

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

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## **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 30, 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, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Edward Les Young, Diane Hickenbotham, Martha Jerke, Leo Jung, and David Swanhorst.

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

**Willow Leah Anderson**, daughter of Ryan and Leah Anderson, will be Baptized at the 10:45 am service today.

**Funeral Planning Sheet-** Feel free to pick one up in the narthex, fill it out, and turn it back into the office. This gives you and your family a way to not only plan the readings and hymns at your funeral but to discuss what a Christian funeral should look like and the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection.

**The Daniel Wold Foundation Silent Auction and Walk** will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 6th from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Schedule of Events:

4:30-5:00 p.m. Registration and Bidding opens for the Silent Auction in the Fellowship Hall

During this time, everyone is welcome to add names to the lists to be read at the Cancer Tree. You can have loved ones names read in memory of them (no matter the cause of death) or names read in honor of loved ones who are dealing with illness and/or who have survived illness.

5:00-5:30 p.m. Walk or Drive to the Cancer Tree at Northern

5:30 p.m. Cancer Tree Creator Message and Pastor Smith reading of the lists and closing prayer

6:00 p.m. Return to the church to claim your silent auction items

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

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

**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!

### **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 – August 6, 2023** KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “No Laughing Matter” **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Kevin Koester presents the message “*A Trail of Breadcrumbs*” based on *Matthew 14:13-21*. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – August 6, 2023** “*Who Is Jesus?*” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. 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.

**Offering: July 23, 2023** - \$11,066.00    Coffee - \$65.39  
Missions: \$50.00

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

**Sunday Attendance: July 23, 2023:**

**8:00am** – 89    Communed - 71    **10:45am** — 69    Communed – 52

**Wed:** -27    Communed – 23

Bible Study: Sunday – 45    Wednesday: 10am – 8    7pm - 5

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (July 30 – August 6)**

**Sun      8:00 am              Worship Service**

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

**10:45 amWorship Service**

**Wed      10:00 am              Bible Study**

**6:15 pm              Worship Service**

7:00 pm Bible Study

**Thur      9:00 am              Good Cheer Circle**

**Sun      8:00 am              Worship Service**

9:30 am    Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

**10:45 am              Worship Service**

4:30 pm Dan Wold Foundation Walk/Silent Auction

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 30, 2023

**Opening Hymn: #596** *"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"*

**Baptism:** Willow Leah Anderson (10:45am service)

Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

### Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father.

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Introit**      *Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

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: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

**C: children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

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

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

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Scripture Readings:

### Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

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

**G** 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 8:28–39*

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

<sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of

Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Holy Gospel** *Matthew 13:44–52*

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

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

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

**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)**

**Nicene Creed** (back of hymnal)

**Sermon Hymn: #656** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

**Sermon:** *"Who Can Be Against Us"*

Rev Jacob Smith

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **C** **Amen.**

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and

in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this

cup is the New Testament in My ✙ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✙ in peace. **C** **Amen.**

**Hymn: #620** *“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”*

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P: Let us Pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✙ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #922** *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

