

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

**Aberdeen, SD 57401**

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## **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 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, Diane Hickenbotham, Ron Rohrbach, Martha Jerke, Leo Jung, and David Swanhorst.

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

**Welcome Tanner Pietz** to St. Paul's, by transfer.

**Hebrews Bible Study:** This study continues on Wednesday's at 7pm and will be led by DCE Michael Leapley. We will meet weekly for 5 sessions—the last one being on August 9. Join us in-person or online for a study on an epistle that masterfully portrays the continuity between the Old and New Testaments. This Hebrews Bible Study will give you a greater appreciation for the simple truth that it's all about Jesus!

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

### **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 riding the bus for one hour a day (M, T, TH, F) or 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 23, 2023** KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “*Amazing Grace*” **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Kevin Moore presents the message “Patience, Trust and Weeds” *based on Matthew 13:24-30*. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – July 23, 2023** “*Pulling for Others*” Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. 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: July 9, 2023** - \$13,842.52 Coffee - \$82.00

Missions: \$16.00

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

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

**Sunday Attendance: July 9, 2023:**

**8:00am** – 67 Communed - 60 **10:45am** — 82 Communed - 72

**Wed:** - 23 Communed - 20

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (July 16 – July 23)**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

**10:45 am Worship Service**

2:00 pm Gathering God’s Flock

**Wed 6:15 pm Worship Service**

7:00 pm Bible Study

**Thurs 7:00 pm Rural Gospel Initiative**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

**10:45 am Worship Service**

5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

**Introit**      *Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8*

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

**C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: As for man, his days are like grass;

**C: he flourishes like a flower of the field;**

P: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

**C: and its place knows it no more.**

P: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting  
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those who fear him,

**C: and his righteousness to children's children,**

P: to those who keep his covenant

**C: and remember to do his commandments.**

P: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,

**C: and his kingdom rules over all.**

**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: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

**C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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     *Isaiah 55:10–13*

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual     *Romans 11:33, 36*

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**C: How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**

P: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

**C: To him be glory forever. Amen.**

## Epistle     *Romans 8:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

<sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Holy Gospel**     *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

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

## **Catechetical Review - The Conclusion**

**ALL: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*P: What does this mean?*

**C: This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”**