+The Divine Service+

The Second Sunday of Easter | April 27, 2025 | 8AM



THE INCREDULUTY OF ST. THOMAS, CARAVAGGIO.

The Divine Service

When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **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.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.
- C Amen.



The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

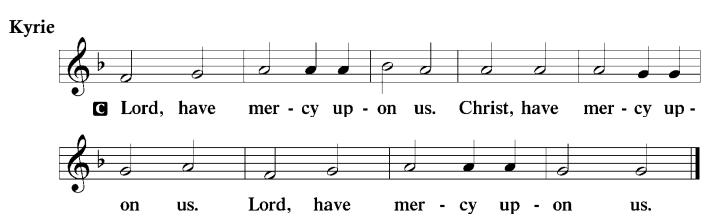
Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

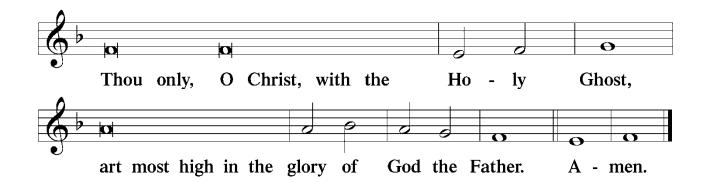


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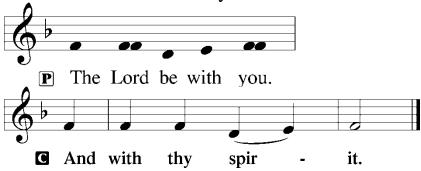


Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187 O P Glory be to God on high: • and on earth peace, good - will toward we bless Thee, we wor-ship We praise Thee, Thee, men. we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Christ; Je - sus Lamb of God, O Lord God, Son the Father, of O 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. O O 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.



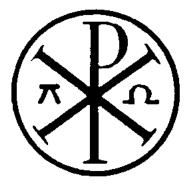
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





Sit
First Reading
Acts 5:12–32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Revelation 1:4–18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

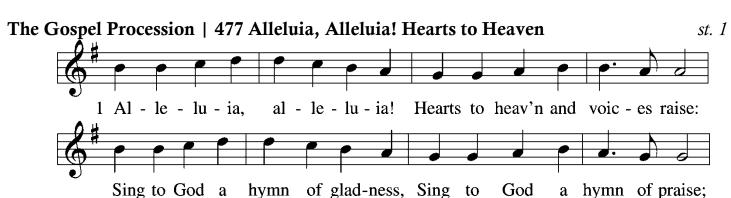
¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

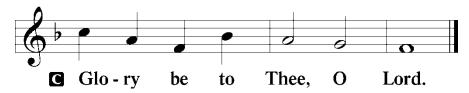






Holy Gospel *John 20:19–31*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



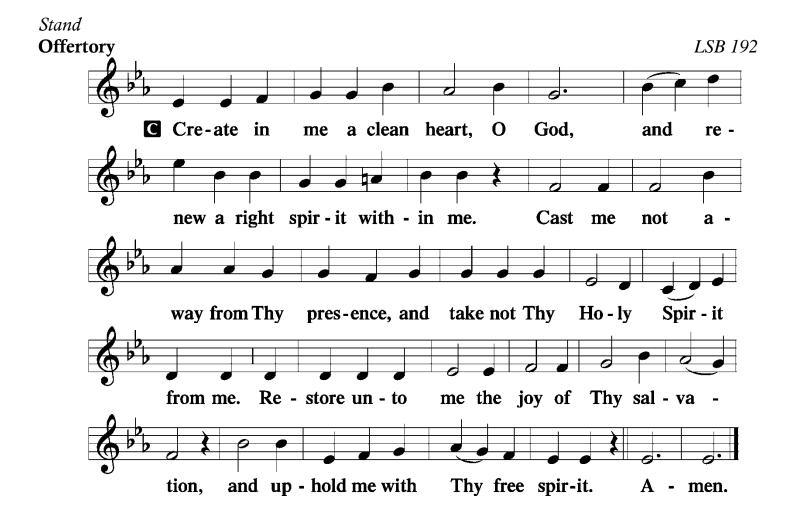
Sit

Hymn of the Day | 472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!
- C Amen.



