

St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
April 19, 2017



New and Notable...

*Please note: the office will be closed
Thursday, April 20th and Friday, April 21st
Thursday, April 27th and Friday, April 28th*



Thoughts from Lori

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

That is the traditional Easter greeting throughout the whole 50 days of the *season* of Easter. That's right. It's not just a day, but a season. The liturgical color (for paraments and vestments) is white, and you'll notice that there is no confession in the Prayers of the People. That's because, as our Bishop is fond of saying, all sin has been banished by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Of course that's true year 'round. We are, after all, Easter people. But it is the purpose of the church calendar, with its various cycles and seasons, is to remind us of the biblical stories which describe how we became the people of

God in the first place and how we arrived at being the Body of Christ. The first Christians focused on Easter because it is the Resurrection that defines us.

These Great Fifty Days of Easter will culminate with Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. But more on that later. For now, let's stay in the glow of Easter. We'll sing more of the Easter hymns and add the "alleluias" back into our worship. Thanks be to God!

Faithfully,

Lori †

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

We're gearing up for our next MFP on April 29th. Volunteers are asked to be here no later than 9:30 am. Please be prepared to stay for our group picture when our guests have been served.

Easter Sunday and Baptism at St. Paul's





An Invitation: Holocaust Remembrance Day

May 1st at Noon
Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital
Conference Room: A&B

For more information:
[Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)

We welcome your presence.

Peace,
Suzanne 'Sam' Martinez
Coordinator, Congregational Outreach
Office for Mission and Spiritual Care
Advocate health Good Shepherd Hospital



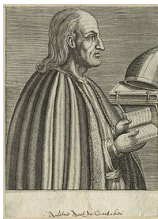
Informal Spring Parish Meeting
May 7th

Please join us after the service for our Spring Meeting.
Bring a dish to share, and something for the grocery cart!

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Saint Anselm

Friday, April 21st, is the Feast Day of St. Anselm (superseded by Easter Friday). St. Anselm was born in Italy in about 1033, and took monastic vows in 1060 at the Abbey of Bec in Normandy. He succeeded his teacher Lafranc as the Prior of Bec in 1063, and as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. His time in this capacity was difficult, due to his conflict with King William II and King Henry I over the rights and freedom of the Church. They exiled him twice to southern Italy, where he helped the Greek bishops in that region to adopt the Roman liturgical practices.



Undergirding Anselm's theology was a profound piety. His spirituality is best summarized in the phrase, "faith seeking understanding." He wrote, "I do not seek to understand that I may believe, but I believe in order that I may understand. For this, too, I believe, that unless I first believe, I shall not understand."

Anselm died on Holy Wednesday, April 21, 1109, and his remains were carried to Canterbury Cathedral, and placed to the south of the altar in the chapel of the Holy Trinity. During the reconstruction of the cathedral, there was a terrible fire in the 1170's. His remains were relocated, but now it isn't established exactly where they are. Perhaps, just as well, for this devout cleric who believed his true home was always with God in heaven.

In Anselm, we find an appreciation for the human mind in the exercise of our faith. We are capable of transcendent thought that can form the hope and anticipation that accompanies spiritual growth and development. The Collect for his day prays with these words: "Provide your Church in every age with devout and learned scholars and teachers, that we may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us." ["Holy Women, Holy Men, Celebrating the Saints," © 2010, Church Publishing Incorporated, New York, p. 335.]

Children's Chapel

The lesson for this Sunday is "We are Baptized in Christ." Leaders will be Bobbi Fiali, Katie Lang, and Bill Lang.



All children are welcome to attend after the service for a snack, bible story, and activity.

In case you missed it....



Coming to St. Paul's on May 11th

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on May 11th. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com or text the word circle to 797979

Blueprints of St. Paul's

Do you have, or do you know of someone who has the blue prints or plans of St. Paul's buildings? If so, please contact the church office at 815-385-0390 or email stpaulmchenry@sbcglobal.net.

The usual fare...

Servants for April 23rd

Beth Lukas, Jim Lukas - *Ushers*

Jim Lukas - *Lector*

Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*

Deb Lang, Charlie Boak - *Eucharistic Ministers*

Jeff Zabor - *Vestry Person of the Day*

Liam Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Noon Eucharist - Every Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.
Music Therapy - Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.
Vestry - Tonight, 7:00 p.m.
Mobile Food Pantry - Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. - noon
Informal Parish Spring Meeting - Sunday, May 7
Lifeline Screening - Thursday, May 11

Lessons and Hymns

April 23rd

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32. Peter preaches his first sermon telling the story of the life and ministry of Jesus.

The Psalm: Psalm 16. Extols the protection and presence of the Lord God saying, "you will not abandon me to the grave."

Second Lesson: I Peter 1:3-9. Our "new birth" in Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: John 20:19-31. This tells the account of Thomas who wishes to see Jesus and have some visible and tangible sign he is the Risen Lord.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 205. "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!" This relatively modern hymn was written by Dr. Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955), a British educator, scholar, Anglican priest, versifier, and prolific author. He was the headmaster of both Shrewsbury School and Eton College. He also served as chaplain to King George V and as Dean of Durham Cathedral. The hymn truly reflects the abject joy of Jesus' resurrection with an appropriate "Alleluia" refrain. The tune, "Gelobt sei Gott," is a composition of Melchior Vulpus (d. 1616).

Sequence Hymn: "Celtic Alleluia." This was written and composed by Fintan O'Carroll, born July 31, 1922 in Wexford, England. On completion of his secondary school studies, he took up a position as a clerk in the national railway. He won first prize in a traditional music competition, aged 12, playing violin, and went on to study violin at home, taking lessons as the opportunity arose. His heart was in music, and he left his railway position in 1967 after 27 years of service, whereupon he completed his degree at Trinity to gain his Bachelor of Music degree.

Presentation Hymn: No. 209. "We walk by faith and not by sight." This hymn was written by The Most Rev. Henry Alford (1810-1871), Dean of Canterbury Cathedral. Three of his hymns were printed in the 1940 hymnal and this hymn is new to our 1982 version. Roughly based on the appearance of Jesus to Thomas it pleads for faith beyond what we can see or touch. The tune, "St. Botolph," was composed by Gordon Slater (1896-1979).

Communion Hymn: "Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name." This hymn is a 1991 paraphrase of Psalm 103 from the Taizé Community in France. It was founded by Brother Roger Schutz, with the goal of "building a life together in which the gospel of reconciliation would be a concretely lived reality." During the war he helped people in difficulty and hosted German refugees. In 1942, the Gestapo threatened to arrest Brother Roger, who fled to Switzerland until the end of the war.

Recessional Hymn: No. 492. "Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness." The author of this hymn is John Ellerton, born in London, December 16, 1826 and educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. Although an Anglican priest, he is better known as a hymnologist, hymn-writer, and translator. The 1940 Hymnal has 7 of his hymns and this one is new to the current 1982 Hymnal. The tune, "Finnian" was composed by Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000), British organist and composer. The National Cathedral sung this hymn this past Sunday and can be heard on YouTube by entering the first line in a Google search which will produce the link to the music.

From the cartoons created by
The Rev. William P. McLemore



"Your Easter sermons are so wonderful;
they last me the whole year!"

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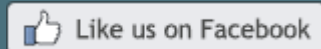
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