



The Weekly Epistle

Second Sunday in Easter

April 7, 2024



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All Are Welcome: At St. Paul we welcome all to worship and share in God's love, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, background, life situation, or wherever you are in your faith journey.

All who Believe and are Baptized (from any church) are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion here.

A Word from Pastor Tony

Its been a rainy week here in town. One of those weeks that makes you wonder if the sun will ever shine again with the same brilliance you strain to remember. Rain and clouds are often used as metaphors. Usually it's negative, but not always. Jesus says it rains on the just and the unjust alike. In an agrarian society like 1st Century Judea, that rain was likely understood as a blessing. The truth of this teaching stands no matter how we perceive the metaphorical rains in our own lives. I've been good, that means I should get good. I've been bad, which means I should get bad. That's the way it should work, right?

Often in the midst of the rains we go searching for the reason in our own lives. We can *sometimes* bring ill on ourselves, and a searching moral inventory is never out of place; however, often the road to hell is paved with trying to blame ourselves for the pains of this life that are unavoidable and undeserved. Doing so has a nasty habit of digging away at one's faith. So, remember the Sun will shine again and, when it doesn't, always remember that God is puddle-hopping alongside you every step of the way. Easter Blessings!

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, April 9

Bible Study 10 A.M.
Lounge

Thursday, April 11

Prayerful Walkers 9 A.M.
Parking Lot

Friday, April 12

Piecemakers 10 A.M.
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 14

Choir practice 9 A.M.
Choir loft
Kids Sunday School 9 A.M.
Downstairs S.S. Room
Adult Bible Study 9 A.M.
Lounge
Worship 10 A.M.

APRIL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Youth Orchestra	3	4 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	5 10:00 AM Piecemakers	6
7 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	8	9 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Youth Orchestra	10	11 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 7:00 PM Council	12 10:00 AM Piecemakers 5-10 PM Synod Candidacy Committee	13 8 AM-2 PM Synod Candidacy Committee
14 9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir 10:00 AM Worship Service	15	16	17	18 7:00 PM Council	19 10:00 AM Piecemakers	20
21 9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir 10:00 AM Worship Service	22 6:00 PM PEO	23 10:00 AM Bible Study	24	25 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 7:00 PM Suncrest Neighborhood	26 10:00 AM Piecemakers 5-9 PM Synod Council	27 9:00 AM Lutheran Men in Mission @ Eat'n Park
28 9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir 10:00 AM Worship Service 3:30 PM Circle of Friends	29	30				

Our Hymns Today

- ◆ Opening Hymn: Green **#132**
- ◆ Psalm: 133, Green pg. 282
- ◆ Hymn of the Day: Green **#139**
- ◆ Communion Hymn: Green **#130**
- ◆ Closing Hymn: Green **#145**

Our Scripture Readings Today

- ◆ **Acts 4:32-35** New Testament **pg. 151**
- ◆ **1 John 1:1—2:2** New Testament **pg.304**
- ◆ **John 20:19-31** New Testament **pg. 144**

Page numbers are from the Good News Bibles located at the ends of the pews. **Large print** readings are available at the front door.

Serving Today:

Assisting Minister: **Steve Woodruff**
Lector: **Shabonne Grimm**
Usher: **Larry Springer**
Counters: **Kim Shockley & Bill Graham**
Broadcaster: **Stephanie Setley**

Serving April 14th:

Assisting Minister: **Matt Sampson**
Lector: **Larisa Mount**
Usher: **Dave Custer**
Counters: **Sally Kirkpatrick & Lillian Stevens**
Broadcaster: **Mike & Jen Peters**

Announcements

- ◆ **Communion today** will be at the rail. Please line-up in the center aisle and proceed forward to the rail, filling in from outside toward center. Return to your pew down side aisle on your side of the Church.
- ◆ **Grape juice & gluten free wafers are available**, just ask for them at the rail.
- ◆ If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive, please let the usher know and the bread and wine will be brought to you.
- ◆ The **altar flowers** are given by Sally Kirkpatrick in memory of her mother, Lois.
- ◆ Next week, worship will be led by Chaplain Erzkus from the Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU.
- ◆ The Monongalia Symphony Orchestra, which has been practicing in our building, will hold their spring concert on April 14, 6 PM at the National Guard Readiness Center. The Youth Orchestra will perform at 4 PM the same day. Pieces by Dvorak and Coleridge-Taylor are on the program.
- ◆ Please **take this sheet home** and visit **StPaulMorgantown.org** for more information.

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