St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS) Aberdeen, SD 57401 605-225-1847

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



The purpose of St. Paul's Congregation is to assist its members to share and to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ by faithful proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the confessional standards of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

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The Installation and Ordination of Jacob Smitl

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The Installation and Ordination of Jacob Smith, will be held this afternoon at 4:00pm. A supper will follow the service. **Members are asked to bring a salad or a dessert.** Please come and welcome Pastor Smith to St. Paul's.

For those members who were unable to attend the Installation and Ordination today for Pastor Jacob Smith, we will have a meet, greet and card shower next Sunday, July 18, 2021 in the fellowship hall prior to the Bible Study at 9:30am. It is a chance for you to get to know Pastor Smith and for him to meet members of St. Paul's.

Please pray for Brandi Wagemann, Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Joyce Kenitzer, Delores Sandmeier, Ada McCorkle, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Dan Lingor, Jason Herrick, Gladys Felix, Muriel Schamber, Jeanie Quam, Kimberlee Kaiser, Harry Preston, Ann Thompson, Jerry Streckfuss, Elli Bode, Dee Hettich, Raymond Ford, and Courtney Frohling. Josh Hahler who enlisted in the Army.

Returning to Pre-Covid Practices: because of the decreasing numbers of COVID cases, the success of vaccinations, the increased number of vaccinated persons, and the CDC's recommendation that "[i]f you are fully vaccinated you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic," we will resume precovid practices beginning Sunday, July 18. This will include communing at the rail, passing the offering plate, sharing the peace, removing social distancing requirements, and no longer using masks and gloves during communion. We will continue with our Wednesday mask-only service until those attending are comfortable returning to pre-COVID worship times. We are thankful to God for granting us deliverance from this pandemic. Pastor Bobby.

The Lighthouse Preschool needs a driver for the church van! Please let Cindy or Alison know if you are interested in driving the church van Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons from 3:15-4. Our transportation service has drawn many people to our preschool and the success of the program is dependent on having drivers. This time slot for transportation is an exciting new attempt to help cater to our families' needs. 605-725-1855.

vill be held on Sunday,July 11, 2021 at 4:00pm. A supper will be served after the

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – July 18, 2021 "The Problem and Promise of Deathbed Conversion" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYR at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Youth Group Swim Day: Friday, July 23rd from 1-4 PM. *Meet at church in the fellowship hall*. Youth will have a Bible study on the blessings of baptism prior to our time spent at the Aberdeen Aquatic Center! Registration forms are located on the table in the South Narthex. Please return completed forms to the church office by July 21st. 6th-12th graders are invited and you may bring a friend. Chaperones are needed!

Callings for Life: July 27th at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. The next Tuesday night Bible study is called "Callings for Life" and based upon the book of the same title by Rev. Dr. Jeffery Leininger. The world wants you to think that unless you achieve one great thing you have failed. But this is a myth. Our 4-session study will assure you that God is at work in you and through you, not because of who you are but because of who you are *in Him*.

MAIN STREET LIVING – July 18, 2021 10:00 AM – This is the Life – "*My Husband, My Sorrow*" 10:30 AM - Rev. Cory Rajek brings the message "Spiritual Leadership" based on Jeremiah 23:1-6. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Organists: Sunday – Sue Ellingson Monday: Judah Bobby

Wednesday: Cindy Jung

Offering: July 4, 2021 - \$8,962.00 Coffee - \$65.00

Shepherd Fund - \$270.69

Sunday Attendance - July 4, 2021:

8:00am - 51 Communed - 46

10:45am - 96 Communed - 62

Monday - 25 Communed - 21

Wednesday - 6 Communed - 6

Bible Study Attendance:

Sunday - 48 Tuesday - 13

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (July 11 – July 18)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee & Donuts

10:45 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Ordination/Installation - Jacob Smith

5:15 pm Supper

Mon 6:15 pm Worship Service

Wed 6:00 am Men's Morning Bible Study

12:15 pm Worship (mask only)

5-7:00 pm Youth Group meeting

6:30 pm Grief Share

6:30 pm Music Meeting

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Donuts and Coffee

10:45 am Worship Service

Introit Ps. 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: Ps. 143:11

P: For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

C: In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

P: Enter not into judgment with your servant,

C: for no one living is righteous before you.

P: Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,

C: for in you I trust.

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.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading Amos 7:7–15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them;
9the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.""

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Rom. 11:33, 36

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

P: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

C: To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle *Ephesians 1:3–14*

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ¬In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁶which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁶making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel Mark 6:14–29

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.