

**Saint Paul Lutheran Church
Preble**

Sermon: "The Feast of Victory"

- I. The Lord's Supper is the Church's Feast.
- II. There would be no victory without the resurrection of Christ.
- III. Our Feast of Victory is the greatest feast because we have the greatest victory!

P: Lord, in your mercy **C:** Hear our prayer:

The Communicants

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

This week's meetings

The Nation

Our Sick & Shut-in:

Birthdays: Jamie Miller, Tom Korte, Tim Korte, Paula Werling, Matt Reinhart,
Craig Gilbert, Emmett Dicke

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am: 126 10:15am: 146 Bible Class: 80

Maundy Thursday Service: 87 Good Friday Service: 140

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$6,295.95

(+) or (-) Weekly: -\$885.75 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$27,874.07

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: 6am Easter Sunrise Divine Service

7:15-8:30am Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall

NO Sunday School or Adult Bible Class

9am Easter, Divine Service

Monday: [Easter Monday; no Wyneken School]

6:30pm Luther Movie (see notes)

Tuesday: 6-7am Early Bird Bible Study

9:30am-4pm Circuit Pastors meeting at the seminary

3:30pm Burial, Bernita Haines (see notes)

6pm Elders meeting

7pm Church Council meeting

Wednesday: 8:20am Wyneken Chapel

9am and 1pm Kinderchapel

12pm Pastor has Worship for Shut-ins meeting

7pm Voters meeting

7pm Choir Practice

Thursday: 5pm Gently Used Sale set up

7pm Ladies Aid meeting

7pm Vacation Bible School Organizational meeting

Friday: 8am-4pm Gently Used Sale

Saturday: 8-11am Gently Used Sale

Next Sunday: 8am, Divine Service

9:15am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

10:15am, Matins

11:30am Teachers Klenke & Smith Anniversary Recognitions (see notes)

Noon Meal begins for Rebecca Klenke's Anniversary Recognition

3pm LLL/LWML Spring Rally of the Decatur Zone (see notes)

NEWS AND NOTES April 16, 2017

⊕ During Communion distribution, the Communion hymn is sung. As long as people are still communing, the next consecutive hymns in the hymnal are sung. We do not stand for doxological hymn verses during Communion distribution.

⊕ Today is Easter Sunday. He is risen! He is risen indeed! We celebrate our Lord's resurrection with a sunrise service (6am) and another Feast of the Resurrection service at 9am. The youth-served Easter breakfast will be from around 7:15-8:30am.

⊕ Our two Easter services have some differences. The Sunrise Service will involve the re-lighting of the candles and the re-brightening of the church. This corresponds to the gradual darkening that occurred at our Good Friday "Tenebrae" service. Also in the 6am service the Sermon Hymn is the liturgical song, "This is the Feast of Victory", found on page 155 of the hymnal. Each service will begin with a processional, and also have a Gospel-processional for the Gospel reading. Each service also has special responsive sentences after the opening hymn. We will also observe a recessional during our closing hymn.

⊕ All are invited and encouraged to attend today's youth-sponsored Easter Breakfast (approximately 7:15-8:30am). Money donated will go to defray cost of food and to assist the youth in their "OASIS" activities.

⊕ Reminder: Due to the change of our worship schedule and due to the Easter Breakfast, today there will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class.

⊕ Our sister in Christ, Bernita Haines, departed this life on April 1. Her funeral was April 7. Unfortunately, with the heavy rains there were problems with the planned grave-site. Bernita will be buried this Tuesday at 3:30pm at a different grave-site in our cemetery.

⊕ For those who purchased tickets to see the new Luther movie, this is a reminder that it will be tomorrow evening at 6:30pm at the Carmike Theaters in Ft. Wayne. We thank the members of Bingen for inviting us to see this movie. The movie was recently made and is being shown as we, this year, commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

⊕ Our Wyneken parents who attend worship here with their Wyneken children are reminded to initial their column on the special books in the narthex. We have begun another 6 months of record keeping for attendance. Recall that each family with their Wyneken children must attend at least 14 services at the church to retain their member tuition status.

