

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 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, Diane Hickenbotham, David Swanhorst, and Jerry Streckfuss.

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

Prayer service today at 12:30 pm. Prayers will be offered for the confirmation students and graduates.

The Lighthouse Preschool is having their Spring Graduation program on Monday, May 15th at 6:15 pm. They will sell baked goods and have a plant sale between church services on Sunday May 14th and following their program on Monday May 15th.

A circuit Ascension worship service will be held on Thurs. May 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm at St. John's in Groton. Pastor Smith will be preaching.

A Graduation reception will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 9:30am for those graduating from High School or College.

Missionary Presentation. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on Sunday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 31, I have the privilege of preaching here at St. Paul's. On Sunday, I will also be doing a mission presentation in between services during Bible study explaining why and how I will be serving with my family in Riga, Latvia. I will be doing the same presentation on Wednesday in the fellowship hall after the Wednesday service. Please consider coming and hearing how God is working in this region of the world. Thank you. Pastor Sam Bobby.

Special Voter's Meeting – TODAY at 9:30am. A brief special voter's meeting will be held to discuss two items: Summer Vicar and specialized mission support.

Camp Minneboji - Any youth that is planning on attending Camp Minneboji in June needs to contact the church office to have their name added to the bus list.

Jesus Door-2-Door Trip on May 25-27. Join us for a trip to Sioux Falls where we will canvass on behalf of two churches! This is a great opportunity to grow and be strengthened in your faith as we practice giving a sure testimony of the gospel (2 Tim. 1:8). Registration forms are available in the South Narthex. Please return forms and the \$50 registration fee to Michael Leapley as soon as possible.

Prayer Shawls – In the South Narthex are prayer shawls. They are free to anyone that you feel is in need of a prayer shawl.

Main Street Living in Aberdeen - Main Street Living will be holding its taping session for area pastors on June 3 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at St. Paul's in Aberdeen. You are invited to stop by and meet some of the faithful volunteers who make our televised service possible and witness the taping of some of the summer episodes. *Additionally:* If you would be interested in helping on June 2 either running the teleprompter or directing please contact Mr. Chad Zinnel at the district office (605) 361-1514. He would gladly answer questions and let you know what it takes. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to assist and/or witness one way that we are together bringing the message of Christ to our communities and region!

On the first Sunday of the month, the Shepherd Funds are collected. The money donated is given to The Journey to help those in need in our community.

MAIN STREET LIVING – May 21, 2023 KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “No Place to Hide” **10:30 AM** – **Worship** – Rev. Matthew Wurm presents a message titled “*God Gives to You*” based on 1 John 5:11. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

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.

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

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

Offering: May 7, 2023 - \$14,451.00 Sunday School - \$11.00 Coffee - \$100.00 Shepherd Fund - \$365.93

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

Sunday Attendance: May 7, 2023:

8:00am – 78 **10:45am** – 112 Wed. - 21

Bible Study: Sunday – 64 Wed. 10am – 9 7pm - 11

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (May 14 - May 21)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

9:40 am Special Voter's Meeting

10:45 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Prayer Service

5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

Mon 6:15 pm Preschool Spring Graduation Program

Wed 10:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Five Loaves Planning Meeting

6:15 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Romans Bible Study

Thur 9:00 am Quilting

7:00 pm Ascension Service at St. John's Groton

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Graduation Reception

10:45 am Worship Service

2:00 pm Gathering God's Flock

Introit *Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105*

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and a light to my path.

P: Forever, O LORD, your word

C: is firmly fixed in the heavens.

P: Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

C: you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

P: By your appointment they stand this day,

C: for all things are your servants.

P: If your law had not been my delight,

C: I would have perished in my affliction.

P: I will never forget your precepts,

C: for by them you have given me life.

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and a light to my path.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through 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 17:16–31*

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—

because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;
as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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 3:13–22*

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?
¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *John 14:15–21*

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

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

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be

with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Catechetical Review - The Second Petition

P: Thy kingdom come.
C: ***Your kingdom come.***

P: *What does this mean?*
C: **The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

P: *How does God’s kingdom come?*
C: **God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**
