



**4/14/2024**  
***Third Sunday of Easter***  
***"He has Risen!"***

**ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH-LCMS**  
2045 LYNN RD | SANFORD, MI 48657

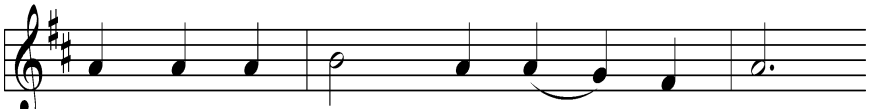
***Pastor Christopher P. Vossler***  
***Organist: Heidi Stecker***

**Hymn: 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**


*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!




1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;  
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
 The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
 Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
 Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
 From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
 That we may live and sing to Thee.  
 Alleluia! Refrain

## Opening Versicles

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** Teach me Your paths.

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** Your Word is truth.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C** 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.

## Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

*Refrain*

**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up-on His name,



make known His deeds a-mong the peo-ples, pro-



claim that His name is ex-alt-ed."



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be-come my sal-va-tion.



Sing prais-es to the Lord, for He has done



glo-rious-ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in-



hab-i-tants of Zi-on, for great in your midst is the



Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be-come my sal-va-tion.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
be for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

*Sit*

## Readings From Holy Scripture

### First Reading

*Acts 3:11–21*

**L** A reading from Acts, the third chapter.

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and

know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*1 John 3:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand to Honor The Holy Gospel*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### Holy Gospel Reading

*Luke 24:36–49*

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Responsory

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

*Sit*



Hymn:

483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



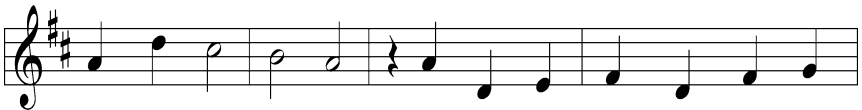
1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great  
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,  
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



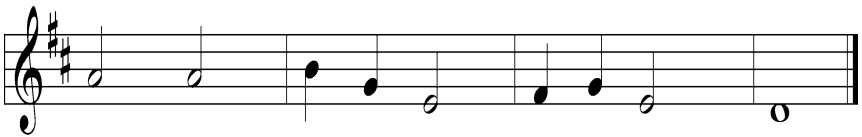
ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,  
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;  
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us  
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall  
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's  
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who  
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

*Pastor Christopher P. Vossler*

Goal: That the hearers would serve by the power of God.

I. Introduction

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II. Context

- Where does this incident take place?
- How did Peter and John help this man?

III. Text

- Where does Peter begin his speech to the gathered crowd?
- How does Peter share both Law and Gospel with the people?

IV. Application

- What is the purpose of our work in God’s Kingdom?

V. Conclusion

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## Offering

Offerings given to St Paul Lutheran Church go to the furtherance of God's Mission, here and abroad. If you wish to designate offering for a specific cause, please write in the memo line of your check or envelope: "Parking Lot" (for refinishing the parking lot), "Flowers" (for Altar flowers) or "Youth/NYG" (for the 2025 youth trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering). All other offerings will go into the general fund. If you wish to give a memorial offering, please write "Memorial," along with your loved one's name.

## *Stand*

## Prayer

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

#### Collect of the Day

- C** **O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

### Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

### New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

*Refrain*

**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*  
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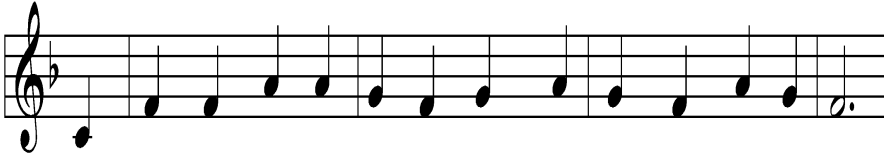
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## Blessing

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
  
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn:

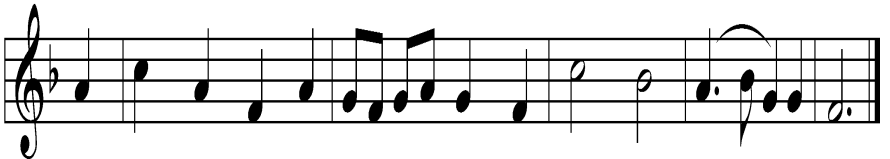
549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
 The wormwood and the gall,  
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
 And crown Him Lord of all.

