

*Blessed are those
who have not seen
and yet have believed."*



John 20:29

Live in the shadow of the cross

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One week after Christ’s resurrection, Thomas comes to confident faith. He confesses, “My Lord and my God” (*Gospel*, Jn 20:28). The risen Lord had stood before him and invited the disciple to touch the nail marks. One look at Jesus’ glorified body led to that joyous moment of recognition and acclamation. We welcome everyone to God’s house today.

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

Bell Choir Dance

Hymn 482 This Joyful Eastertide

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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,

C **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.**

Adult Choir Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou or death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou or death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou or death hast won.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou or death hast won.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

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

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

C if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;

C make known His deeds among the peoples!

P Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

C tell of all His wondrous works!

P Glory in His holy name;

C let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

P Seek the LORD and His strength;

C seek His presence continually!

P Remember the wondrous works that He has done,

C His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.

P He remembers His covenant forever,

C the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

C if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Kyrie

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¶ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

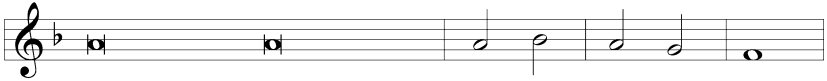
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¶ Glory be to God on high: **¶** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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.



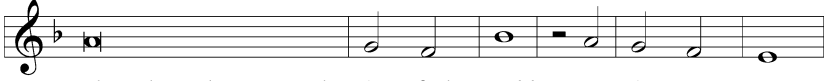
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



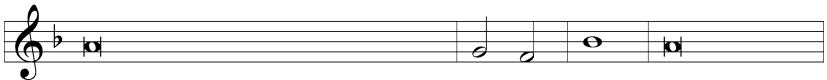
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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.



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.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

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.

G A - men.

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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalms 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C **He has put all things under His feet.**

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, ⁵and 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 ⁶and 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, ¹⁸and 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.**

Alleluia

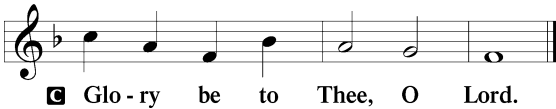
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Holy Gospel

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.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

☐ **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Sermon Text

Acts 5:12-32

Sermon "This Shadow Changes Everything"

1. The shadow imagery speaks of God's _____.
2. But the shadow imagery can also _____.
3. Jesus' resurrection changes the shadow of death to _____.

Hymn 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P 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:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

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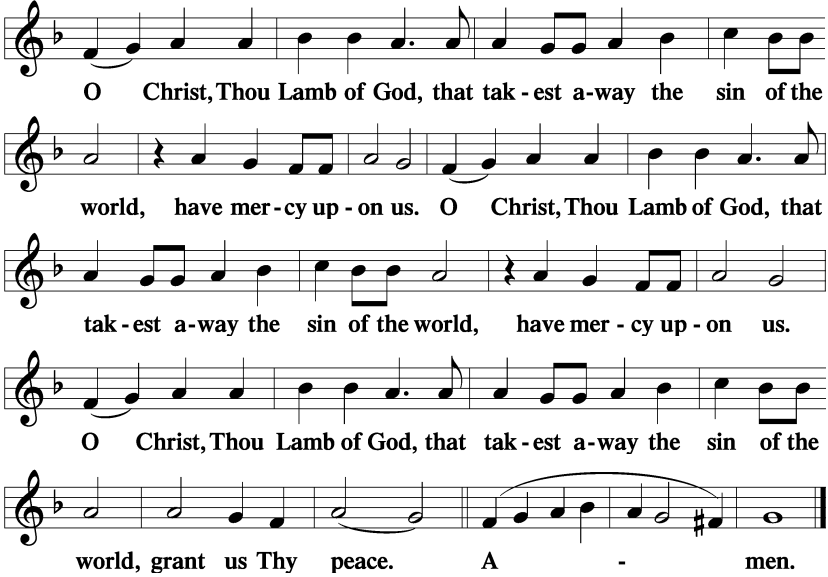
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Hymn 642 O Living Bread from Heaven

Hymn 629 What Is This Bread

Hymn 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Hymn 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P 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.

C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn 487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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Flowers that adorn the altar. If you have a special event, someone you'd like to remember or simply want to show your love and praise for the Lord by putting flowers on the altar, please consider signing up on the flower chart in the Narthex by the Altar Guild room. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

WE ARE IN NEED of visitors for our shut-ins for the months of July and August. We visit about 15 home bound members each month. If you can help, **PLEASE** contact Ellen Tjernagel.

Thank you to all who serve the Lord through the gift of music: organists, pianists, school choirs & director; church choir director, bell choir, adult choir, trumpeters, and “extra” voices. You are appreciated. Alleluia!

