

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

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, 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, Cora Burrer, Everett Quam, and Martha Jerke.

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

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.

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.

A Five Loaves Planning meeting will be held on Wed., Aug. 23rd at 5:00 pm.

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.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Silent Auction and Walk. Thanks to those who donated items and bought shirts, and thanks to the church staff for their help as well. We especially thank Pastor Smith for this prayer and reading of the names at the NSU Cancer Tree. We had a successful event due to your support!

Daniel Wold Foundation

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

Organist: Sunday – Sue Ellingson **Wednesday:** Cindy Jung

Offering: August 13, 2023 - \$12,929.00

Coffee - \$142.50 Missions - \$45.00

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

Sunday Attendance: August 13, 2023:

8:00am – 86 Communed - 76 **10:45am** – 109 Communed – 75

Wed: -16 Communed - 15

Bible Study: Sunday – 51 Wednesday: 10am – 10

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (August 20 – August 27)

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

Tue 7:00 pm Pre Call Committee Meeting

Wed 10:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Five Loaves Planning meeting

6:15 pm Worship Service

Thurs 7:00 pm Pre Call Committee Meeting

Sat 7:00 pm Pre Call Committee Meeting

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School Volunteer Meeting

10:45 am Worship Service

1:00 pm Congregation Call Meeting

5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

Introit *Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

P: The LORD is the strength of his people;

C: he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

P: To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

C: lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

P: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

C: when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

P: Blessèd be the LORD!

C: For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

P: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

C: my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

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C: he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

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 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their

disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 15:21–28*

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Catechetical Review

Holy Baptism - Fourth

P: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

C: It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P: Where is this written?

C: St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)