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- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Dismissal for Sunday School

Dismissal for Youth Bible Study

**P**: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C**: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude

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**WELCOME:**

We join in welcoming our visitor's this morning. If you would please be sure to sign the guest book (Elders can direct you to the location), Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL
<b>SUNDAY:</b> <i>Sunday Worship Service 9:30am/Fellowship 10:30am/Council Meeting 11am</i>
<b>MONDAY:</b>
<b>TUESDAY:</b> <i>5pm Confirmation Class/Lifelight 7pm</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> <i>Ladies Aid 9am/Lifelight 1pm/Choir 7pm</i>
<b>THURSDAY:</b> <i>Pastor Hoogerhyde Bible Study 2:30pm/Trustees 6pm</i>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>
<b>SATURDAY:</b> <i>Band Rehearsal 4pm/ Game Night 7pm</i>
<b>SUNDAY :</b> <i>Sunday Worship Service with Communion 9:30am/Fellowship 10:30am/Bible Study 11am</i>

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD				
<b>OFFERINGS</b>	<b>NYG</b>	<b>Mom</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
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**This Sunday, 4/14, Council Meeting 11am ☺**

**Confirmation will take place on May 5**, with **Confirmation Questioning on May 4** at 7 PM. Everyone in the congregation is invited to come for the Confirmation Questioning to hear the students share what they have learned and what

they believe. We will have a potluck before the Questioning, starting at 6:00.

**Please be sure to update** any changes to your Phone #, address, email with the church office. Drop a note in the plate, send an email, leave a message, etc. We would like to keep the directory as current as possible. Thank you 😊

**Fellowship**-Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship this morning for refreshments and conversation! Refreshments are provided each Sunday by members of the congregation. If you would like to provide snacks for fellowship, please sign up on the clipboard by the kitchen.

*Game Night-Next Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm 😊*

**A BeauTEAful Attitude: May 10th**

Attitude is everything! Raeann Kusch, author of “The Personal Touch – Encouraging Others through Hospitality” will share uplifting stories to encourage us each to have BeauTEAful attitudes.

**Please RSVP by May 3, 2024** to Christy Martin [ckm57@me.com](mailto:ckm57@me.com) or 817-757-9577

There will also be a Sign up sheet on the fellowship board

## **Coming in May: Stewardship Month : Financial Peace University**

Have you ever asked yourself how you can become a better steward of all the resources and abilities that God has given you? If so, you're not alone. In May, we will look at all aspects of our lives as stewards of God's gifts to us. All of our Bible Studies, all of our worship services, will highlight specific areas of Stewardship and how our role as Steward (or "manager") impacts our whole Christian life. Starting with Confirmation **Sunday**, when we usher five newly-confirmed members into the next step of the Christian life.

Building off of Stewardship Month, join us this summer for **Financial Peace University**. If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting **today**. Join our FPU class starting on **Tuesday, June 4, 2024**, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Sign up on the bulletin board downstairs!