Sit **The Offering**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

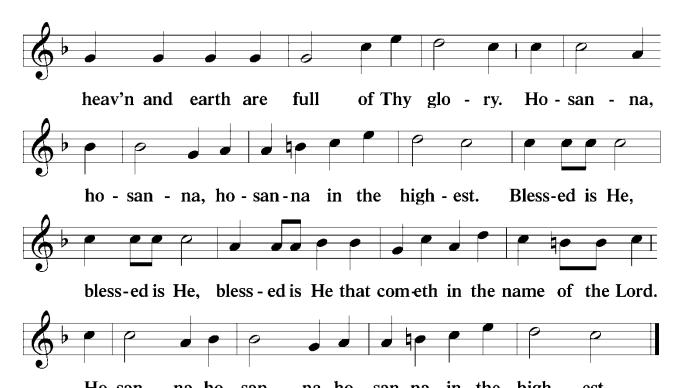
The Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



men.



Sit **Distribution**

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

The Choir sings "In Joseph's Lovely Garden"

Distribution Hymn | 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Distribution Hymn | 480 He's Risen, He's Risen

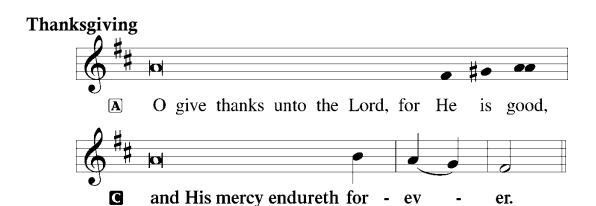
Distribution Hymn | 484 Make Songs of Joy

The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.



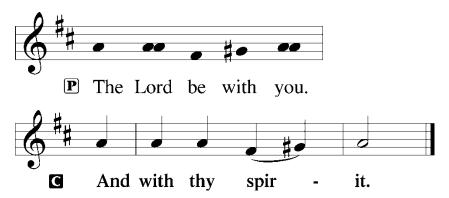


Post-Communion Collect

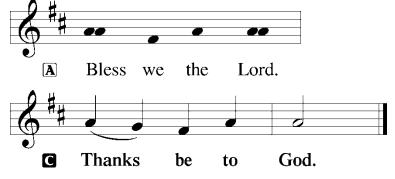
A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



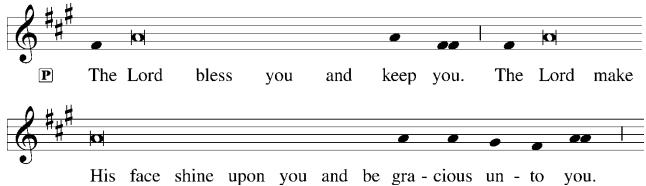
Salutation



Benedicamus LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202





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



Hymn to Depart | 482 This Joyful Eastertide



Jesus and Thomas

A Meditation on the Word of God | John 20:19-31

I like Thomas. Not just because Thomas is my middle name. I like Thomas because he is not naïve. Maybe you've heard the phrase 'once-bitten, twice-shy.' That's Thomas. This morning, he is reluctant to believe reports about the Lord's resurrection. Why? Thomas had followed Jesus around for three years, believing he was the One to redeem Israel. Then, Thomas saw our Lord's hands driven through with nails. I don't imagine you'd be quick to believe a tale about the resurrection after that. Thomas is a skeptic: he's not going to believe unless there is proof.

Also, Thomas wasn't there on Sunday evening. He wasn't with the other disciples who saw the Lord risen the first time. Some people prefer to be alone with their grief. More dangerously, some isolate themselves away from the body of Christ. That is a dangerous place to be spiritually: alone, without the company of your believing brothers and sisters. Thomas alone isn't getting any better. Help comes only when Thomas is gathered with the Church.

People call him doubting Thomas. I don't think this is a fair criticism. Thomas was no more doubting than the other ten of those Apostles. There is something about the statement he makes: "Unless I see the nails—I will never believe" that rings <u>true</u>. Thomas needs the presence of the risen Lord Jesus for his faith. THIS IS TRUE! The same is true for you and me. Unless Jesus comes to us with his crucified and risen body, we will never believe either.