⊕ It's that time again. As part of their fundraising efforts for their 2019 Washington DC trip, the 6th graders are selling tickets for Nelson's chicken starting this weekend for the Mother's Day Sale. The chickens will be delivered Sunday **May 14** between 10:00-12:00. The cost is \$7. Tickets can be obtained from any Wyneken 6th grader or by contacting Laura Kukulhan at 223-3828 or Amy Walker at 223-1648. You can also email orders to chickentickets@yahoo.com. Thanks!

⊕ Greeters for today are Connie Jeffrey and Barb Wiegmann.

⊕ We would like to thank all who enhanced our worship this Lenten/Easter season. There were those who decorated, those who were involved with special music, those who were involved with the Easter breakfast, those who were involved directly with the worship service, and others. May God be glorified by all we do!

⊕ In honor of our resurrected Savior, tomorrow will be a holiday for our Wyneken School.

⊕ Elders and Church Council will meet this TUESDAY, April 18 at 6pm and 7pm. The quarterly Voters meeting will be this Wednesday, April 19 at 7pm.

⊕ **GENTLY USED SALE! Also Bake Sale & Noodles** - We will be having our Gently Used sale **Friday April 21, 2017 from 8 AM-4 PM and Saturday April 22, 2017 from 8AM - 11AM. \$2.00 a bag on Saturday.** Items for the Gently Used Sale may be brought to church and left in the fellowship hall after late worship services on

Sunday **April 16**. NO TVS! We will also be having a bake sale along with the Gently used sale. If you would like to donate baked goods you may do so by dropping them off in the kitchen **Thursday, Friday or Saturday.**

⊕ With a view toward this year being the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Early Bird Bible Study is studying the profoundly Biblical Augsburg Confession. This Bible Study meets every Tuesday 6-7am, and is open to anyone desiring to attend. It is taught by the three "Wyneken" pastors (Brege, Dahling, Brock).

⊕ YOUTH NEWS: **April 16:** Serve Easter Breakfast (check times). **April 17:** Reformation 500 Movie Night at Carmike Cinemas. **April 30:** FUNdraiser Benefit 3:30pm. **June 3:** Kickball Tournament Fundraiser at Wyneken 10am. **June 11-17:** 8th Grade Alpha Retreat at Camp Arcadia. **June 18-22:** "A Mighty Fortress" Vacation Bible School at Wyneken. **June 24-July 1:** HS Youth Mission Trip & Higher Things Youth Conf. in San Antonio, TX. Copies of the OASIS calendar are available in the narthex.

⊕ Vacation Bible School Organizational meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 20 at 7pm in the Wyneken Algebra room. All youth & adult volunteers are asked to attend this meeting. The dates for VBS are June 18-22, 2017.

⊕ **Praise Be to God! and Congratulations!** We celebrate with Mrs. Julie Smith (Grade 6 teacher) for **10 years** of faithful service in the teaching ministry and with Ms. Rebecca Klenke (Resource teacher) for **40 years** of faithful service in the teaching ministry! Praise be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for faithful teachers who serve at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. All past and current Wyneken families and students are invited to a celebration for Ms. Rebecca Klenke's teaching 40th anniversary dinner and open house to be held on Sunday, April 23, 11:30am, in the Wyneken cafeteria. Fellowship will begin at 11:30am with lunch being served at 12pm.

⊕ Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School Board is seeking a part-time Business Assistant to serve up to 20 hours per week. This salaried position provides coordination of the business affairs and management of financial resources of Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. Interested individuals should have a degree in business, finance, accounting, or equivalent work experience and should be able to begin their on-site role at the start of July 2017. For more information please contact Mr. Andrew Gavrun (school principal) at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org. Applicants should submit resume with cover letter by April 18, 2017.

⊕ New Hope Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time preschool director/teacher. If you are interested in this opportunity to share the love of Christ with 3-5 year old children and their families, please call the New Hope church office at 260-622-7954 or

send a resume and cover letter to New Hope Lutheran Church, 8824 N. SR 1 Ossian, IN 46777.

