

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

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 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 Loeb, 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.

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 until 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 TODAY at 1:00 pm to call a Senior Pastor.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Oct. 29, 2023 *"What Are People Good For"*
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.

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.

Our condolences to the family of Charles Frohling. His funeral will be held at St. Paul's on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 10:30am. A Prayer service will be held on Thurs., Oct. 26th at 7:00 pm at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home.

MAIN STREET LIVING – Oct. 29, 2023 KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM – “The Sexton” 10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Arie Bertsch presents the message “*The Son Sets You Free*” based on John 8:31-36. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Five Loaves Supper - Hello, Friends!!!

Our next Five Loaves Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, with serving beginning about 5:15 pm. The weather is cooling off, so we have planned a hot meal!

However, we are going to be short-handed and could really use some additional help. We understand the difficulties helping in the afternoon, especially when employed. If you can help, we will begin cooking between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm on Wednesday, Nov 1st. Perks are that there is always fresh coffee and unlimited taste-testing. If you need more information, please talk with anyone on the Five Loaves Committee (Paige A, Betty O, Dee R, Jan M, Diana B).

Mark your calendars for December 6. We plan food for more than has been coming, so please bring a friend or two. And they need not be members. All are welcome! Thank you!!

Organist: Sunday/Wednesday – Cyrece Kono

Please sign the fellowship booklet attendance .

Offering: October 15, 2023 - \$9,549.40

Coffee - \$96.00 Sunday School - \$14.75 Missions - \$52.00

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

Year-to-date: Expenses - \$457,246.00 Income - \$458,732.00

Sunday Attendance: October 15, 2023:

8:00am – 114 Communed - 92 **10:45am** — 102 Communed – 75

Wed - 13 Communed - 13

Bible Study: Sun. – 70 Wed: 10am - 9 5:15pm - 7 7pm - 6

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (October 22 - 29)

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

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 Council Meeting

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

Introit *Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5*

P: The LORD is your keeper;

C: the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C: From where does my help come?

P: My help comes from the LORD,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: He will not let your foot be moved;

C: he who keeps you will not slumber.

P: Behold, he who keeps Israel

C: will neither slumber nor sleep.

P: The LORD will keep you from all evil;

C: he will keep your life.

P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

C: from this time forth and forevermore.

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: The LORD is your keeper;

C: the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 45:1–7*

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him

and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

²“I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

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 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 22:15–22*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to

pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Catechetical Review

P: Fifth Commandment

C: You shall not murder.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

P: The Sixth Commandment

C: You shall not commit adultery.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.