

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

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## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 8, 2022**



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**Please pray** for Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Joyce Kenitzer, Ada McCorkle, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Muriel Schamber, Harry and Fern Preston, Ann Thompson, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Debbie Caven, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Kathy Murray, Lorelei Hartung, Kristi Anderson, Jim Busch, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Margie Nussbaum, Karen Johnson, Roberta Adelphsen, and Gary Brown.

**The Lighthouse Spring Program and 3rd Annual Lighthouse Preschool Silent Auction Fundraiser** will be held in the gym of St. Paul's Lutheran Church on May 10<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will be donated to the preschool and used to purchase some Arch Books for use in teaching chapel as well as new playground balls and sandbox toys. All are welcome to attend the program. Silent Auction items are in the Fellowship Hall TODAY for viewing.

**Confirmation Statements of Faith:** Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, you are cordially invited to come to St. Paul's on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 pm to listen to our confirmands read their statements of faith. This is a wonderful opportunity to see how these young people have grown in the faith and to be reminded of the importance of sound doctrine and Christ centered teaching. Even if you're not a family or friend, please join us! Refreshments to follow. Confirmand students: Mykah Hjermstad, Tate Huff, Cadance Judd, Mia Jung, Lincoln Kaiser, and Alexander Rudebush.

**Thank you** so very much for the prayers and concern for my daughter, Kimberlee Kaiser, and my sister, Elli Bode. Both of them are blessed to now be cancer free and doing well. To God be the glory!  
Laura Bettmann

**Prayer Service – TODAY at 12:30pm. .**

**Please inform the Pastors** or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

**VBS – June 5-9, 2022 – 6:00 to 8:30pm:** St. Paul's will join Our Savior for Vacation Bible School and will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Registration forms are located in the South Narthex and are due by May 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Sign-up sheet for helpers in South Narthex.**  
**Graduates:** Please inform the church office if you are graduating

from high school or college. A reception will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.

**Summer Sunday School** – We need your help! St. Paul's is in need of volunteers, especially parents, who would be willing to lead and organize a Summer Sunday School program. This program would be 15 lessons long, focus on the book of Ephesians, and span from May 29<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School makes a positive impact on our children, and it fulfills the congregation's responsibility to be good stewards of the gospel. Therefore, it is important for St. Paul's to maintain Sunday School throughout the summertime. Please contact Pastor Bobby, Pastor Smith, or DCE Michael Leapley if you feel called to lead or organize lessons.

**Church Rummage Sale in June!** – In support of the youth group's trip to the National Youth Gathering this summer in Houston, TX we are hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. So let's get those garages, attics, and closets cleaned out and find lots of hidden treasures for us to sell. Ask friends, family, and neighbors if they have any donations too. We need clothes in good condition, jewelry, books, toys, tools, electronics, small appliances, etc. Large appliances, large pieces of furniture, mattresses, broken items, and worn clothing will NOT be accepted (when in doubt, throw it out)! General donations will start being accepted on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. If you have items that need to be moved before May 17<sup>th</sup>, contact DCE Michael Leapley at [michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org](mailto:michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org) for an earlier time. Thank you and God bless!

**MAIN STREET LIVING – May 15, 2022** KDLT (NBC) 10:00 AM – This the Life – *“The Main Event”* 10:30 AM – Rev. Steve Weispfennig presents a message titled “Restored.” The sermon is based on Revelation 21:1-17. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**Address for Gary Brown:** Gary Brown c/o Kaydene Huber  
2673 Beech Circle  
Longmont, CO 80503

**Please sign the fellowship booklet** for attendance.

**The “Wing It!” Food Truck** will be here in the St. Paul’s parking lot once a month throughout the summer. This will be an exclusive fundraiser for the youth group as we will receive a stipend for the use of our lot. The purpose of this fundraiser is to decrease the strain of solely raising funds from within the congregation, to increase our interaction with the community, and to have the necessary funds for activities that help our youth grow in faith and fellowship.

**Offering: May 1, 2022 - \$8,577.30**

Sunday School - \$10.25 Coffee - \$116.00 Missions - \$40.00

**Amount to meet Budget: \$13,012.00 per week**

**Organist: Sunday – Sue Ellingson Monday: Tierra Cassens**

**Bible Study:** Sunday – 51 Wed: 6am – 10 10:00am - 8

5:00pm – 5

**Sunday Attendance – May 1, 2022:**

**8:00am – 127 10:45am – 103 Monday - 106 Communed - 89**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (May 8 – May 15)**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Coffee and Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

12:30 pm Prayer Service

5-7:00 pm Youth Group

**Mon 6:30 pm Worship Service**

**Tue 6:15 pm Lighthouse Spring Program and Silent Auction**

**Wed 6:00 am Men’s Morning Bible Study**

10:00 am 1 Samuel Bible Study

5:00 pm Women’s Bible Study

6:30 pm Statement of Faith and Reception

6:45 pm Vocal Choir Practice

**Thur 9:00 am Quilting**

11:30 am LWML Meeting and Lunch

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Coffee and Donuts – Confirmation Reception

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service – Confirmation**

**Introit**     *Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

P: I am the good shepherd.

**C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

P: He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

**C: from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.**

P: With upright heart he shepherded them

**C: and guided them with his skillful hand.**

P: But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

**C: from generation to generation we will recount your praise.**

P: I am the good shepherd.

**C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **First Reading**     *Acts 1:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles

whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

**C: [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

P: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C: he has put all things under his feet.**

**Epistle** *Revelation 7:9–17*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were

standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his  
presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their  
shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel *John 10:22–30*

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and

they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **The Third Petition**

P: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**C: *Your will be done on earth as in heaven.***

*P: What does this mean?*

**C: The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

*P: How is God's will done?*

**C: God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**



**RGI Representative Needed:** The Rural Gospel Initiative (RGI) is a nonprofit organization composed of congregationally elected representatives of Circuit 1 churches within South Dakota District 1 (NE South Dakota) of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod. The foundation's sole purpose and vision is to support Word and Sacrament ministry in LCMS Circuit One congregations and rural communities through gospel outreach. St. Paul's is looking for a congregation member interested in representing our church on this committee. If interested or for more information, you can access the website at [www.ruralgospel.org](http://www.ruralgospel.org) or call Deb Pederson, directly at 605-380-3550.

**The LCMS Circuit 1 Rural Gospel Initiative (RGI)** is requesting electronic pictures of the Gospel at work from each of our Circuit's 15 congregations to be included in a 3 min video slide show that will be used to introduce the RGI. Name of the church is the only ID needed. \*Send images to Denise Melius via text (605-887-7130) or email ([dmelius@nvc.net](mailto:dmelius@nvc.net)) by May 15th. Thank you! Please contact the church office for details.

**The May Newsletter** is on-line. Please go to the NEWS tab at [www.stpaulsaberdeen.org](http://www.stpaulsaberdeen.org).