⊕ Worship for Shut-Ins Scripture Readings and Sermon Summary for April 23 2017 - Second Sunday of Easter. Psalm 63:1-8; Epistle: I Peter 1:3-7; Gospel: John 20:19-31. **"In Trials, Rejoice!"** - Sermon Text: I Peter 1:3-7 by Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary ~ Ft. Wayne, IN. The apostle Peter encourages us to rejoice even in trials, and he tells us why we can do this. God has caused us to be born again to a living hope. Also, the genuineness of our faith is found through trials.

⊕ On April 23 at 4pm the mixed seminary choir (Schola Cantorum) will offer the Easter Choral Vespers. All are welcome to this uplifting, Christ-centered presentation.

⊕ A FUNdraiser benefitting Oasis Lutheran Youth Fellowship will be held Sunday, April 30, 2017 in the Wyneken Cafetorium. The Euchre tournament begins at 3:30pm with silent auction, Germany trip presentation, and Spaghetti dinner at 5:30pm. Pre-sale tickets are \$18.00 per person or 2 for \$35.00. Tickets will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings from the youth planning team or by contacting Mr. Horning: (260) 301-1496 or brianhorning@stjohnbingen.com

⊕ Pastor Brege would like to begin another Adult Instruction Class. This class is for both members and non-members. For members this class would be for review and for a deeper understanding of what we believe. This class would enable non-members to find out what we believe and confess, and thus enable them to determine if they desire to join our church. A church should not be joined like a club, but a person should become a member only if they agree with what that church teaches. Contact Pastor Brege if you are interested in such a class (547-4176), and let him know what day and time would work best.

⊕ Dear Friends: We are thankful for so many blessings here at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School! We are grateful for the many gifts our Lord grants to us in this life: His forgiveness, our Savior – Jesus, our family, friends, home, health, safety, and for you as a supporter of our School! A couple months ago, our school board elected to purchase bleacher handrails for our gymnasium in the hopes of providing additional safety for those attending sporting events and other activities in our school gym. It is the hope of our school board to raise \$7,500 to cover non-budgeted expenses to help offset the purchase and installation of these new bleacher handrails. Hopefully these railings will provide much needed support and assistance for many individuals for years to come. Would you prayerfully consider making a donation to help offset the purchase and installation of these railings for our gymnasium? If interested in making a financial contribution toward the project, you may direct any funds to the school office with “bleacher railings” written on the envelope. Thank you again for your continued prayers and support!

⊕ The joint LLL/LWML Spring Rally of the Decatur Zone will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ossian on Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 P. M. The speaker for the rally will be Rev. Peter Brock. Rev. Brock is Pastor at St. John, Bingen. Rev. Brock will be speaking to us about his teaching experiences working with Christ's people in Tanzania, East Africa and Ghana, West Africa. The business meetings for the LLL and LWML will follow Pastor Brock's presentation with a light lunch following.

⊕ Spring 2017, Rummage Sale - St. John Lutheran Church, Flatrock, 12912 Franke Road in the Gymnasium Friday, [April 28](#), 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, [April 29](#), 8 a.m. - noon. Bag and Bulk Sale on [Saturday](#) morning: \$3.00 a bag or all you can carry per person in one trip for \$6. Priced items not included in bag or bulk sale.

⊕ On Saturday, April 29th, we will be spreading mulch around the church. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Brian Steiner (547-4310).

⊕ "Dear Friends, Thank you so much for blessing the clients of the *Hope Clinic* with the wonderful baby shower gifts. We were blessed with so many wonderful items to help stock our shelves! This ministry is truly a community effort, and would not be possible without your prayers and support. Thank you so much for your on-going partnership with us. We consider it an honor that you choose to join God's hand at work through the ministry of the *Hope Clinic*! Sincerely, *Hope Clinic* Clients, Board of Directors, Volunteers and Staff."

⊕ "Prayer list" for members to use as they bring the needs of others before God's throne of grace: Carol Bieberich' cancer has returned; Cathy Terhune (nee Jeffrey) is again struggling; Ruth Brege; Hank Gallmeyer.

⊕ God shows no partiality (Acts 10:34). He does not discriminate by age, appearance, or ability. He became incarnate and endured crucifixion as one of humankind's least. Jesus the Risen One extends heaven's favoritism and victory into every human situation. *Lord of life, bring Your Easter to completion in us. Amen.*

⊕ The lessons for next Sunday are Acts 5:29-42; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.