Calendar of Events

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| TODAY: | April 24, 2022 |
| Sunday School & Bible Classes..... | 8:30 am |
| Worship Service with Communion..... | 9:30 am |
| 8 th Grade Confirmation | after Church |
| 6 th Grade Confirmation | 12:00 pm |
| Adult Basketball..... | 3:00 pm |
| MON: | |
| Voters' meeting..... | 7:00 pm |
| TUES: | |
| Prayer Circle | 7:00 pm |
| WED: | |
| Day School Chapel | 11:00 am |
| THURS: | |
| Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study | 9:30 am |
| FRI: | |
| Euchre party | 7:00 pm |
| NEXT SUNDAY: | May 1, 2022 |
| Sunday School & Bible Classes..... | 8:30 am |
| Worship Service..... | 9:30 am |
| 8 th Grade Confirmation | After Church |
| 6 th Grade Confirmation | 12:00 pm |

We will install our new 2nd and 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Wendy Patterson, on May 1st, during the church service. Mrs. Patterson is married to Will Patterson and has four beautiful daughters. She started her position with us in March, and has been a wonderful addition to St. Paul's Lutheran School. **We are also celebrating Anniversaries for our Preschool teachers, Extended Care Director, and Kindergarten/1st Grade teacher on May 1st. Christie Wonnacott is celebrating 21 years and Kelly Thornton 26 years in our preschool. Heather Middaugh has served in the Extended Care program for 18 years and LeeAnna VanSoest celebrates 11 years at St. Paul's School. Thank you for all your years of service both to God and our church and school! **PTL will be hosting a cake and punch reception** following the church service. You are invited to help us celebrate with all of our staff.**

Budget info: Operating budget fund balance as of April 21, 2022 is \$111,200. This amount represents over 6 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

Evangelism-In March volunteers delivered 24 welcome bags to new households in Bremen. These bags included information about St. Paul's Church and School, snacks, and small gifts. We will do this again in June. With that in mind we are asking for your help! First, please pray that we touch lives for Jesus. Second, we are seeking donations of 100% cotton yarn and/or knit or crocheted dish clothes to use as a gift in these bags. A basket will be in the Narthex by the mail slots for your donations. You may also call Deb Burcham to pick up. Third, if you would like to help deliver said bags let Deb know! Thank you for your help!!

Attention for Ascension We want to call attention to Pastor Bryan Reeves from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Richton Park, IL; who is "walking the talk". Pastor Reeves will be walking from Ascension Lutheran School in Gary, IN, 312 miles to St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Cleveland, OH, starting on April 18th. His goal is to raise 3.12 million dollars for the relatively new Lutheran school in Gary. Please support him through prayer and follow his journey on TikTok, Facebook or YouTube. You can also support his fundraising efforts by donating through Nucleus Giving at www.walk312.com

Altar guild wishes to thank all who donated towards lilies. Enough was received that the total cost of \$136.00 was covered. Also, to those who gave donations for the communion trays. The cost for those, too, is fully covered. May the Lord continue to bless your generosity.

LWML: Indiana District Convention, June 17-19, Ft. Wayne Concordia Lutheran High School. Registration now open online. If you'd like a paper copy, please ask Elaine Young. Three-day fee is \$50 (meals not included). An Ingathering will be collected throughout May. A list will be in the May Epistle, and a box in the entryway. Thank you in advance.

Pew Bibles-The Board of Christian Education is raising money for Pew Bibles. These Bibles will be placed with the hymnals for the use of our worshipers. The cost per Bible is approximately \$8.50 per Bible. We will need approximately 120 Bibles, if you would like to donate to this project please place your donation in the offering box and label it "Pew Bibles" or give it to a member of the Board of Christian Education. Thank you for your help.

Save the Date! This year's Vacation Bible School program will be June 20-24th from 9-11:30 am. The theme is **God's Wonder Lab-Jesus Does The Impossible!**

School Corner

There is a lot going on at school the next few weeks! We are preparing for National Lutheran Schools Accreditation the last week in April. The Spring musical –“In the Big Inning”- is May 6th, 7:00pm. Track and Field Day will be at Jane’s Park on May 20th. Confirmation is May 15th, and Kindergarten/8th Grade Graduation is May 25th, during the Ascension Eve service. Please note those dates as we finish the school year on May 26th! In conjunction with the Track and Field Day, we are looking for a few volunteers to help with events. Please contact Mark Wildauer for more details.

PTL is also looking for volunteers to help with the receptions after the musical and graduation.

Don’t forget: **Enrollment is open for the 2022-23 school year, in preschool through 8th grade.** St. Paul’s schools offer an affordable, Christ-centered education with a dedicated and caring staff. Please “advertise” the schools to your friends and family and ask them to investigate what we have to offer! **Reminder: Preschool enrollment fills up fast!** More information is available at www.stpaulsbremen.church.

Thank you always for your support! **To God be all the glory!**