

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

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## **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 27, 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, Jerald Loeb, Phyllis Hite, and Martha Jerke.

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

**Call Meeting – TODAY August 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm.** A call meeting will be held on today at 1:00 pm to call a Senior Pastor. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>** – 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 Leapey.

**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.

**A confirmation meeting** for parents and students will be held on Wed., August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

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

**The next Five Loaves Supper** will be held on Wed., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:15pm. The menu is pizza and breadsticks. To enhance the meal, members may bring veggies, fruit, or a dessert.

**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 – Sept. 3, 2023** KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – *“The Sound of Doors Closing”* **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Robert Hinckley presents the message *“Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus”* based on Matthew 16:24. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Sept. 3, 2023** *“Entryway”* Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. 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.

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

**Offering: August 20, 2023** - \$8,726.00

Coffee - \$74.50

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

**Sunday Attendance: August 20, 2023:**

**8:00am** – 68 **10:45am** — 104 **Wed:** 26 Communed - 25

**Bible Study:** Wednesday: 10am – 11

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (August 27 – September 3)**

### **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

### **Wed    10:00 am            Bible Study**

### **6:15 pm            Worship Service**

7:00 pm            Faith & Reasoning Bible Study

7:00 pm            Confirmation meeting – Parents/Students

### **Sun     8:00 am            Worship Service**

9:30 am    Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

### **10:45 am            Worship Service**

**Introit** *Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18*

P: But we will bless the LORD

**C: from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

P: As for me, I have set my King

**C: on Zion, my holy hill.**

P: I will tell of the decree:

**C: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”**

P: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C: Extol him, all peoples!**

P: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**C: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

P: But we will bless the LORD

**C: from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 51:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the LORD:

look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,  
 that I might bless him and multiply him.  
<sup>3</sup>For the LORD comforts Zion;  
 he comforts all her waste places  
 and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
 her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
 joy and gladness will be found in her,  
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
<sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people,  
 and give ear to me, my nation;  
 for a law will go out from me,  
 and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,  
 my salvation has gone out,  
 and my arms will judge the peoples;  
 the coastlands hope for me,  
 and for my arm they wait.  
<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
 and look at the earth beneath;  
 for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
 the earth will wear out like a garment,  
 and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
 but my salvation will be forever,  
 and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

**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 11:33—12:8*

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel     *Matthew 16:13–20*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I

am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Catechetical Review

### Confession

*P: What is Confession?*

**C: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

*P: What sins should we confess?*

**C: Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.**