

The Messenger

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With the arrival of our Easter joy, I'm reminded of an old German Easter hymn.

Jesus lebt! mit ihm auch ich!
Tod, wo sind nun deine schrecken?
Er, er lebt und wird auch mich
Von den todten auserwecken:
Er verklärt mich in sein licht;
Dies sit meine zuversicht.

These words were penned by Christian Fürchtegott Gellert (say that ten times, *schnell!*), son of a Lutheran pastor and born in 1715. He studied theology at Leipzig, intending to follow his father into the ministry. However, writing sermons and preaching from a manuscript was forbidden (and still is in some places in Lutheranism), and his memory was quite terrible, so that did not work out. He “resurrected” his career by resuming studies later, becoming a teacher of philosophy and poetry.

Jesus lives! I also live with him!
Death, where are your terrors now?
He lives! And it is so with me,
Raised from the dead,
He transfigures me in his light;
This is my confidence

Jesus lives and so it is with me. Those words stick with me. The Easter joy does not end with the resurrection of Jesus. The power of his resurrection spills over into the entirety of the created order, even to you and to me. “Jesus lives and so do I!”

This puts a question in front of us. Are we alive? There is a very curious line in the Gospel accounts of the resurrection of Jesus – tombs were opened and many people were brought back from the dead. In Matthew 27:52-53, we read “the tombs broke open, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After Jesus’ resurrection, when they had come out of the tombs, they entered the holy city and appeared to many people.”

We often gloss right over that part in the story, but it tells us something crucial about resurrection – it is like an uncontrollable flood! The power of resurrection spills out everywhere. In Gellert’s words, “He lives, and so it is with me!”

But is it so with us? Do we proclaim Easter joy, and then go on with business as usual? There is a real temptation for us to treat our Christian life as merely a matter of societal nicety. Easter, which is 50 days, not just one, can so easily become about the cultural, commercial distractions, instead of being about resurrection for all of us.

He transfigures me in his light; this is my confidence.

Resurrection should be life changing for us. It should be transformative for us. No longer can we go on the autopilot of cultural Christianity which goes through the motions. No longer can our churches, whether in our own area, our nation, or our world, operate as dealers of a commodity, responsible to a shareholders meeting.

We are the very resurrected body of Jesus Christ in this world. We are proclaimers that because Jesus Christ lives, we too can live right in the here and now! Transformed, transfigured, eternal life is not just some pie-in-the-sky notion for after we take our final breath, but it is for here and now. The power of Jesus' resurrection spills into our lives and should be shaking us up so that we and our churches can NEVER be the same – forever changed.

So the question – are we alive or are we stuck in the tombs of our own creation and unwilling to come out and experience a world and a church where the old has passed away and God is doing a new thing? This question should now be at the forefront of everything we do in church, from meetings, to discussions, to decisions, to worship, to discernment of who we are called to be and what we as church are called to do in our community. It is no longer about us, but about the One who burst forth from the tomb and invites the entire world into resurrected life.

Jesus lebt! Mit ihm auch ich!
Jesus lives, and so do I!



We will be collecting offerings on the first Sunday of each month to go towards the Lutheran World Relief efforts in Ukraine. Lutheran World Relief is committing \$3 million to respond to this crisis and are on the ground working with partners in and around Ukraine to rapidly develop programming plans based on short- and long-term needs. As part of this response, they are providing emergency funds to Ukrainian refugee families in Poland. Cash will be distributed at Lutheran churches throughout southwest Poland. To help Ukrainian families who have fled to safety, Lutheran World Relief is air-lifting Personal Care Kits and Mission Quilts that were pre-positioned in their Dubai warehouse as part of their first response. They are grateful for the thousands of Lutherans across the United States whose care and generosity have made it possible for them to respond immediately.

As Christians, we trust that after this life, we'll be safe with God in heaven. What heaven is like is a mystery, but we rely on images from the Bible, including "the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven" (Revelation 21:2). Wait — what? Usually we imagine going "up" to God. What a difference to picture God's city, and God himself, "coming down" to us!

When we travel from the place we know best to visit others, no matter how much we love them we usually don't feel "at home." On the other hand, when I went from college to visit my parents and sisters, I was immediately at home, not just physically but emotionally.

