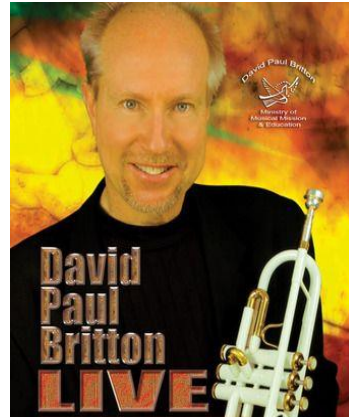




## DAVID PAUL BRITTON

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH, AMHERST

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023**  
**8:30 AM & 10 AM**



**David Paul Britton** shares the Message of Christ in Word and song. He has served the body of Christ as a worship leader, musician/songwriter/producer, radio show host, university consultant, Praise Team and Choral Clinician, Lutheran High School educator, and Gospel messenger for over 44 years throughout the US. Having produced 9 CDs of original songs, hymns, and spiritual songs, he has been a regular presenter throughout The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod for scores of conferences, conventions, and Gatherings.

In a sight-and-sound world, the sight and sound of God's Love and Truth brings hope and healing. From sanctuaries to lake-side parks, from convention halls to classrooms, a retirement center or a pub ... in hundreds of engagements yearly, David touches hearts for the sake of Jesus' Love and Truth.

**Be Sure to Join Us for this Special Sunday Worship Service**

**INVITE FRIENDS!**

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**Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**

**WELCOME!** We're glad you're here! Whether this is your first time at St. Paul, or you're a "regular," we hope you see that our welcome mat is out for you. If you're a guest with us for the first time, we hope you'll find today's experience helpful to you, and you are invited back any Sunday at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM.

**Ushers are standing by to assist you** in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and to our nursery.

**Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under.** An usher will be happy to direct you to our Nursery where parents may care for infants, and rambunctious toddlers will find a place to be ... themselves.

**Kids' Activities** to keep little ones busy during the worship service – There are cloth bags filled with crayons and coloring booklets, and other quiet things to keep kids' attention. They are in the back of the worship center hanging on a small coat rack. Kids will also be given activities at today's Children's Message, on the front steps with pastor in today's service.



**IN TODAY'S WORSHIP IT'S NOT OVER!** The disciples of Jesus believed that with Jesus crucified, it was *OVER!* Their hopes and expectations were ruined beyond repair. Christ's resurrection back to life, however, caught them by surprise. By the end of that first Easter Sunday they were beginning to see that their hope, their dreams, their future, their forgiveness, their eternity — none of it was over! Perhaps today you have hopes, relationships, battles against addiction, or needs that you've given up on. The Great News of Easter is that because Jesus lives, It's NOT OVER!

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** God our Father, by raising Christ Your Son You conquered the power of death and opened for me the way to eternal life. Let my celebration today raise me up and renew my life by the Spirit that is within me. Grant this through Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**EASTER FLOWERS** which beautified the worship sanctuary may be picked up today at 11:15am following the late worship service. Thank you to all who purchased flowers Wanda & Roger Aschenbach, Jeff & Sandy Binggeli, John & Brenda Cartmell, Ed & Gerri Deidrick, Diane Gramer, Janice Ingersoll, Emma Jenkins, Edna Klentz, Janet Koehn, Judy Starbuck, Bob & Lynn Steindl.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, to give our staff a chance to be renewed following the Holy Week worship services.

**Newsletters** for the month of April are available today in the lower lobby (narthex) resource display.

**New Neighbors are looking for where they will go Easter morning.** You can easily invite your new neighbor to St. Paul with a beautiful Easter-themed gift basket that says "welcome to the neighborhood." It's full of seasonal decorations, snack foods, community information, and an invitation to join us at St. Paul. New neighbors love these gifts! All you have to do to give a basket to your new neighbor is fill out the form by the gift basket in the narthex and stuff it in the box.

**Portals of Prayer** daily devotions are free booklets available in the lobby area at St. Paul. Issues for the months of April - June are available now. Pick one up today.

**Happy Times** is a simple, easy-to-use resource to help families with preschool school-aged children share faith in Christ at home. Happy Times is full of age-appropriate stories, games, puzzles, and activities. Booklets are free, and April - May editions are available today on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

**The Community Care Team** invites you to join us for a Blanket Making Event in the narthex on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 11:00 am. These are tied blankets. Bring your fabric scissors if you have them. Coffee & Donuts will be provided!

