

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

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## **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 17, 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, Lowell McIntire, Geraldine McIntire, Martha Jerke, Cadence Judd, and Gloria Anderson.

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

**Senior Pastor Nominating Forms** – Nominating forms are on the table in the South Narthex. These forms will be available for the next two Sunday's. Please return to the church office prior to Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Luke Daniel Douglas Johnson**, son of Daniel and Melinda Johnson will be Baptized at the 10:45 am service today. Sponsor is Allen Quade and witness is Kristen Kenny.

**Quilting** will begin on September 21, 2023 at 9:00 am.

**Gathering God's Flock** – TODAY at 2:00 pm.

**LWML meeting** and lunch has been moved to Thurs., Sept. 21 at 11:30am.

**CUNE Visit Day "A Life Called" – October 7-9.** The St. Paul's Lutheran Youth Group (Aberdeen, SD) is going on a trip to Concordia Nebraska to learn about their 5 church work programs: Director of Christian Education, Director of Parish Music, Lutheran Teacher, Pre-Deaconess, and Pre-Seminary. This visit will be geared towards high schoolers considering CUNE and a church work vocation. We will leave from Aberdeen on October 7 at 1pm and return to Aberdeen on October 9 by 10pm. If you're interested in joining the St. Paul's Youth Group for this trip, please contact DCE Michael Leapley by email [michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org](mailto:michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org) or phone (262) 378-9958.

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

**Jesus Door-2-Door – Sept. 23 (9am-4pm).** This event will be hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD. Come be strengthened in your faith by spreading the gospel and giving a confession of what you believe. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself!

**Meatball Dinner – Sunday, October 1, 2023 - 4:30-6:30 pm.** Signup sheets are located in the South Narthex. Call the church office for a meal delivery.

**Faith and Reason –** 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! Taught by DCE Michael Leapley.

**Kessler's and Ken's Grocery Receipts –** Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> the Lighthouse Preschool is collecting grocery receipts. The bins are located in the hallway by the coat rack. Be sure the receipts are dated after September 1<sup>st</sup> and prior to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**MAIN STREET LIVING – Sept. 24, 2023** KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM – “Home Free” 10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Ray Greenseth presents the message “God Meant It for Good” *based on Genesis 50:15-21.* For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Sept. 24, 2023 “High Ground”** 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/Wednesday – Cyrece Kono**

**Offering: September 10, 2023 - \$8,175.00**

Coffee - \$93.00 Sunday School - \$19.85

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

**Sunday Attendance: September 10, 2023:**

**8:00am – 77 10:45am — 102 Wed: 26**

**Bible Study: Sunday – 66 Wed: 10am – 7 7pm - 7**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (September 17-24)**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

2:00 pm Gathering God's Flock

**Wed 10:00 am Bible Study**

5:00 pm Women's Bible Study

**6:15 pm Worship Service**

7:00 pm Faith & Reason Bible Study

7:00 pm Confirmation

**Thurs 9am am Quilting**

11:30 am LWML Meeting and Lunch

7:00 pm Rural Gospel Initiative Meeting

**Sat 9:00 am Jesus Door 2 Door**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

**Introit**    *Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9*

P: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

**C: I have fled to you for refuge!**

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**C: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

P: Enter not into judgment with your servant,

**C: for no one living is righteous before you.**

**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: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

**C: I have fled to you for refuge!**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**    *Genesis 50:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>"Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

<sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**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 14:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Holy Gospel** *Matthew 18:21–35*

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

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

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

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

# Catechetical Review

## The Sacrament of the Altar

*P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

**C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

*P Where is this written?*

**C: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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."**