Thomas is the patron saint of my generation, the millenials. If there is one thing that is true about millenials, we are skeptics. Our whole life we've been marketed to, sold a bill of goods by companies, politicians, you name it. All of this selling and marketing has made us jaded. Millenials feel like all institutions, from the Church to the government have let them down. Most all of our greatest heroes have been involved with scandals. It doesn't seem like there is anyone we can admire and believe in. We meet everyone with a healthy dose of suspicion. Like Thomas, we're not going to believe you until you prove yourself to us.

That's why I think Thomas is culturally relevant. See how our Lord helps Thomas. He doesn't chide him for his reluctance to believe. He gives him what he asks for. There is a difference between Thomas and you and me: Thomas got to see him with his eyes—we have not seen the risen Jesus with our eyes...yet. But! Jesus saves a blessing for you and me. **Blessed are those who haven't seen and yet believe**. And—even more important point!—*Jesus gives to you and me the exact same thing he gave to Thomas*! His presence. His Word. His Absolution. Jesus is with us in worship. If he wasn't, we'd be just like Thomas: stuck in unbelief.

Finally, Jesus is present with his Church in his body and blood. We don't see his risen flesh. We eat it. We don't see his redeeming blood. We drink it. Again and again, if Jesus wasn't physically present with his Church, we wouldn't believe either. But Christ is with us. His presence and Spirit enlivens our faith and casts the shades of skepticism and doubt away. His Word brings comfort and blessing. We leave Church changed people, new people, by the power of the risen Christ who manifests himself to us today. Thanks be to God!

Announcements

St. Paul

Confirmation. We rejoice with our eight catechumens who will be confirmed next Sunday at St. Paul. In the late service, we will have the examination of confirmands. Next Sunday, the Rite of Confirmation will take place in the late service. There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School next week, so that we can take pictures in the sanctuary before the service.

Each Mother's Day, Right to Life of Northeast Indiana partners with area churches to honor the calling of motherhood with beautiful flowers. Honor a mother in your life by picking up a **carnation** for her while supporting the pro-life mission. Carnations will be available on **Sunday, May 11th.** Suggested donation of \$2 per stem. To learn more about the work of RLNI, visit ichooselife.org. We "Thank you" for your continued prayers and support for LIFE!

Noodles. From the Ladies Aid: We will be making noodles in June two weeks in a row. Starting Sunday, June 15 with set up after church. We'll make noodles on the 16,17,18, bag on the 19th, rest then start again on the 22nd making the loaves and then cutting them into noodles the 23, 24, 25. with bagging and clean up in the 26th. All are invited to come and help! We start at 8am on the week days and try to finish up by 1-2pm. Also, lunch is a carry-in.

A huge thank you to everyone who made Holy Week and Easter such a blessed time at St. Paul's this year: Norm Schueler for the Easter breakfast, Brian Steiner on Altar Guild, everyone who bought flowers and donated for the breakfast, parents and youth who served in the kitchen, the choir for their beautiful singing and music under Connie Garner's talent and direction, deacons, groundskeepers...and if I have forgotten you, you too. What a glorious week. Thank you, thank you. —Pastor Yeager

Wyneken

Class of 2027 Mother's Day Chicken Fundraiser - Support the class of 2027 by purchasing delicious chicken! Reach out to a current grade 6 student to purchase your pre-sale tickets now through April 30! Chicken halves are \$10 and will be available to pick up on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11 from 9:30am-12:30pm at Bingen, Preble, or Friedheim. All orders must be claimed during the designated pickup period. Checks may be made payable to "Wyneken".

Assistant AD Sought. Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is seeking an assistant athletic director for the 2025-2026 school year. For additional information, please contact Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

Wyneken Childcare is excited to offer Summer Care starting May 23rd-August 12th. We will be open 7am-5:30pm. If interested, please contact Janine Albert at childcare@wyneken.org for a schedule of all the fun things we have going on!

