

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

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

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Please pray for Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Muriel Schamber, Harry and Fern Preston, Ann Thompson, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Jim Busch, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Linnea Scherber, Viril Layton, and Gary Brown.

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

Ephesians Summer Sermon Series, "One God, One Body, One Call": through the summer, we will be preaching on St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. St. Paul had probably been a missionary for about 17 years before he first reached the city of Ephesus in what is modern day Turkey. First century Ephesus was a prosperous urban center, where goods passed from China and inland Asia Minor to Italy. It had a theater that could hold 25,000 people and a temple to the god Artemis considered one of the seven wonders of the world since it was four times the size of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece. Paul and his fellow worker spent two and a half years in Ephesus preaching the Gospel and training leaders to take responsibility after they left. Eventually, after a trip to Jerusalem, St. Paul was imprisoned and led to Rome (Acts 21:27-28:31). He was most likely released around AD 60 but rearrested and returned to Rome two or three years later. It was during this imprisonment that he wrote his letter to the Ephesians. Paul wanted to unify the churches he had already established around the Mediterranean world into one Church in Christ.

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

The Lighthouse Preschool has openings for a bus driver and a bus aide. The bus driver position is for the afternoon shift 3:15–4:15 pm and the bus aide position is for the morning shift 11:00-12:00pm. These positions can be split between several individuals. Wednesdays off. See flyer on table in the South Narthex.

Organist: Sunday – Judah Bobby Monday – Judah Bobby

2 Samuel Bible Study- Come join us on Wednesdays at 10:00am, as we look into 2 Samuel. 2 Samuel deals with David's reign as king and goes until his death in chapter 24. We get to see all of David's flaws and strengths but above all else we get to see how God's mercy and grace prevail throughout time! Pastor Smith

Higher Things Retreat: *The Devoted, Devotional Life* - August 12-13 at Our Savior Lutheran Church. There are 168 hours in a week. Even if we are faithful, we are probably only spending 2 hours a week in worship and Bible study. What about the other 166? We sleep some but that is still a lot of time. How should we, as redeemed, baptized children of God spend our time? We will explore this and a few more things when we explore "The Devoted, Devotional Life." Please turn in registration forms to the office by August 5. There are scholarships available on a first come first serve basis for the \$40 registration fee. Direct any questions to DCE Michael Leapley.

Screwtape Letters Bible Study - Begins on Wednesday, August 3rd at 7pm and will be ongoing weekly from there. *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." Join us in a study, led by DCE Michael Leapley, on one of C.S. Lewis's most engaging works. It has much to teach us on idolatry in our own lives and in society around us.

MAIN STREET LIVING – August 7, 2022 KDLT (NBC) 10:00 AM – This the Life – 10:30 AM – Worship – For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – August 7, 2022 "These Are Not Our Kind of People" Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. 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.

The Church newsletter is now on St. Paul's website. Go to the NEWS tab and select newsletters.

Bible Study: Sunday – 52 Wed: 6am - 6 10:00 am – 9

Offering: July 24, 2022 - \$17,998.00 Coffee - \$87.00

Missions - \$30.00

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

Sunday Attendance – July 24, 2022:

8:00am – 88 Communed - 76 **10:45am** – 99 Communed – 83

Monday – 39 Communed - 33

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (July 31– August 7)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and Donuts

10:45 am Worship Service

Mon 6:15 pm Worship

7:00 pm Elder Meeting & Bible Study

Tue 4-7:00 pm Preschool Open House

7:00 pm Church Council meeting

Wed 6:00 am Men’s Bible Study

10:00 am 2 Samuel Bible Study

5:15 pm Five Loaves Supper

7:00 pm Screwtape Letters Bible Study

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

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Introit *Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

P: Hear this, all peoples!

C: Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

P: both low and high,

C: rich and poor together!

P: Truly no man can ransom another,

C: or give to God the price of his life,

P: for the ransom of their life is costly

C: and can never suffice.

P: This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;

C: yet after them people approve of their boasts.

P: Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;

C: death shall be their shepherd.

P: But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,

C: for he will receive me.

**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: Hear this, all peoples!

C: Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

P: both low and high,

C: rich and poor together!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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 *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

P: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

C: who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

P: Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

C: and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle *Ephesians 5:1–14*

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Luke 12:13–21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Holy Baptism - Second

P: What benefits does Baptism give?

C: It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

P: Which are these words and promises of God?

C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)