

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

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## Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023



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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Dora Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Edward Les Young, and Diane Hickenbotham,

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

**Youth Group Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8am-3pm** – Please think of us during your spring cleaning! We need baby and children's clothes, jewelry, books, toys, tools, electronics, small appliances, etc. Large appliances, large pieces of furniture, mattresses, broken items, and **adult clothing will NOT** be accepted this year. Donations will be received Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Donated items can be placed on the stage or church garage. Proceeds from the rummage sale will benefit St. Paul's youth ministry. Thank you and God bless!

**Congregation Self-Study and Nomination Forms.** The call process for a Senior Pastor has begun and members are encouraged to complete a congregation self-study. Forms are located at both Narthexes. Anyone who wishes to nominate a LCMS Pastor, may complete a form located in the narthexes. Please return both forms to the church office by April 28th.

**Statements of Faith for Confirmands** will be held on Wed., April 26<sup>th</sup> following the 6:15 pm worship service. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**The Bookstore** has a great selection of cards. They have confirmation, mother's day, thank you, graduation, sympathy, and get well cards, plus other special gifts. The bookstore is open between services.

**The Lighthouse Preschool** is now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Please call 725-1855 for more information or pick up an application in the South Narthex.

**Romans Bible Study: Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm.** Join us for a study on an epistle that Martin Luther calls the “most important piece of the New Testament.” The book of Romans is full of the gospel in its purity. Let us go together to this fountain of salvation and drink deeply. Bring your Bibles and your thirst! This study will be led by DCE Michael Leapley and we will study 1 chapter per week.

**Janitor/Custodian** – Position open for part-time janitor, approx. 15 hours per week. Apply at the church office.

**Camp Minneboji:** Registrations for Camp Minneboji are open! Camp Minneboji is our District Youth camp for youth completing grades 4-9 held every year at Camp Okoboji in Milford, IA. This year’s camp dates are **June 18-24** and the theme is “Way + Truth + Life = JESUS” from John 14:6. Early bird registration is open now through April 1<sup>st</sup> and the regular registration **closes May 1** or when we are full so register early! We are also always looking for potential counselors and counselor assistants (CA’s) to help us run Camp Minneboji. To register or get more information, please check us out at [minneboji.com](http://minneboji.com) or on the South Dakota District website.

**MAIN STREET LIVING – April 23, 2023** KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “*Betrayed*” **10:30 AM** – **Worship** – Rev. Jens Jenson presents a message titled “*Jesus Teaches Us to Cling to His Word*” based on Luke 24:13-35. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – April 23, 2023** “*The Man Who Will Be King*” 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.

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

**Organist: Sunday** – Judah Bobby **Wednesday:** Judah Bobby

**Offering: April 9, 2023** - \$19,313.55

**Amount to meet Budget:** \$13,615.00 per week

**Sunday Attendance: April 9, 2023: 8:00am – 165 10:45am – 145**  
Bible Study: Wed. 10am – 9 5:00pm - 7 7:00pm - 9

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (April 16 – April 23)**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**  
9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts  
9:30 am Sunday School  
**10:45 am Worship Service**  
2:00 pm Gathering God's Flock

**Tue 6:45 pm Choir Practice**

**Wed 10:00 am Bible Study**  
5:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
**6:15 pm Worship Service**  
7:00 pm Romans Bible Study  
7:00 pm Confirmation

**Thur 9:00 am Quilting**  
7:00 pm Rural Gospel Initiative Meeting

**Sat 8am-3pm Youth Rummage sale**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**  
9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts  
9:30 am Sunday School  
**10:45 am Worship Service**  
5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

**Introit** *Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

**C: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

**C: make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**C: tell of all his wondrous works!**

P: Glory in his holy name;

**C: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P: Seek the LORD and his strength;

**C: seek his presence continually!**

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

**C: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

P: He remembers his covenant forever,

**C: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

**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: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

**C: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading *Acts 5:29–42*

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

**P** 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 *1 Peter 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel *John 20:19–31*

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

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

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among

them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Catechetical Review

**The Introduction - Our Father who art in heaven.**

**C: Our Father in heaven.**

*P: What does this mean?*

**C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

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## Lighthouse Preschool Spring Fundraiser

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The Lighthouse Preschool will be holding our spring fundraiser during the months of April and May. This year we are going to host a raffle style fundraiser. We have had some very generous donors from around Aberdeen contribute items for this raffle. **Tickets will be for sale April 11-May 12 and cost \$10 each.**

A few of the items available in this raffle include:

- 32" TV from Lang's
- Brown County fair fun package
- Back to school package
- 2 Aberdeen staycation packages
- Other various donations

A complete list of the prizes can be found in the narthex as well as tickets available for purchase (or take a book and help us sell ☐ ☐) **All ticket stubs and Money are due back to Cindy or Jenelle by Friday May 12. The drawing will be Monday May 15th after our spring program! You do not have to be present to win!**

All proceeds will be donated to the preschool and used to replace playground equipment lost in the ice storm in November, as well as new toys and curriculum for next year.

Thank you for being wonderful supporters of our preschool. It is a pleasure to serve your families and teach your children.

-Jenelle Siebert