Revelation 21:3 (NRSV) says, "The home of God is among mortals." God is "at home" with us! He knows our routines, understands how we live, fits right in. We don't have to behave in any special way, like for "company," because God is family. He "gets" us and loves us. Best of all, because God is at home with us, we can be at home with God.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

First Communion



As a part of the joint worship service and picnic to be held at Tuckahoe State Park on June 12th, Pastor Moyers will be offering First Communion for our youth who have not yet received the Sacrament. Instruction sessions will be offered at Grace Lutheran on June 6th at 7pm and St. Paul's Lutheran on June 10th at 7pm. If you are not able to make it to one of those sessions, please let Pastor know and he will offer a one-on-one instruction with your first communicant!

Do you travel a lot in the warm months?

Some of us are gone a lot, especially on weekends, through the warmer months - the opposite of "snow birds!" Beginning after Memorial Day, the Thursday evening service at St. Paul's will be at 6:15pm and offer Holy Communion. So, if you are gone a lot on the weekends, you still have an opportunity to worship and receive the Sacrament, whether at 12:00 noon on Wednesdays at Grace Lutheran or 6:15pm on Thursdays at St. Paul's Lutheran. If you cannot make it on Sunday, make one of these days YOUR Sunday!



Have you checked out our Shared Ministry Facebook page?

You can follow what is going on between the two congregations, along with accessing livestreams/recordings of the daily liturgies, along with finding other information and announcements, at www.facebook.com/shorelutherans. This is also a great way to see photos of the great things that happen in our congregations!

May 8 Last Day of Sunday School

May 22 Blessing of the Community Garden

June 12 Picnic at Tuckahoe State Park and First Communion

June 27–July 1 Vacation Bible School

October 1 Oktoberfest at Tuckahoe Steam and Gas



*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Members of St. Paul's: Jane Asche, Gordon Behrens, Gerda Fisher, Lisa Fisher, Ursula Kadolph, Roy Lane, Conroy Marth, Pastor Donald McClean, Edith Roe, Else Ross, Richard Sump, and Delores Mullikin.

Friends of St. Paul's: Erin Bartz, Lisa Callahan, Bonnie Chambers, Glynn Chambers, Hunter Clough, Michael Eaton (brother of Rosemary Spies), Mary Frantz, Lyn Fuller, Dorothy Hiner, Katelyn Howard, Darren Leonard, Mary Ellen Leaverton, Jim and Diane Lewis, (mother and father of Jamie and Jeff Lewis and mother and father in-law of Michelle and Meredith Lewis), Michael Mumford (son of Dale & Betty Jean Mumford), John Rickwood, and Cade Wineke. We pray for those serving in the military: Tessa Heller, Hunter Priest and Victoria Jacobs.

SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

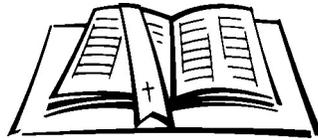
May 1 Beth Roesel

May 8 Robert Saathoff, Sr.

May 15 Stevi Saathoff

May 22 Betty Jean Mumford

May 29 Donna Stevens



Marian Davis

May 1 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

May 8 Donna Stevens and Debbie Dudrow

May 15 Lee Moore and Lee Heinsohn

May 22 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

May 29 Kathy Barletta and Lyn Hollingsworth



Tellers

May 1 Donna and Clay Stevens

May 8 Bobby and Donna Saathoff

May 15 Available

May 22 Casey Cep

May 29 Ricky and Debbie Dudrow



Altar Flowers



Communion Assistants

May 1 Henry Hollingsworth

May 8 Betty Jean Mumford

May 15 Bobbie Leaverton

May 22 Fred Meers

May 29 Mike Hiner

Acolyte

Crucifer

May 1 Joshua Lewis

Gavin Corley

May 8 Declan Corley

May 15 Corey Fisher

Morgan Sauca

May 22 Avery Rice

May 29 Couper Barletta



Acolytes & Crucifers

Ushers

May 1 Alfred and Stevi Saathoff

May 8 Keith Davis and Donnie Davis

May 15 Lee Moore and Lee Heinsohn

May 22 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

May 29 Kathy Barletta and Lyn Hollingsworth

Ushers & Greeters

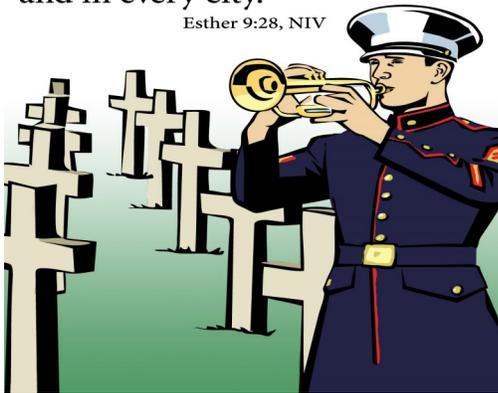


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**THESE DAYS SHOULD BE
REMEMBERED AND OBSERVED**
in every generation by every
family, and in every province
and in every city.

