



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.
(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
 - 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
 - 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

-  **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- Please join us **today** after service for a **Bible Study** led by Bill Kuschel, special voter's meeting and lunch followings.
- **CAMP OMEGA is looking for Summer Counselors.** If you are 18 years old or older, enjoy being outdoors and love to work with kids and want to share the LOVE of Jesus Christ with them, then this job is for you!! Pleases reach out to Camp Omega, go online to fill out an application or contact the Church office for assistance.
- **Women's Bible Study** plans to meet on the first and second Wednesdays in June, **June 14th**, from 9:30 to 10:45. We'll be finishing up our 40 – year journey with the Children of Israel on their journey through the Wilderness to the Promised Land. They learned many lessons; so, did we. Ladies, you are invited to join us as we begin the next in the video series: That the World May Know: The Path to the Cross.
- **June 12th, 2023 the 10th annual Simply Saved Thrift Store "Style Show and Profit Distribution" at 6:30 pm.** Doors open at 6:15. Tickets are \$10.00 each available at Trinity Lutheran Church office.
- **A SPECIAL VOTER'S Meeting is scheduled for Sunday June 11th at 11am** (immediately following Bible Study) the congregation will be asked to call a pastor from the following list. More detailed information will be provided on each candidate at the Voter's meeting
 - Rev. John Bumgardner –Neshkoro, WI @ Zion Lutheran Church
 - Rev. Paul Gaschler – Franklin, IN @ Concordia Lutheran Church Greenwood, IN
 - Rev. Michael Grannis – Lincoln Park, MI @ Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:**
- **Hospitalized:**
- **Medical Procedure:** Karen Thompson (Kathy Flagstad's Sister) waiting for available kidney,
- **Illness:** Aimee Sibilrud, Cindy Kuschel
- **Treatment:** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Dixie Flitter (sister of Shirley Bluhm) Randy Gehring (brother-in-law to Denise Duffy), Debbie Pehrson, Terry George (Fiancé of Linda Larson), Kirsten Tharp (sister to Denise Duffy)
- **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
- **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)
- **FOR THE CALL COMMITTEE AND THE CALL PROCESS,** may God lead us to the Pastor that he has already chosen for us to call.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Table Grace

June 11, 2023

AS WE GATHER

One of the three sung table graces included in *Lutheran Service Book* is “Be Present at Our Table, Lord” (*LSB* 775). The first part of the text, from around 1740, was written to be used before a meal began. It asks the Lord’s presence be at the dinner table. The text also has a parallel verse to be spoken or sung at the close of a meal:

We bless Thee, Lord, for this our food,
But more for Jesus’ flesh and blood;
The manna to our spirits giv’n,
The living bread sent down from heav’n;
Praise shall our grateful lips employ,
While life and plenty we enjoy;
'Till worthy, we adore Thy name,
While banqueting with Christ, the lamb.

The English author John Cennick thoughtfully ties together our daily eating at our home tables with our being together at the Lord’s Table at worship. Wherever our tables may be, the Lord is there with His blessing!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

[*LSB* 902]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 149:1–2, 4, 9b*

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

People: His praise in the assembly of the godly!

Pastor: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

People: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Pastor: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;

People: He adorns the humble with salvation. Praise the LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: **Merciful Father, we confess our sinfulness. We sincerely repent of our sins. Graciously hear this, our confession, O Lord, and grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Lead us to amend our sinful lives that we may grow in righteousness to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: Jesus, our Redeemer and God's greatest gift, promises forgiveness, life, and salvation, and welcomes us to His Table. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

HYMN: "Thy Word"

[Reusable Song Sheet]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son, Jesus, calls us as His people and invites us to feast at His Table. Grant us grace always to respond to His call and to find our greatest joy in being at the Lord's Table. This we ask through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Hosea 5:15–6:6* (The Lord desires mercy.)

I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

6 "Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

3 Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;

his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”
4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.
5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: *Romans 4:13–25* (An account of the faith of Abraham)

13 For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. 16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” 23 But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b; Matthew 9:13b*

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

People: **and His greatness is unsearchable.**

Pastor: On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,

People: **and I will declare Your greatness.**

Pastor: Alleluia. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

People: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 9:9–13* (Jesus calls Matthew as a disciple.)

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Pastor: As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him,

People: **“Follow Me.”**

Pastor: And he rose and followed Him. And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when He heard it, He said,

People: **“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

[LSB 702]

SERMON:

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As dear children ask their dear father...Father in heaven:
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: ...our heavenly Father hears our petitions, we say with hopeful hearts
and voices:

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

[LSB 955]

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE2 *Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because Your mercy attends us all our days. In mercy, You provide for all our wants of body and soul, and graciously You invite us to come to the Lord's Table, granting us a foretaste of the feast to come. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company

of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore
praising You with joyous song:

SANCTUS: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

(LSB 457 Verse 1)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, O God, for You have delivered us from death and the power of Satan and have invited us to Your Table. Grant that we with true thanksgiving receive the bread and wine, that is, the body and blood our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may live rejoicing in resurrection hope. Receive our prayers and thanksgiving, and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed....

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven....

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (Please remain standing)

(LSB 457 Vs 4)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Your Table I Approach”

[LSB 628]

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

[LSB 570]

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

[LSB 611]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that the lips that have sung Your praise in the sanctuary may glorify You in the world, that the ears that have heard the voice of Your songs may be closed to the voices of clamor and dispute, that the eyes that have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues that have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of Your Son's living body and blood may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Pastor: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN: “How Firm a Foundation”

[LSB 728]

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: June 11th - June 18th, 2023

Sunday (11^h):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Led by Bill Kuschel) and Coffee hour

11:00 am **SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING**

Monday (12th):

10:00 am Prayer Team

****NEWS LETTER ARTICLES DUE*****

Tuesday (13th):

Wednesday (14th):

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Contemporary Ensemble Practice

Thursday (15th):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

Friday (16th):

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru

Saturday (17th):

Sunday (18th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Led by Bill Kuschel) and Coffee hour

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: June 11th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Joel Hammer

ELDER/DEACON: Gary Hein/ Harold Christianson

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

READER: Bob Lau

NEXT WEEK: June 18th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Ton Bethke and Makayla Clark

ELDER/DEACON: Gary Hein/Harold Christianson

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

READER: Rhonda Christianson

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on:

Sunday June 4th: 135 Bible Study: 32 Sunday School: 0

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,200.86

Improvement Fund: \$125.00 **Other:** Decorating Fund:

Radio Broadcast:

***** Needed each week to make budget: \$ 3,000.00 *****

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
And let Your truth within us shine.

2 Unseal our lips to sing Your praise
In endless hymns through all our days.
Increase our faith and light our minds;
And set us free from doubt that blinds.

3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
"O holy, holy Lord Most High!"

And in the light of that blest place
We then shall see You face to face.

△4 All glory to the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

Thy Word

Words and Music by
Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

♩=70

CHORUS

E_b Bb/D E_b Ab/C Bb E_b

Thy Word is a lamp un-to — my feet and a light un-to my path.

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Bb/D E_b Ab/C Bb E_b **Fine**

Thy Word is a lamp un-to — my feet and a light un-to my path.

VERSE

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Bb Fm Cm Gm Ab Bb

1. When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -
2. I will not for-get Your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is

12

Ab/Eb Eb Bb Fm Cm Gm

-side me. Noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;

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Ab Bb Bb/C C Bb^{sus} Bb **D.C. al Fine**

Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

- 2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,

Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.

EASTER

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- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

- Δ4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, . Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

- 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many-a conflict, many-a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

- 3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