**LUTHERAN  
WOMEN IN MISSION  
PRAYER DAY/RALLY**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
2045 Lynn Street, Sanford, MI 48657  
8:30 am Registration  
9:00 am—12:00 pm**

**Prayer Service and Meeting  
Noon Lunch  
Theme: Grace, Mercy, Peace**

**Gifts from the Heart needs for St. Paul's  
Blessing Bags:**

**Wipes, lotion, sunscreen, comb or brush,  
toothbrush/toothpaste, dental floss, chapstick,  
deodorant, shaving cream/razor**

**Please RSVP to: Sandy Hoogerhyde  
(231-282-0847) or [Sandyhoogerhyde@yahoo.com](mailto:Sandyhoogerhyde@yahoo.com)  
Deadline for registration: April 19**

**Registration is \$5.00, payable at the door**

**LWML Rally on April 27<sup>th</sup>, making Blessing Bags**

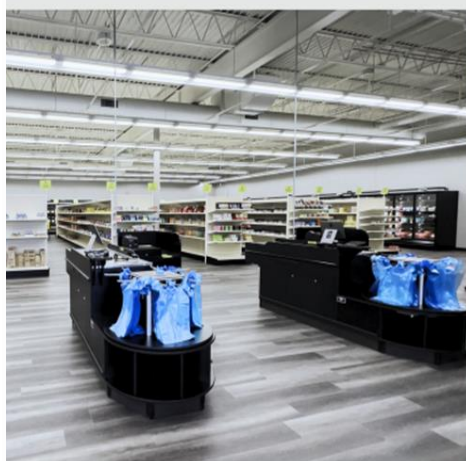
**Please join us for fellowship: All Ladies are welcome**



SERVING THE GREAT LAKES BAY REGION THROUGH  
AFFORDABLE FOOD



# GRAND OPENING



**APRIL 22, 12:00PM-2:00PM**

The Bridge Food Center, 1826 S. Saginaw Rd, Midland, MI

All are invited to celebrate this grand opening with a ribbon cutting, a tour of the space, and refreshments during your lunch hour.



For more information about youth group, Sunday School, youth bible study and events, please use the QR code to get to the form.



Held every 3 years since 1980, the **LCMS Youth Gathering** provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. *We encourage our Youth to share in the once in this lifetime opportunity to learn more about God's love attending "Endure" 2025. To be held July 19-23, 2025 in New Orleans*

**Prayer Request:** *If you or someone you know are in need of prayers please call or email Edna Rottiers at 989-687-9687 / [hughroottiers@gmail.com](mailto:hughroottiers@gmail.com) . Those with additional prayer request please complete a prayer slip and give to one of our Elders before the service or to one of the Ushers*

*during the offering. Your prayers are important and our Lord does promise to answer*

**Mission of the Month:** April, we are receiving offerings for the **Lutheran Hour Ministries**. This global media resource proclaims the Gospel to more than 136 million people worldwide each week, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian organizations are present.

Altar Guild representatives for April are Carolyn Sutton (631-3953) and Patty Billingsley



Flowers on the altar for our worship service this morning are provided by **Carolyn Sutton** in celebration of Ally's Birthday. *Happy Birthday, Ally!!* 😊

Would you like to beautify the altar with flowers for a worship service? The 2024 Altar Flower Sign-up is on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. Sign up now and pay for your flowers in the offering plate. After the service, you can enjoy your flowers at home for as long as they last. Just

remember to bring back the vase to reuse!

**Blacktop Project**-We are accepting donations to the Blacktop project as we work toward future upgrades.

**Pastoral Care:** Please contact the Pastor @ cell 973-303-8252, office 989-687-2209, or email [stpaulrev@tds.net](mailto:stpaulrev@tds.net). The Church Office (989-687-2824) / cell (989 859-9300) email [stpaulutheran@tds.net](mailto:stpaulutheran@tds.net), or Deacon Don Barnard (989-751-7726) email: [stpauldeacon@tds.net](mailto:stpauldeacon@tds.net) or [esocidnator01@gmail.com](mailto:esocidnator01@gmail.com) if you or anyone you know are in need of a visit from the Pastor or Deacon whether it's an illness, hospitalization, nursing home or shut-in. It is important to us that we receive these communications to plan a call or visitation. May God's blessings be upon you today and every day!



