

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

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

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Please pray for Roger Blum, 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, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Edward Les Young, Diane Hickenbotham, Cora Burrer, Jerald Loebbs, Phyllis Hite, Lowell McIntire, Geraldine McIntire, Charles Frohling, Martha Jerke, Stuart Quam, Sandy Wolf, and Gloria Anderson.

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

October is Pastor/DCE appreciation month.

Gathering God's Flock – TODAY at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to participate.

The Reformation Bible Study – This year when we take a look at the Lutheran Reformation, we will be studying the life of Nikolaus von Amsdorf. Amsdorf was one of Luther's closest friends. He was well known for his ability to explain theology to lay people and for his conviction to resist tyranny and defend the gospel. Every Wednesday night at 7pm from October 11th to November 8th, we will be exploring the life and works of this reformer.

A Reformation Service will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton. Service begins at 3:00pm. Guest preacher will be Dr. Jeffrey Pulse from Ft. Wayne Seminary in Indiana.

Call Meeting – A Call meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 1:00 pm to call a Senior Pastor. The Call committee will be meeting on October 17, 19, and 21st at 7:00 pm at the church.

Thank you! Thank you! We want to thank everyone that helped with the Meatball Dinner. It is nice to have all the members get together for fellowship and help. We really appreciated it. We served about 240 people plus carry outs. Our profit was \$4152.20. We are very grateful.

St. Paul's LWML Board

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

Organist: Sunday – Sue Ellingson Wednesday – Cindy Jung

Donations Needed (Youth Group Half-Nighter) – The youth group half-nighter will be on Friday, October 20th. We were so grateful last year for the way people supported the youth and their time together, so I wanted to make known our needs for this year's event. We are in need of quarters for the Retrocade, and we could use soda and snacks for throughout the night. Please let DCE Michael Leapley know if you can provide for any of these needs. Thank you.

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 – Oct. 22, 2023 KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “*Big Account*” **10:30 AM** – **Worship** – Rev. Norman Wacker presents the message “*The Things of God*” based on Matthew 22:15-22. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Oct. 22, 2023 “*Matching Pace*” 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: October 8, 2023 - \$8,844.00
Coffee - \$101.00 Sunday School - \$6.00

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

Sunday Attendance: October 8, 2023:
8:00am – 96 Communed - 78 **10:45am** — 95 Communed - 67
Wed - 25 Communed - 17

Bible Study: Sun. – 57 Wed: 10am - 10 5:15pm - 5 7pm - 5

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (October 15 - 22)

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

Mon 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Tue 7:00 pm Pre Call Meeting

Wed 10:00am Bible study

5:15 pm Women's Bible Study

6:15 pmWorship Service

7:00 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Reformation Bible Study

Thurs 9:00 am Quilting

7:00 pm Pre Call Meeting

7:00 pm Rural Gospel Meeting

Fri 5pm – 1am Youth ½ Night Event

Sat 7:00 pm Pre Call Meeting (if needed)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

1:00 pm Call Meeting – Congregation

5-7:00 pm Youth Meeting

Introit *Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2*

P: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

C: my soul shall exult in my God,

P: for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

C: he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

P: as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

C: and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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 *Isaiah 25:6–9*

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might
save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

P: He will command his angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle *Philippians 4:4–13*

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 22:1–14*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Catechetical Review

P: The Third Commandment

C: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

P: The Fourth Commandment

C: Honor your father and your mother.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.