Wyneken Annual Spring Association Meeting: The annual spring association meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, April 29 in school gymnasium. *The agenda of the meeting, along with the proposed budget, are in the narthex for members to pick up today.*

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, April 26 8AM-12PM Examination Prep-Day for Confirmands Sunday, April 27 8AM The Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Service

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

10:15AM The Second Sunday after Easter—Matins

The Examination of Confirmands takes place in the late service

Tuesday, April 29 9:30AM Early Bird Bible Class—St. John Bingen

7PM Association Meeting, Wyneken Gymnasium

Wednesday, April 30 7PM Divine Service

Sunday, May 4 **8AM The Third Sunday of Easter—Matins**

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

10:15AM The Third Sunday after Easter—Divine Service

The Rite of Confirmation takes place in late service

Confirmation Class of 2025

We rejoice with the eight confirmands of the 2025 class here at St. Paul. These children will be confirmed in the faith on May 4 and will receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar as communicant members of our Church. Rejoice!

For faithful parents and sponsors who bring their children up in the fear of the Lord—for children who learn in obedience to their parent's instruction—for the growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit grants unto his people through the Word: we give thanks to God this day!

Harmon James Duke Bluhm

Born: September 20, 2010 Baptized: October 17, 2010

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Kyle and Amanda Bluhm

Sponsor: Matt Walters; witness, Brian Bluhm

Verse: "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will

have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

August Lawrence Fuelling

Born: January 29, 2011 Baptized: March 13, 2011

Baptized at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fuelling, Ind.

Parents: Dane and Jen Fuelling

Sponsors: Mario and Haley Buono and Brad Fuelling

Verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

German: Ich vermag alles durch Christus, der mich mächtig macht.

Emelia Louise Hoffman

Born: August 4, 2011 Baptized: September 4, 2011

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Nicholas and Rebecca Hoffman Sponsors: Sarah Tharp and Amanda Borne

Verse: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

Heinrich Christian Nussbaum

Born: March 11, 2011 Baptized: March 20, 2011

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Nicholas and Kristan Nussbaum

Sponsor: Todd Steiner

Verse: "So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along

with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." 2 Timothy 2:22

Charles Timothy Faurote

Born: July 28, 2010 Baptized: August 15, 2010

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Benjamin and Catherine Faurote Sponsors: Jeremiah Ford and Lisa Girardot

Verse: "The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels."

Revelation 3:5

Oliver Hadley Faurote

Born: April 30, 2010 Baptized: May 16, 2010

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Sean and Jennifer Faurote

Sponsors: Heidi Clark and Eric Brege; witness: Cadence Faurote

Verse: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

Kara Marie Smith

Born: October 29, 2010 Baptized: November 14, 2010

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Edward and Julie Smith

Sponsors: Lynn Brege and Penny Smith

Verse: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for

evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Ashlyn Rae Vogel

Born: July 15, 2010 Baptized: August 8, 2010

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Eric Vogel and Angie Kolter

Sponsors: Sandy Kolter, Amy Villagomez, and Tyra Kolter

Verse: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you,

I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Prayer of the Church

- +Sick and recovering: Carol Moughler, Marcia Selking, Carol Selking.
- +**Those who rejoice**: Bryan and Karley Walker on the birth of a son, Clayton James.
- +Wyneken: our teachers, Karrie Fuhrmann, students, staff, and childcare.
- +Expectant mothers: Kelly Skove, Danielle Meshberger.
- +**The Homebound**: Laurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Cedarhurst Fort Wayne); Gene Bulmahn (Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Assisted living facility—Chesterton, Indiana).
- +Birthdays 4/27-5/3: Luke Ainsworth, Sarah Enterline, Keaton Steiner, Barry Melcher.

Acolytes 4/27

8AM Jazper Huff

10:15AM Andrew Yeager II

Attendance

Maundy Thursday 4/17: 86 Easter Sunrise 4/20: 109

Good Friday 4/18: 128 Easter Day 4/20: 228

Stewardship

Offering 4/13: \$6,834.12 Online: \$411.52 Total F.T.W.: \$7,245.64

vs. weekly goal (of \$9,675): -\$2,840.88 Y.T.D.: -\$44,781.66



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