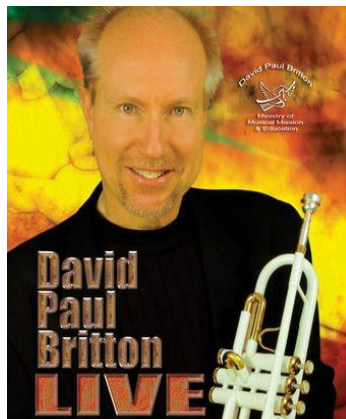


DAVID PAUL BRITTON

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

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RED LETTER CHALLENGE



BEING



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Easter Sunday, April 23, 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 As we enter into the second week of "The Red Letter Challenge," we focus on BEING. It is imperative we spend time with Jesus. Before we do anything for Him, Jesus simply asks us to be with Him. Our doing flows out of our being and before Jesus ever invited you to do anything for Him, He invited you to be in a relationship with Him.

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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Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by:

- Ed and Judy Bloom in celebration of Sarah's 22nd birthday, on Wednesday.
- Lil Hamilton in memory of loved ones.

You can easily invite your new neighbor to St. Paul with a beautiful Spring-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.

SOUL KEEPING

CARING for THE MOST IMPORTANT PART of YOU

When's the last time you thought about the state of your soul? The health of your soul is the hinge on which the rest of your life hangs. You are invited to join us on Tuesday mornings, at 10 AM to discover the way out of spiritual shallowness to true divine depth of your soul. **"Soul Keeping"** begins this week, Tuesday, April 25th @ 10AM.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
4/23 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM 4/24 Preschool Board Meeting 4 PM Community Care Team Meeting 6 PM 4/25 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 4/27 "The Chosen" 7 PM	4/30 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM 5/1 Elders Meeting 6:30 PM 5/2 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 5/3 New Life with God 6:45 PM 5/4 "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)
Acolytes	Gwen Krupp
Readers	Christine Krupp (E) Bryan Draga (L)
Greeters	Lynn Jiovanazzo (E)
Kids Church	Karen Vilagi
Altar Guild	Fran Draga, Debbie Smith
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Brad Draga (L)

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

- Pray for John Schick who is recovering from surgery.
- 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. 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 home and finally feeling better as breathing is improving.
- Please pray for Wade Hubbard who is at Amherst Manor for rehabilitation therapy.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit who is recovering at home after a mild heart attack.
- 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 Ron Fisher’s mother, Ruby, who is back in the hospital now with congestive heart failure.
- 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 those celebrating birthdays this week: Kallahan Coleman, Don Gramer, Ava Kirschner, Sarah Bloom, Larry Eshelman, Jacob Schneider, Charles Waryu.



Wednesday evenings
6:45 PM to 8:18 PM beginning
Wednesday,
May 3, 2023

NEW LIFE WITH GOD is a seminar which offers adults a great foundation for faith and living. This is for adults who want to find out more about our beliefs before committing to getting involved in St. Paul. This is a great seminar for couples who have different Church backgrounds to find out the differences between Lutherans and other church groups. *New Life With God* is also a great seminar for anyone to gain a renewed Faith foundation if you haven’t investigated our beliefs since being a young man or woman getting confirmed. There’s no obligation to St. Paul by participating in *New Life With God*, however, the door to church membership is open to anyone who completes this seminar. There is no memorization, no cost -- just come, ask questions, and let’s discuss faith and life. There are seven sessions. Pastor Paul is leading the discussions. Join Us!



WEEK 2:
BEING

**BEING with Jesus means ... SAY “NO” TO MANY GOOD THINGS,
SO YOU CAN SAY “YES” TO THE BEST THING.**

THIS WEEK practice BEING with God!

1. Go for a walk and listen to praise/worship music.
2. Turn off your phone and computer and read through some Psalms with background music playing.
3. Listen to praise/worship music free from distractions.
4. Rather than listening to politics, sports, or the top 40, tune into a local Christian radio station when driving around town.