

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

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## **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 24, 2025**



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**PRAYER LIST:** Please pray for Roger Blum, Andrew Ruenzel, Dawn Dohn, Dora Lane, Barb Wacholz, Kathy Licht, Shane Sass, Cheryl Zinter, Karen Johnson, Baelyn Schwab, Marcie Jutting, Lou Thomas, Betty Streckfuss, Connie Dewan, Janice Jundt, Roger Huff, and Mary Layton.

**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.

### **Women's Thursday Bible Study:**

- When/Where: Every Thursday from 7-8pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall
- Book: Ladylike: Living Biblically by Rebekah Curtis and Rose Adle (purchase on Amazon or CPH)
- Contact Information: Melinda Johnson (605-949-2483) or Emily Anderson (605-999-7709)
- Didn't read the chapter? No problem! We'd love to have you join us!

**Confirmation** classes begin on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Joint Service** – August 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am; Bible Study at 9:00am  
(No Sunday School & No Powerpoint)

Anyone interested in teaching **Sunday School** this year, please contact Pastor Drevlow, Pastor Smith, or the Church Office. Sunday School starts on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a **Choir** Organizational Meeting at 6:30pm and **Bell Choir** Organizational Meeting at 7:30pm on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a **Youth Group Meeting** (grades 7-12) for parents & students here at the church on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 7:00pm with a meal provided.

Congregation **Game Night** & Snacks on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**The Daniel Wold Foundation** Silent Auction and Walk will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 24th from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend! The money raised at the event goes toward scholarships to Northern State University and to support local agencies that serve persons with disabilities. Ten percent of the money raised goes to St. Paul's Lutheran as well.

Schedule of Events:

4:30-5:00 p.m. Registration and Bidding opens for the Silent Auction in the Fellowship Hall. During this time, everyone is welcome to add names to the lists to be read at the Cancer Tree. You can request loved ones names read in memory of them (no matter the cause of death) or names read in honor of loved ones who are dealing with illness and/or who have survived illness.

5:00-5:30 p.m. Walk or Drive to the Cancer Tree at Northern

5:30 p.m. Cancer Tree Time- Adding ribbons to the tree, Reading of the Names, and Messages from Speakers

6:00 p.m. Return to the church to claim your silent auction items

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.

We are looking for **snack donations** to help feed our **preschoolers**! Throughout the month of August, please place snack items in the box in the narthex or leave them with Jenelle at the preschool. A list of snack items needed can be found in the bulletin insert or on the board in the gym. Thank you for your support!

**MAIN STREET LIVING – August 31, 2025 KDLT (NBC) Channels 5.1 / 46.1 – 10:00 AM – “The Reluctant Witness” 10:30 AM – Worship**  
– Rev. Alan Ludwig presents a message titled “*From Sabbath Meal to Kingdom Feast.*” The sermon is based on Luke 14:1-14. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – August 31, 2025 “Life Narrows Down”**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. 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.

**Sunday Attendance: August 17, 2025**

8:00am - 59                      Communed - 45

10:45am –124                  Communed - 84

Wed 6:15pm - 16              Communed - 16

Bible Study: Sun – 44    Wed – 10

**Organist – Sunday/Wednesday:** Sue Ellingson/Tina Board

**Offering: August 17, 2025 - \$10,135.56    Coffee - \$64.00**

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

**WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (August 24 – August 31)**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:30 am	Donuts and Coffee
	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>

<b>Wed</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study
	<b>6:15 pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	7:00 pm	Confirmation

<b>Thur</b>	7:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study
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<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	Donuts and Coffee
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Joint Worship Service</b>

**Psalm** *Psalm 50:1–15; antiphon: v. 23*

P: 1The Mighty One, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth

**C: from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

P: 2Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

**C: God shines forth.**

P: 3Our God comes; he does not keep silence;

**C: before him is a devouring fire,  
around him a mighty tempest.**

P: 4He calls to the heavens above

**C: and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

P: 5“Gather to me my faithful ones,

**C: who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”**

P: 6The heavens declare his righteousness,

**C: for God himself is judge!**

P: 7“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;

O Israel, I will testify against you.

**C: I am God, your God.**

P: 8Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

**C: your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

P: 9I will not accept a bull from your house

**C: or goats from your folds.**

P: 10For every beast of the forest is mine,

**C: the cattle on a thousand hills.**

P: 11I know all the birds of the hills,

**C: and all that moves in the field is mine.**

P: 12“If I were hungry, I would not tell you,

**C: for the world and its fullness are mine.**

P: 13Do I eat the flesh of bulls

**C: or drink the blood of goats?**

P: 14Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**C: and perform your vows to the Most High,**

P: 15and call upon me in the day of trouble;

**C: I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”**

**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 Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 66:18–23*

<sup>18</sup>“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

<sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual *Psalms 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 Hebrews 12:4–24

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,  
nor be weary when reproved by him.

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

<sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Holy Gospel**    *Luke 13:22–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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

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