

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021



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Please pray for Brandi Wagemann, Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Joyce Kenitzer, Delores Sandmeier, Ada McCorkle, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Jason Herrick, Gladys Felix, Muriel Schamber,

Kimberlee Kaiser, Harry Preston, Fern Preston, Ann Thompson, Jerry Streckfuss, Elli Bode, Sheyenne Seely, Eileen Kukrall, Nathan Bettmann, Janet Smith, Debbie Caven, Andrew Ruenzel, Laurie Steichen-Ingram, and Courtney Frohling. Brantson Meier – military service.

Men's Retreat -- Called by Christ to Be a Man Saturday, Oct. 30th from 9:00 AM to Noon at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Join us as we learn what it means to fulfill the purpose and design that God has called us to as men! This is a circuit-wide event for men of all ages, so bring a friend! Attendees will be invited to Pizza Ranch for lunch following the retreat. This event will be led by Michael Leapley, DCE Intern, in order to fulfill his internship requirements.

Circuit Event: Christian Decision Making at Life's End, Sunday, October 24th at Our Savior Lutheran Church – 5:30-7:00pm. Discussion on how to work through end-of-life decisions from a Christian point of view.

College Bible Study: Thurs., Oct. 21st at 10am at Caribou Coffee.

A Reformation worship service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31st. The worship service will begin at 4:00pm, followed by a supper, and a Bible Study at 6:30pm with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing.

October is Pastor's appreciation month.

Thrivent member? Please consider taking a Thrivent Action Team Grant out to help the Preschool. We are in need of new booster seats for the van as some of ours are expiring in November. If you are interested in helping us purchase these by way of a Thrivent Action Team Grant, please communicate with Alison PRIOR to applying. (We aren't able to apply for the same cause twice!!!) Thank you so much!

"The Wreath and Greens fundraiser is here! Orders can be made in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings or with youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering. Orders are due Nov. 5, and the delivery range is Nov. 19-23. Please support the youth with our fundraising goals!"

Deadline commitment for the National Youth Gathering is October 24, 2021.

Elders: On October 24th the Elders will meet for lunch at 12:30pm before going on calls at 1:00 pm.

On the fourth Sunday of the month, October 24, **non-perishable food items are collected** for The Journey. Your food items can be placed in the cart located in the South Narthex.

MAIN STREET LIVING – Oct. 24, 2021 10:00 AM – This the Life – “*Big Account*” 10:30 AM – Rev. Don McKillop brings the message “*Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus*” based on Luke 10:46-52 For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Oct. 24, 2021 “*He will Take It*” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. 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.

"A Lutheran Understanding of Spiritual Warfare": November 6, 9AM - 1:30PM at Our Savior Lutheran in Aberdeen

We know that we daily fight against our sinful flesh, but the Scripture also warns us of the work of the devil. How do we understand this as Lutherans who confess the Scripture and our Lord's victory on the cross? Our presenter is the Rev. Dr. Robert Bennett author of "I Am Not Afraid" and "Afraid" published by Concordia Publishing House. His doctoral work focused particularly on Lutheran understanding and practice of exorcism in the Malagasy Lutheran Church of Madagascar. We will have two sessions, lunch provided, and time for Q/A. It is free to attend and all are welcome. If you plan to attend please call Our Savior Lutheran at 605-225-7106 to assist our plans for lunch.

Organists: Sunday – Cyrece Kono Monday: Cyrece Kono

Offering: October 10, 2021 - \$12,730.93

Sunday School - \$19.00 Coffee - \$85.00

Sunday Attendance – October 10, 2021:

8:00am – 90 Communed – 69 10:45am – 98 Communed - 73
Monday – 33 Communed - 31

Bible Study Attendance: Sunday – 70 Tuesday - 20
Wednesday: Men's 6am – 5 10:00 am – 8 Women's 5:00 - 8

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (October 17 – October 24)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

Mon 6:15 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Tue 7:00 pm Devotional Challenge Bible Study

Wed 6:00 am Men's Morning Bible Study

10:00 am 1 Samuel Bible Study

5:15 pm Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm Confirmation

6:45 pm Vocal Choir

7:30 pm Bell Choir

Thurs 9:00 am Quilting

7:00 pm Rural Gospel Initiative

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Elders lunch/calls at 1:00pm

5-7 pm Youth Meeting

Introit Psalm 34:1–4, 17; antiphon: v. 18

P: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted

C: and saves the crushed in spirit.

P: I will bless the LORD at all times;

C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C: let the humble hear and be glad.

P: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

C: and let us exalt his name together!

P: I sought the LORD, and he answered me

C: and delivered me from all my fears.

P: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears

C: and delivers them out of all their troubles.

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: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted

C: and saves the crushed in spirit.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading Genesis 12:1–3; 15:1–6

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm 91:11; 103:1

P: He will command his angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle

Romans 4:1–3, 13–25

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." ²³But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel John 8:48–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**