-passenger van. Project cost: \$35,000.

CAMP CILCA HOG ROAST

The Camp CILCA Hog Roast is back! On Sunday May 28 from 11:30-2:30 enjoy delicious pulled pork sandwiches, sides, drinks, and desserts. Adults are \$10 and kids ages 4-12 are \$8. Want to make a weekend out of it? Bring your tent or rent a cabin and join the Great CID Campout Friday evening through Monday with swimming, activities, campfire devotions, and lots of fellowship. Check out cilca.org/hog-roast or call the camp office at 217-487-7497 for more details.

CAMP CILCA NEEDS DESSERTS!

Camp CILCA would like your help as we prepare for our upcoming Hog Roast Fundraiser. We are currently looking for any churches or church groups who would like to help provide desserts for the meal. Any interested parties can contact us via email at board@cilca.org or by phone at 847.553.8296 to let us know how many portions they plan to donate.

KFUO

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Revelation 2-3 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 1 Samuel 13-16 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and questions surrounding the Augsburg Confession's authority on Concord Matters (5/20 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week, students studied "A Servant Speaks." The Twelve select Stephen as one of the first seven deacons in the Early Church. Synagogue leaders twist Stephen's words, falsely accusing him of blasphemy. Stephen's testimony before the high priest recalls Israel's rejection of God's promise and their rejection of Jesus, the promised Savior. The enraged officials cast Stephen out of the city and stone him. *For discussion at home this week: "How did Stephen share his faith? How can we share our faith?"*

LERT CHAINSAW TRAINING

Chainsaw training will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at St. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, East Peoria, from 9:00 to 5:00. (Sign-in begins 8:30 with sessions at 9.) The registration fee (\$35) will include a light breakfast, lunch, manual, and credential card. If you are already LERT chainsaw certified, the event is considered continuing education and there is no charge. A \$5-8 offering is welcome to help pay for lunch. All participants will need pants, helmet, ear protection, gloves, chainsaw, chaps, fuel, and bar oil. If you do not have these items, they will be provided to you. To register, visit www.lcms-lert.org/need/ and find the training you are interested in.

PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBERS AND HOURS

Pastor's office hours are now by appointment.
Pastor Kaufmann: (217) 503-7865
Elders--Jim Whalen: (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson: (217) 638-5209; Bob Dalton: (217) 341-9687.

LWML CID DISTRICT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

With the theme of 'Thy KING-dom Come,' 193 people met in convention in Quincy. Keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer who reminded us that, "It's a great time to be the church." Jesus is alive and exalted now, ruling over all things. Also addressing the group as our mission speaker was Cindy Steindwedel, Regional LERT coordinator. She shared how the Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) care for the needs of people following natural and man-made disasters. Delegates attended the business meeting whose main order of business was the selection of mission grants for the 23-24 year. These grants were selected and will be funded in the following order: 1. Student Aid for Church Workers, \$30,000, 2. Lutheran High, Springfield-Transportation, \$25,000, 3. Resourcing LERT, \$20,000, 4. Hope for the Hopeless, \$10,000, 5. Well House Bible Study Support, \$500, 6. Our Savior Lutheran School, Uganda, \$3,250 (Partial funding). Greetings were received from CID President Michael Mohr and LLL CID President Danny Magelitz. Rock Island Zone will host the 2024 convention. More information about the mission grants will be coming each month.

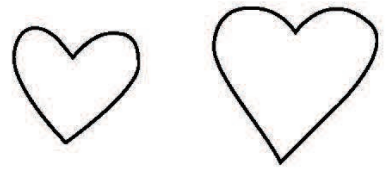
Christina, Pat, Stephanie and Cheryl can tell more about the convention if you ask them. Ask them about THE PURPLE lighted bridge!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

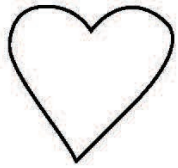
Announcements should be sent to Rachael Davenport by noon on Thursdays. Contact Rachael at socialmedia@stjnb.org or (217) 883-8558 (call/text).



HAPPY



MOTHER'S



DAY



**MANY WOMEN DO NOBLE THINGS,
BUT YOU SURPASS THEM ALL.
PROVERBS 31:29**

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