

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

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 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, and Martha Jerke.

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

Prayer Service TODAY at 12:30 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Call Meeting – August 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm. A call meeting will be held on Sunday, August 27 at 1:00 pm to call a Senior Pastor. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Call committee meetings are August 22, 24 and 26th at 7:00 pm.

Sunday School Volunteer Meeting: Sunday, August 27 at 9:30am. At St. Paul's Lutheran Church, we value teaching people about Jesus. Throughout the nation, it is evident that our children do not know their Bibles. Our goal in Sunday School is to combat this and create biblically literate children. We need many volunteers to help or lead music and crafts. Whether it's monthly or weekly, we need you! Come to the volunteer meeting to get more information on how you can use your gifts and abilities to serve. The meeting will be in the sanctuary. See you there!

Faith and Reason study begins August 30th – Join us for a Bible study that will focus on the intersection of faith and reason. Do we have to take everything at blind faith? Can we only know things through reason? Do faith and reason contradict each other? We will tackle these questions and more in our study! The study will begin on August 30 and end on September 27 with 5 weekly sessions from 7-8pm. Taught by DCE Michael Leapley.

Newsletter: The August newsletter is now online. Go to the church website under the News tab.

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.

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.

Positions on Boards – We have open seats for next year on the Council and the School Board. If interested, please contact Steve Jacobson.

MAIN STREET LIVING – August 20, 2023 KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “*The Cup*” **10:30 AM** – **Worship** – Rev. Marcus Ring presents the message “*Proven*” based on *Matthew 15:21-28*. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – August 20, 2023 “*The Latest Polls*” 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.

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

Organist: Sunday – Sue Ellingson **Wednesday:** Cindy Jung
Offering: August 6, 2023 - \$11,348.41 Shepherd Fund - \$251.81
Amount to meet Budget: \$13,615.00 per week

The church office will be closed Monday, August 14, 2023.

Sunday Attendance: August 6, 2023:

8:00am – 67 10:45am — 115 Wed: -14

Bible Study: Sunday – 38 Wednesday: 10am – 8
7pm - 6

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (August 13 – August 20)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

10:45 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Prayer Service

Wed 10:00 am Bible Study

6:15 pm Worship Service

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

Introit *Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*

P: I will bless the LORD at all times;

C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: I sought the LORD, and he answered me

C: and delivered me from all my fears.

P: Those who look to him are radiant,

C: and their faces shall never be ashamed.

P: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him

C: and saved him out of all his troubles.

P: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

C: and delivers them.

P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

C: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

P: I will bless the LORD at all times;

C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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 *Job 38:4–18*

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
⁹when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?
¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.
¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.
¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

P: Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C: for those who fear him lack nothing!

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle *Romans 10:5–17*

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 14:22–33*

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea,

they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Catechetical Review

Holy Baptism – Third

P: How can water do such great things?

C: Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)