

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

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## **Sixth Sunday after Easter**

**May 25, 2025**



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

**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.

**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!

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

Church office will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

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

**Town Hall Meeting** – The annual Town Hall meeting will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

All are welcome at the Divine Service for Ascension Day on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aberdeen.

**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.

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.

**The congregation is invited** to celebrate Evelyn Blum's 85th birthday with cake and punch on Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 3:30-5:00pm at Krave, 1801 Eisenhower Circle (corner of Melgaard and Main). No gifts necessary!

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – June 1, 2025** *“God’s Gumbo”* Speaker: Rev. R. Michael Ziegler 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.

**June newsletter** is now on line on St. Paul’s website.

**Organist:** Sunday–Cyrece Kono Wed – Cyrece Kono

**Sunday Attendance: May 18, 2025 –**

8:00am – 107 Communed - 81 10:45 – 87 Communed - 72 Wed:  
14 Communed - 10

**Bible Study:** Sun – 62 Wed: 10am – 8 5:15pm - 5

**Offering: May 18, 2025 - \$12,850.00 Coffee - \$109.00**

Missions - \$120.00

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

**WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (May 25 – June 1)**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Bible Study

**10:45 am Worship Service**

**Wed 10:00 am Bible Study**

**6:15 pm Worship**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Bible Study

**10:45 am Worship Service**

1:30 pm Vacation Bible School volunteer meeting

**Psalm 67***Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 3*

P: <sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us

**C: and make his face to shine upon us,**

P: <sup>2</sup>that your way may be known on earth,

**C: your saving power among all nations.**

P: <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**C: let all the peoples praise you!**

P: <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**C: for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

P: <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**C: let all the peoples praise you!**

P: <sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase;

**C: God, our God, shall bless us.**

P: <sup>7</sup>God shall bless us;

**C: let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

**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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 16:9–15*

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

**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 21:9–14, 21–27*

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

<sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel    *John 16:23–33*

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

**C**    **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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

**C**    **Praise to You, O Christ.**