

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

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Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 18, 2025



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PRAYER LIST: Please pray for Roger Blum, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Dawn Dohn, Dora Lane, Barb Wacholz, Nels Olson, Kathy Licht, Shane Sass, Cheryl Zinter, Beverly Schrader, Karen Johnson, Annika Keeton, and Baelyn Schwab. Family of Marilou Hieb.

Please inform the Pastor or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized. If you would like to add your name or remove a name to the above prayer list, please contact the church office.

Happy Birthday Pastor Smith! Join us for cake in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

Music Cantor - We are looking into ways of housing him. If you would have an extra bedroom or place for him to stay we would greatly appreciate the help. Please let someone in the office know either Cindy or Rev. Drevlow.

Funeral for Marilou Hieb will be Friday, May 23rd at 10:30am at St. Paul's.

Church softball – Anyone interested in playing church league softball this summer, please contact Pastor Smith.

Let's get ready for an epic Australian adventure! VBS is coming up June 8 - 12 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm each evening. We are looking forward to an exciting week of learning and fun for kids ages Preschool through 5th Grade. Can you help out by volunteering your time or donating supplies? ***Check out the VBS display in the South Narthex for volunteer opportunities and a donation tree.*** Thank you for your support!

Graduation reception – A reception for High School and College graduates will be held on today at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Sunday School – June 1 to July 27 – “One Room Schoolhouse” – Grades K-4th (just completed). Need volunteers to each do one Sunday, materials will be provided.

Organist: Sunday–Cyrece Kono Wed – Cyrece Kono

Town Hall Meeting – The annual Town Hall meeting will be held on June 8th at 9:30am. This is an informational meeting only, with each Board presenting, and a time for questions.

Cantor: We would like to keep the needs of our Cantor to a minimum including purchasing groceries and worrying about cooking dinner. If you are interested in supporting our Cantor Intern please see the signup sheet in the narthex. It will be an opportunity to meet with him over lunch or dinner. You can invite him over to your house or take him out to eat, your choice.

Our Cantor, Rocco, needs certain experiences to fill out his education. So, under his direction we will have several offerings this summer:

Junior Choir: We will have a signup sheet for anyone who has completed 2nd grade up until anyone completing 9th grade.

Bell Choir: We will have a signup sheet for anyone who wishes to play bells. We will have two rehearsals prior to July 26th to prepare for the Sacred Music Concert.

Choral Retreat: In an effort to give Cantor Fritz experience with adult choir, we will be having a Choral Retreat on July 26th. Rehearsal will begin at 10am with a break for Lunch and then we will continue until about 3pm. We will learn several songs that we will in turn sing that evening for our Sacred Music Concert. If you have ever wanted to experiment with singing with a choir this is for you! There will be a signup sheet in the narthex for this choral retreat as well.

We are looking for anyone who might be able to assist our services by playing piano or organ this Fall. If you have any inclination to help or play please let Rev. Drevlow or Rev. Smith know.

The Lighthouse Preschool is hiring for the 2025/26 school year! We are looking to fill a part-time positions in our aftercare program 3:15-5:30 M-F, and also on Wednesdays from 8-3:15. Positions can be combined. Must be able to begin working in August. Please contact the preschool at 605-725-1855 or talk to Jenelle Siebert for more information.

MAIN STREET LIVING – May 25, 2025 FOX This the Life – **10:00 AM** – *“Time Out for Bill”* **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Steven Hokana, (Armed Forces Day) presents a message titled “Faith and the Warrior” The sermon is based on Isaiah 6:7. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Sunday Attendance: May 11, 2025 – 8:00am – 103 10:45 – 94
Wed: 17 **Bible Study:** Sun – 35 Wed: 10am – 4 5:00pm – 6

Offering: May 11, 2025 - \$8,951.00 Coffee - \$98.50

Amount to meet budget: \$12,824.00 per week

WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (May 18 – May 25)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Sunday School – last day

9:30 am Bible Study

10:45 am Worship Service

Wed 10:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Women’s Bible Study

6:15 pm Worship

Fri 4:30-6:30 pm Youth For Christ – YMCA pool party

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Bible Study

10:45 am Worship Service

Psalm 148*Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13*

P: ¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

C: praise him in the heights!

P: ²Praise him, all his angels;

C: praise him, all his hosts!

P: ³Praise him, sun and moon,

C: praise him, all you shining stars!

P: ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,

C: and you waters above the heavens!

P: ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!

C: For he commanded and they were created.

P: ⁶And he established them forever and ever;

C: he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

P: ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,

C: you great sea creatures and all deeps,

P: ⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,

C: stormy wind fulfilling his word!

P: ⁹Mountains and all hills,

C: fruit trees and all cedars!

P: ¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,

C: creeping things and flying birds!

P: ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,

C: princes and all rulers of the earth!

P: ¹²Young men and maidens together,

C: old men and children!

P: ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;

C: his majesty is above earth and heaven.

P: ¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
C: for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the LORD!

**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**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

[P] Let us pray.
O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
[C] Amen.

First Reading *Acts 11:1–18*

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has

made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

P: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C: he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle *Revelation 21:1–7*

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

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Holy Gospel *John 16:12–22*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not

know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?”

²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.