

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

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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, Baelyn Schwab, Marcie Jutting, Lou Thomas, Betty Streckfuss, Connie Dewan, Patricia Fors, David Gulland, Cindy & Tom Pichotta, Dan Swisher, Elijah Jopp, Bob Olson, and the families of MaryAnn Wehde, Esther Erlenbusch, and Michael Swanhorst.

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.

The Annual Voter's Meeting is today at 12:00 pm. The 2026 Annual Ministry packets are on the tables in both narthexes. A pizza lunch will be provided. Please plan on attending this meeting.

Congratulations to Alex Duus on being confirmed today.

October is Pastor's Appreciation month.

The **Aberdeen Circuit Reformation** service is on Friday, October 31st at 7:00pm in Groton.

There is now a **Saturday morning Bible Study** at 6:00am on Spiritual Warfare.

Journey Home Donations: the cart is currently out in the Narthex today. Thank you for any food items, cleaning supplies, personal items, etc.

The **Fall Newsletter** is now available online.

LCMS Lutheran Family Service has opened a new office in Aberdeen, (605) 271-1081, with Licensed Professional Counselor Dreena Wertz, MS, DWertz@LutheranFamilyService.org. LFS serves all through a Christian faith worldview. They are here to help. Find out more: LutheranFamilyService.org

The next meeting of St Paul's/Our Savior's **Men's Club** will meet at St. Paul's Tuesday, November 11th at 6pm. We will be having pork chops and dumplings just like mom used to make. We will be continuing with Chapter 4 in the Book Man Up; by Jeffery Hemmer. All manly men of all ages are encouraged to attend. I hope to see you all on Tuesday November 11th.

Women's Wednesday Bible Study: Every Wednesday evening at 5:15pm. The group is studying the book, *God's Assurance for Times of Change* by Christopher Kennedy. The book is available through CPH or Amazon. A Zoom option is available for those who would like to participate remotely. Please contact Cheryl Wold for more information. Thanks!

Women's Thursday Bible Study: 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!

Trunk or Treat - We are looking for some volunteers who would like to set out a small trunk-or-treat activity or booth for our preschool students! This event will be on Friday, October 31st from 2:15-3:00 to coincide with our class party. Some ideas for a small booth or table would be a game, craft or other activity that the preschool kids could enjoy, as well as a small treat to take home. Please sign up on the table in the narthex if you are willing to sponsor a booth for our kids!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – November 2, 2025 *“The Way Out”* Speaker: Rev. Dr 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.

MAIN STREET LIVING – November 2, 2025 KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Channels 5.1 / 46.1 – 10:00 AM – “The Run Away Home” 10:30 AM – Worship – Rev. Sam Handschke presents a message titled *“We Are, We Shall”* The sermon is based on Matthew 5:1-12. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Sunday Attendance: October 19, 2025

8:00am – 113 Communed - 91

10:45am – 87 Communed - 69

Wed 6:15pm – 15 Communed - 15

Bible Study: Sun – 58 Wed 10:00 – 11 Wed 5:15 – 8

Organist – Sunday/Wednesday: Sue Ellingson/Tina Board

Offering: October 5, 2025 - \$9452.50 Coffee - \$109.50

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

WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (October 26 – November 2)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

10:45 am Worship Service

12:00 pm Annual Voter's Meeting

5:00 pm Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

Wed 10:00 am Bible Study

5:15 pm Women's Bible Study

6:15 pmWorship

7:00 pm Confirmation

Thurs 9:00 am Quilting

6:30 pm Choir

7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

7:30 pm Bell Choir

Fri 7:00 pm Aberdeen Circuit Reformation Service in Groton

Sat 6:00 am Bible Study

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

10:45 am Worship Service

Psalm *Psalm 5; antiphon: v. 11a*

P: ¹Give ear to my words, O LORD;

C: consider my groaning.

P: ²Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,

C: for to you do I pray.

P: ³O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;

C: in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

P: ⁴For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

C: evil may not dwell with you.

P: ⁵The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;

C: you hate all evildoers.

P: ⁶You destroy those who speak lies;

C: the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

P: ⁷But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.

**C: I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.**

P: ⁸Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;

C: make your way straight before me.

P: ⁹For there is no truth in their mouth;
their inmost self is destruction;

**C: their throat is an open grave;
they flatter with their tongue.**

P: ¹⁰Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;

**C: because of the abundance of their transgressions
cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.**

P: ¹¹But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,

**C: and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.**

P: ¹²For you bless the righteous, O LORD;

C: you cover him with favor as with a shield.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of 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 *Genesis 4:1–15*

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive

and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalms 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 *2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18*

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Holy Gospel *Luke 18:9–17*

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

9[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ 13But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

15Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 17Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**