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

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# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

Rev. Jacob Smith, Assistant Pastor (586-556-6077) pastorjacobs@stpaulsaberdeen.org Rev. Ray Anderson – (605-380-3710) Jenelle Siebert Lighthouse Preschool Director (725-1855) directorlhps@stpaulsaberdeen.org Cindy Jung, Church Admin – cindyj@stpaulsaberdeen.org Michael Leapley, DCE – michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org www.stpaulsaberdeen.org 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, Ron Rohrbach, Martha Jerke, Leo Jung, Jeanie Quam, and David Swanhorst.

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

**Our condolences** to the family of Gus Lee Habeck whose funeral was held at St. Paul's on June 23, 2023.

### Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

The church office will be closed on June 29 and 30, 2023.

**Baby Bottle Boomerang**— If you have checked out a bottle, please return to the church office.

## Lighthouse Preschool Needs Your Help!!:

We are updating our volunteer bus driver/aid and classroom sub list. If you are willing to help the preschool by occasionally riding the school bus over the lunch hour or after school for about an hour, or can help fill in as a classroom aid, please sign up on our volunteer registration sheet on the table in the narthex or let Cindy and Jenelle know. We greatly appreciate anyone who can fill in when the need arises!

**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.

MAIN STREET LIVING – July 2, 2023 KDLT (NBC) This the Life – 10:00 AM – "Some People Need Help" 10:30 AM – Worship – Rev. Bret Bierman presents the message "The Hard Stuff.' This sermon is based on Matthew 10:34. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – July 2, 2023** *"Give Me Life?!"* Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYR at 7:30 am on Sundays.

**Offering: June 18, 2023 -** \$8,230.00 Coffee - \$81.00 **Amount to meet Budget**: \$13,615.00 per week

Organist: Sunday – Judah Bobby Wednesday: Judah Bobby

Sunday Attendance: June 18, 2023: 8:00am – 88 Communed - 71 10:45am – 82 Communed – 62 Wed. – 32 Communed – 29 Bible Study: Sunday – 45 Wed: - 6

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (June 25 – July 2)

- Sun8:00 amWorship Service9:30 am BibleStudy/Coffee & Donuts10:45 amWorship Service5-7:00 pmYouth Group
- Wed 10:00 am Bible Study 6:15 pm Worship Service
- Sun8:00 amWorship Service9:30 amBible Study/Coffee & Donuts10:45 amWorship Service

#### **Introit** *Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*

- P: For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,C: that I may walk before God in the light of life.
- P: When I am afraid,
  - C: I put my trust in you.
- P: In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
  - C: What can flesh do to me?
- P: In God, whose word I praise,
  - C: in the LORD, whose word I praise,
- P: in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
  - C: What can man do to 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: For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,C: that I may walk before God in the light of life.

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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 Jeremiah 20:7–13

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.
<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out,

I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

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

#### Gradual Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

- P: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
  - C: and his greatness is unsearchable.
- P: On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
  - C: and I will declare your greatness.

#### Epistle Romans 6:12–23

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

#### Holy Gospel

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

### **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

<sup>21</sup>"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Catechetical Review - The Sixth Petition**

- P: And lead us not into temptation.
- C: Lead us not into temptation.
- *P: What does this mean?*

C: God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.