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
<b>4/9 Easter Sunday</b> Holy Communion 8:30 & 10 AM <b>4/10 Church Office Closed</b> <b>4/11</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Worship Technology Meeting 3 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM <b>4/13</b> "The Chosen" 7 PM	<b>4/16</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM <b>4/17</b> Blanket Making 9:30 AM Elders 6:30 PM <b>4/18</b> Circuit Pastors Meeting 9 AM Blanket Making 9:30 AM Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM <b>4/20</b> "The Chosen" 7 PM

**Serving in God's House:**

- Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner
- Organist** Oziah Wales
- Elders** Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley (L)
- Readers** Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Laurie Beran (L)
- Greeters** Cindy Klein (E)
- Altar Guild** Ann Conley, Linda Hargreaves (E) Karie Coffman
- Head Usher** Ron Fisher
- Ushers** Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E) Laurie Beran, Deby Lasko (L)

Prayer Requests this Week:     **“The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM.”** Psalm 148:18

- Pray for Andy Lasko who is recovering from a heart catheterization surgery on Maundy Thursday.
- Pray for John Schick who is recovering from surgery last Tuesday to repair a strangulated bowel.
- Pray for Dee Dickey (Karen Anderson’s aunt & godmother) who suffered a stroke after hip replacement.
- Pray for Wyatt, a baby, whose heart and breathing are doing much better as he got off a ventilator last week. Pray he can go home soon.
- Pray for Judy Roehrs (Christine Krupp’s mother) who will be having open heart surgery in April. Pray for successful surgery and that arrangements can be made to watch over Judy’s husband, Norm, during the long recuperation period.
- Pray for Shirley Brumfield who is in the hospital.
- Pray for Bob Wiersum who is in the hospital in Florida with pulmonary embolism and circulation problems.
- Please pray for Wade Hubbard who is at Amherst Manor for rehabilitation therapy.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit who is recovering after a mild heart attack and a blood infection, and recovering from COVID. He is at home.
- Pray for Therese Strader who is going through a series of heart and lung procedures to help her breathe and have her normal energy.
- Pray for Clyde Strader who will have outpatient procedures for cancer.
- Pray for Ron Klein to get stronger at home.
- Pray for Braylon, a child with a brain infection. Praise God he is out of ICU, and pray for continued recovery.
- Pray for Ron Fisher’s mother, Ruby, who is in a rehab facility after a fall in which she broke both arms.
- Pray for Eddie Daniels (friend of Ron & Tina Muska) who suffered serious back injuries in a collision with a deer. Praise God surgery was successful surgery and pray for a positive recovery.
- Pray for the family of Pam Hundal who went home to heaven, and all who grieve.
- Please pray for Steven, (Geri Deidrick’s son) whose cancer has returned after 4 years in remission; Heather, a young mother of 3, who has cancer; Laura Stanley, (Ron Muska’s sister) who was just diagnosed with lung cancer; Nelson Paquette (cousin of Laurie Beran) who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Sarah Perkins who has lung cancer; Brian Holmes who is in a trial treatment for his leukemia – pray that it works and he goes into remission, and pray that he can go back to work; Summer (Katie Steindl’s godmother) in her long battle with cancer; Sherry (Kevin Starbuck’s mother-in-law); Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock); and pray for Pat Kidder.

- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux and Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Wade Hubbard, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko.
- Pray for college students that they turn to God and find guidance for their decisions, their sense of value and dignity in Him, and hope for times of loneliness, depression, and anxiety.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: 3/23 Al Gallo, Jill Mlinarik, Lydia Rice, Giovanna Jiovanazzo, Wayne Northeim, Kevin Kirschner, Don Lamoreaux, Barb Spieker, Virginia Warnock, Judy Armstrong, Bryan Draga.

**We Celebrate Holy Communion in our 8:30AM & 10 AM Worship Services today** firmly believing that Jesus’ Words, *“This is My Body... This is My Blood”* mean what they say, namely that with the bread and wine of Holy Communion is really given Jesus’ Body and Blood. Holy Communion is more than a “memorial” or a “representation” of Jesus. God’s promise to us in the Bible is that Jesus is really present to forgive your sins and strengthen your faith. Furthermore, receiving Holy Communion is not a good work we perform and offer up to God. Rather, Communion is Jesus coming to you personally to give and work in you His forgiveness won on the cross.

Since scripture instructs us to examine ourselves before receiving Holy Communion, please sincerely reflect on these questions before receiving Communion:

- Am I so sorry for my sins that I don’t want to go back and repeat them?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my personal Savior from sin because He gave His life on the cross for me? Am I depending on Him, and not my own goodness, as the way to Heaven?
- Do I believe that Jesus gives His Body and Blood and His gift of forgiveness in the eating and drinking of the bread and wine of Communion?
- Do I sincerely intend, with the help of God, not to return to a life of sin but to live for God and love others deeper?

All who have been instructed in what the Bible teaches about Communion, who are in agreement and unity with the beliefs of St. Paul and congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and who believe the statements of belief above are welcome to receive communion. If you have not investigated our beliefs in our *“New Life With God”* class, we ask that you do so before receiving Communion.