Esther 9:28, NIV



National Day of Prayer, *May 5, 2022*

Mother's Day, *May 8, 2022*

Armed Forces Day, *May 21, 2022*

Ascension Day, *May 26, 2022*

Memorial Day, *May 30, 2022*

Becoming angry is quite easy. The difficult part, as Aristotle observed, is “to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose and in the right way.” That, he added, “is not within everybody’s power.”

But with God’s power — and prayer — we can resist the pull of anger. Use these Scripture-inspired words: “Teach us, O God, how to keep our cool when provoked, exercising patience and self-control so we can think wisely and creatively about how to handle stress calmly, after the heat of the moment has passed. Help us choose our associates wisely, avoiding those who are hot-tempered and easily angered. Help us choose your way of handling anger, rather than our own, so we might conquer harmful impulses by doing good. In the name of Christ, who showed us how to use anger for good rather than evil. Amen.”

Vacation Bible School

June 27-July 1

Students will learn that everything we have comes from God and that by turning to God in prayer, all our needs are met.



June 12 at 11 AM
Tuckahoe State Park
Joint Service with Grace
First Communion
Luncheon to Follow



October 1, 2022

Tuckahoe Steam & Gas

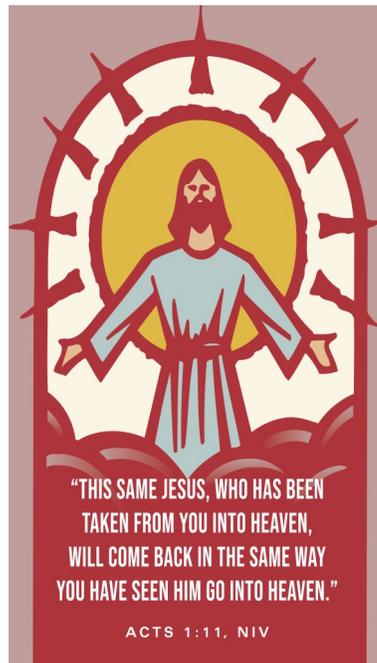


The family of Margaret Asche wishes to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and support received from their church family at St. Paul's.

Thank you!



- 5/2 ROSE MARIE FUCHS
- 5/4 LYN HOLLINGSWORTH
- 5/5 GORDON BEHRENS
- 5/7 TAYLOR STEVENS
- 5/8 MADDY SAUCA
- 5/10 HAYDEN HOLLINGSWORTH
- 5/10 EASTON BRENNER
- 5/14 BENNETT SUMP
- 5/20 BRUCE LEAVERTON
- 5/26 KATELIN CEP
- 5/28 DANIELLE CANNON
- 5/29 DONNA SAATHOFF
- 5/29 BENNETT WALLS



"If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning."

—Unknown

"There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one." — Jill Churchill



God has been generous to us in many ways. We believe that sharing these gifts in His name is a tangible way of expressing one's faith. As active Christians, we are called to give generously to assist our neighbors through our time, talents and treasures. During this time of pandemic, you may not feel comfortable attending services in-person but want to still send offerings to the church. This can be done by mailing offerings to the church or by using Tithe.ly.



The direct link to our Tithe.ly account is <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1747825>
If you are having trouble with setting up your account, please contact Donna Stevens.

If you have any questions about Tithe.ly, please contact Donna Stevens, Financial Secretary 410-820-7243 or dstevens62@icloud.com

St. Paul's Email Prayer ministry . . .

If you would like to add your name or a friend's name to the email prayer list or to receive prayers from our prayer ministry group, please email **Betty Jean Mumford** at bettyjmumford@hotmail.com

Please make sure you have the permission of the person you are adding, some people do not want to add their name to a public list.



On June 1, we are responsible for three shifts (8 am–11 am, 11am-2 pm, and 2pm –5 pm) at the Talbot Interfaith Shelter, as well as providing dinner. The sign-up is on the bulletin board outside the offices. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry. If you have any questions, you can contact Mike Hiner, 443-496-1383.

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Return Service Requested

Worship Service Begins at 8:15 am
Sunday School Begins After Church
Please inform the church office of any
changes in your personal information:
Address, phone number, marriage or
divorce, or new births so that we
can keep our records up-to-date.

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