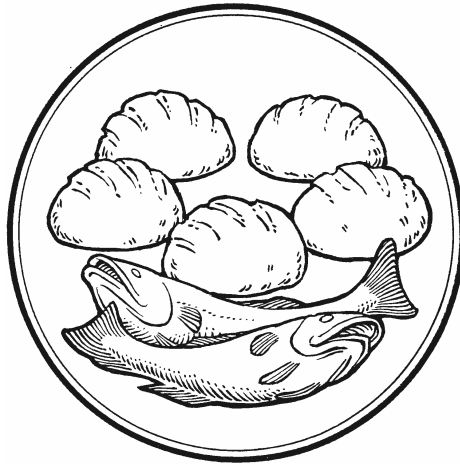


St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021



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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For those members who were unable to attend the Ordination and Installation for Pastor Jacob Smith, we will have a meet, greet and card shower today 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, Kimberlee Kaiser, Harry Preston, Fern 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 pre-covid practices beginning today. This will include communing at the rail, passing the offering plate, 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 3:15-4:00pm. 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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – July 25, 2021 "The Peace Child"
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ 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 25, 2021 10:00 AM – This is the Life – “The Cup” 10:30 AM - Rev. Sam Handschke brings the message “After the Rain” based on Genesis 9:8-17. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Organists: Sunday – Judah Bobby **Monday:** Tierra Cassens
Wednesday: Cindy Jung

Offering: July 11, 2021 - \$8,793.00 Coffee - \$76.00
Missions - \$30.00

Sunday Attendance – July 11, 2021:

8:00am – 74 Communed - 60
10:45am – 97 Communed - 89
Monday – 36 Communed – 32
Wednesday – 5 Communed – 4

Bible Study Attendance:

Sunday - 78
Wednesday - 7

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (July 18 – July 25)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee & Donuts

10:45 am Worship Service

Mon 6:15 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Church Council

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

Thur 2:00 pm Publicity Circle

Fri 1:00 pm Youth Swim

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Donuts and Coffee

10:45 am Worship Service

Introit *Ps. 147:7–11; antiphon: Ps. 145:16*

P: You open your hand;

C: you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

P: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

C: make melody to our God on the lyre!

P: He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;

C: he makes grass grow on the hills.

P: He gives to the beasts their food,

C: and to the young ravens that cry.

P: His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

C: nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

P: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

C: in those who hope in his steadfast love.

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.

P: You open your hand;

C: you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 23:1–6*

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **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 2:11–22*

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby

killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel *Mark 6:30–44*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he

began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.