## **Wanted: volunteers to help with Youth Activities**

Vacation Bible School is coming up on June 17th - 21st, and we are very excited for this opportunity to bless the youth of our congregation and community! Much of the ground work has already been accomplished, but there is more to be done over the coming months. The Youth Ministry Board is looking for volunteers to help with youth activities (including joining the Youth Ministry Board). If you are willing to serve in this valuable role, please talk to Andrea McDonald or Pastor Vossler.



**Please be sure** to lock up and turn **off** the lights when leaving Church.

## **Sanford Food Pantry:**

Current needs for the food pantry:

**Boxed Potatoes/Mashed/Au gratin/Scalloped.** There are refillable canvas bags from the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry available on the food pantry table in the fellowship hall. The bags have a suggested list of items and instructions. You may take these bags home and place the purchased items in the bag and return it to the church. The bags will be delivered to the Sanford Food Pantry the last week of the month. The empty bags will be returned to the church to be used again. *Thank you for all of the items and monetary donations. Please remember that the food pantry does not accept expired or dietary food*

### **#Up Coming Events#**

*Game Night-This Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm*

**LWML Rally on April 27th**

**Ladies' Aid Tea**-May 10<sup>th</sup>, please RSVP to Christy by May 3rd



**Spring Clean up** work  
bee-May 18<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm

<b>SERVING</b>	This Week 4/14	Next Week 4/21
<b>Flowers:</b>	Carolyn Sutton	Open
<b>Music:</b>	Heidi Stecker	Sara Glynn-Dishaw
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	Pastor Christopher Vossler	Pastor Christopher Vossler
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Carolyn Sutton	Tim & Sharon Hakes
<b>Ushers</b>	Demond Shaw & Stephanie Cuyler	Demond Shaw & Stephanie Cuyler
<b>Acolytes</b>	Garrett & Jeffrey	Madison & Sam
<b>Greeters</b>	Julie VanKuiken	Marilyn Bowen

## **Read the Bible in a Year!**

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training*

*in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

For Christians – and especially for Lutherans – nothing is more important than God’s Word. God speaks to us

through His Word, and we do well to listen to what He has to say to us. That is why regular devotions and prayer and Scripture reading are so important for our spiritual life.

It's always a good time to start a plan to read the Bible! And in fact, you can read through the entire Bible in a year, with only 15-20 minutes per day. Are you worried that the Bible might be too much for you to read in a single year? There are resources that can help. One option that is available is on your smartphone: Download the YouVersion Bible App and look up the "Reformation Reading Plan," which was developed by the Michigan District to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

If you don't have a smartphone, you can follow this reading plan in the bulletin every week, along with suggested readings from Luther's Small Catechism. Note that whatever day you start the reading plan in the app will be "Day 1," so you may find yourself on a different day than what is in the bulletin.

## Daily Readings:

Days 169-175	Reading	Catechism
Monday	Acts 20: 1-12, 1 Samuel 24, 25	The Close of the Commandments
Tuesday	Acts 20: 13-38, 1 Samuel 26, 27, 28, 29	The Apostles' Creed
Wednesday	Acts 21: 1-36, 1 Samuel 30, 31	The First Article (Part 1)
Thursday	Acts 21: 37-40, Acts 22: 1-29, 2 Samuel 1, 2, 3, 4	The First Article (Part 2)
Friday	Acts 22: 30, Acts 23, 2 Samuel 5, 6, 7	The First Article (Part 3)
Saturday	Proverbs 12: 1-18, Psalms 79, 80	The Second Article (Part 1)
Sunday	Acts 4: 1-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3: 16-24, John 10: 11-18	The Second Article (Part 2)

## Daily Devotion Resources:

Daily Prayers for Morning, Noon, Evening, Close of Day (LSB 294-298)/*Treasury of Daily Prayer*/Portals of Prayer

Prayer Requests:

- Youth in the Church, especially our Confirmands
- Our Shut-ins
- Pastors of our congregation and Synod, and for increase in the numbers of Seminary students for future Pastors