

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 4/21 *He is Risen! Hallelujah!*

- 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Traditional Worship
- 7:30 am Easter Breakfast (Until 10:15am-Dining Room/Room 122)
- 8:00 am Easter Celebration Worship
- 10:30 am Easter Celebration Worship

Monday 4/22 Church Office Closed / ELC Open

- 6:00 pm SPL Women Bible Study (Dining Room)

Tuesday 4/23

- 10:30 am SPL Women Bible Study (Family Room)
- 3:30 pm Junior & Senior High LoftTime (The Loft)
- 6:00 pm **Preschool Pop-In** @St. Paul's Early Learning Center
- 6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Large Conference Room)

Wednesday 4/24

- 10:30 am Ministry to Mature Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm F3 Dinner (Dining Room)
- 6:00 pm VBS Prep (Great Room & Warehouse)
- 6:30 pm **Spring F3 Classes Begin** (All ages)

Thursday 4/25

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 3:30 pm SPL Youth LoftTime (The Loft)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 4/26

Saturday 4/27 Message: We Are the Church

- 7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)
- 7:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL)
- 9:00 am Confirmation Rehearsal & Celebration Brunch
- 10:00 am AA Big Book Study (Room 122)
- 4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids Worship - 6:30pm)

Sunday 4/28 Message: We Are the Church

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am Adult/Youth/Children - Education Classes
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship - Confirmation



PASTOR PAUL TESKE

**PRAISE
WORSHIP
HEALING
PRAYER**

**HEALING SERVICE
MAY 4TH at 6:00PM**

**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR BELIEF: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*

*For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.

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8:00AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG | PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



THOUGHT BEFORE WORSHIP

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." -- Karol Wojtyła

CALL TO WORSHIP

Risen Today

Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)

WELCOME & EASTER GREETING

INVOCATION

OPENING PRAISE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
LSB #457 v. 1-4

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Gracious Father, You sent Your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that I might live a new life in Him. Yet I confess that too often I have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By my thoughts, words, and actions, I have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced Your image in me. Father, forgive me for Jesus' sake, and enable me by His resurrection power to live no longer for myself but for Him who died and rose again for me. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.



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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

Behold the Lamb (The Victory)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING GOD OUR GIFTS

Is He Worthy

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the Offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle. Our staff will pray over any items you include in the prayer portion located on the back of your card.

THE MESSAGE

“Fighting For Your Life”
Pastor Eric Trickey

SONG OF RESPONSE

Raise a Hallelujah

EASTER BLESSING

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST TODAY

Breakfast is being served in the Dining Room and Room 122 from 7:30-10:15am.

EASTER LILIES

If you placed an Easter Lily honoring a loved one, it can be picked up today following our 10:30am worship service.

MESSAGE NOTES FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE

TRUTHS THAT POINT TO JESUS

1. Joshua and Jesus share the _____.

2. Joshua and Jesus _____.

3. Jesus is _____ Joshua.

4. Joshua offered Israel _____ rest.

Jesus offers us _____ rest.

Our Real Enemies:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in thanksgiving for family by Rick & Marsha Cordts.

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F3: Family-Faith-Formation • BEGINS April 24

Register now for this four week Spring Session, meeting 4/24-5/15 on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Dinner served at 5:30pm weekly. A variety of classes & serve opportunities are available for all ages. Register at SPLDECATUR.ORG or in the Fellowship Area.

Healing with Pastor Paul Teske • May 4 & 5

Are you in need of healing from physical, mental, or relational brokenness? All are welcome to experience a special worship service focused on healing with LCMS Pastor Paul Teske on Saturday, May 4 at 6:00pm (Praise & Worship, Message, Healing Prayer). He is also our guest for Pastor’s Class on Sunday 5/5 at 9:15am.

“Lunch & Learn” with Pastor Teske titled “Healing for Today”, a historical perspective and current day application of healing in the Church is happening Sunday 5/5 at 12:00pm. Contact Sarah in the Church Office at 217-423-6955 to reserve your spot.

POSITION STILL AVAILABLE • Apply Today

SPL is accepting applications for a Part Time Janitorial Position (with desired start in April). Expected hours are 6am-10am, (M-F, 20-25 hrs/wk). **APPLY NOW.** Application available at SPLDECATUR.ORG and the Church Office (217-423-6955).

LEARN. CONNECT. SERVE. | EVERY AGE & STAGE

SPL WOMEN Bible Study Tuesdays 10:30am or Mondays at 6:00pm (childcare available) **NEW STUDIES START 5/13**

LIFT (Living in Faith Together) Group meets 1st Thursday/month 8:30-10:00am

SPL ManUP Men’s Ministry Saturdays at 7:00am, Thursdays at 6:30am

SPL KIDS Worship Saturday PM/Sunday AM (During Message Time)

Sunday Education (9:15am): PreK-K (Room 206), Gr. 1-4 (Room 213), Gr. 5-6 (Room 211); BUILDING BLOCKS-Parents/Caretakers/Children 0-3yrs (Rm 203)

SPL YOUTH (Gr. 7 – 12): Sundays at 9:15am, Wednesdays 6:30pm, Tuesday/Thursday LoftTime 3:30-5:30pm [Meets in The Loft]

SPL CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April 23rd For Three & Four Year Olds entering preschool Fall 2019 Preschool Pop-In at St. Paul’s Early Learning Center (6pm)

April 24th Classes meet Wednesdays at 6:30pm (thru 5/15)

F3: Family-Faith-Formation Spring Session begins

April 27th & April 28th

Confirmation Rehearsal & Celebration Brunch (9am on 4/27)
Confirmation Sunday (10:30am Worship on 4/28)

May 4th

Healing Service with Pastor Paul Teske at SPL (6:00pm)

May 5th Reserve your spot - contact the Church Office 217-423-6955

“Lunch & Learn” w/Pastor Paul Teske “Healing for Today” (12pm)

May 6th

LCMS Youth Gathering Fundraising Night @Buffalo Wild Wings (5-9pm)

May 6th-8th

SPL hosts the LCMS-Central Illinois District Pastors Conference

May 9th Check out the ELC Scholastic Book Fair happening this week!

St. Paul’s Early Learning Center Preschool Graduation (6:30pm)

SPL Women-LWML Friends in Faith Salad Supper (5:30-8:00pm)

May 16th

LSA 8th Grade Graduation (@SPL)

May 19th

LSA High School Graduation 2:00pm (@LSA)

June 1st-8th

Mission: Texas - SPL Mission Team serving in Rockport, TX

June 3rd-7th Register at invent.org/camp | Call 233-2001 for info

Camp Invention (Hands on STEM camp) at LSA 9am-3pm

June 2nd Take the next step - become a Member through this class!

Membership @SPL (12-4pm, Dining Room)

June 9th

SPL Family Meeting - Semi-Annual Voters Meeting (11:45am)

June 10th-14th Registration available in May at SPLDECATUR.ORG

SPL Vacation Bible School “ROAR” (Jennifer Power)