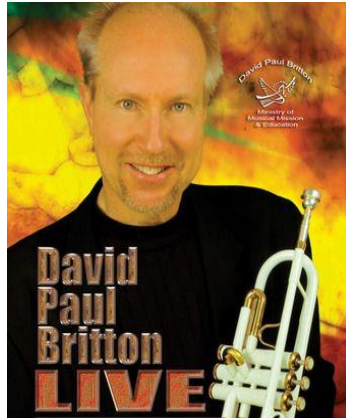




DAVID PAUL BRITTON

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.

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Easter Sunday, April 30, 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.

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IN TODAY'S WORSHIP Grace is a free gift from God. The grace of God comes to us from the cross where Jesus took our sin on Himself. This gift of grace calls us to live a life like Jesus.

If grace is getting something we don't deserve, and that's called judgement. Unfortunately, "judgmental" is one of the first words many people today use to describe Christians. Since God is known for grace, shouldn't the Church be known for grace too? Why are non-believers scared to walk in the doors of our churches or hang around "Christian people"? Because they're afraid of what we're going to think about them.

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: Roger & Wanda Aschenbach in memory of their parents' anniversary.

Greeting Card Making! Tap into your artistic skills you didn't know you had in you. Learn to stamp, cut, and paste to make beautiful greeting cards on **Saturday, May 6th @ 1pm at St. Paul.** We always make some for the shut-ins of the congregation. Please join us. We have a lot of fun! No experience necessary. Just a heart for serving.

Sunday Refreshments The Guest Hospitality Team extends a big thank you to all who have helped get this ministry on its feet by baking, making coffee, and cleaning up refreshments enjoyed between services the past several months. But we need your help! Please look for the sign-up sheet on the refreshment table to see where you can volunteer to bake (or buy!), make coffee, or clean-up. No need to sign up for all three but please consider helping out where and when you are able.

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
4/30 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	5/7 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 5/9 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Altar Guild 6 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM 5/10 New Life with God 6:45 PM

Serving in God's House:

- Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner
- Organist** Oziah Wales
- Elders** Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley (L)
- Readers** Christine Krupp (E) Bob Steindl (L)
- Greeters** Judy Starbuck (E) **Kids Church** Judy Bloom
- Altar Guild** Wanda Aschenbach, Karla Staylon **Head Usher** Ron Fisher
- Ushers** Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E) Laurie Beran, Deby Lasko

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

- Pray for John Schick who is recovering from surgery.
- Pray for Amy Akosi’s Mom who has a heart blockage and possible another open heart 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 is recovering from heart surgery in Florida, and pray for Judy’s husband, Norm, during the long recuperation period.
- Praise God that Shirley Brumfield is home and finally feeling better as breathing is improving.
- Continued prayers for Wade Hubbard who is now home, and for Marilyn, as his recuperation enters a new stage getting the care needed at home.
- 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 is recovering from 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: Jan Beko-Nathan, Colby Trottier, Penny Becker, Madelyn Moore, Brian Starbuck.



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!

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**NO MATTER HOW
SERIOUS, BIG, OR AWFUL
YOUR SIN IS, GOD’S GRACE
EXTENDS TO COVER IT.**

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