

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 (JUNE - AUGUST)

- Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.
 (Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
 - o 10:15 11:15 am Sunday School (Will resume in September)
 - 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.
- Reminder to those who are Caring for Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Please send a card
 and some words of encouragement to your brother/sister and continue to pray for
 him/her.
- Ladies: We'd like to invite you to our Women's Bible Study. We are beginning a new video series, The Path to the Cross: Embracing Obedience and Sacrifice. These videos are by Ray VanderLaan and Focus on the Family. The first lesson is "The Way of the Essenes." About 150 years before the birth of Jesus, some of God's people, the Essenes, established a community in the Judean Wilderness, near Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We will see why this group of God's people went in to the desert to live and the role they played in God's story of redemption. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month; in July that will be July 5th and 19th from 9:30 -10:45am. We meet at the north end of the basement. The west door by the elevator will be open. Join us for study and fellowship.
- Our Cotta Guild supports missions near and far through the collection of our Mites for Mission donations. These mission projects are voted on at our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) national and district conventions by the delegates. Thank you for your support of our Mites for Missions on the second Sunday of each month. Your donations may be placed in the mites boxes located at the church entrances.
- There will be NO PRAYER TEAM on Monday July 3rd.
- The Church Office will be CLOSED Tuesday July 4th.
- On behalf of Stewardship Bd, June 19th, 26 pounds of food was delivered from our church to the Food Self.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Dual Citizenship July 2, 2023

AS WE GATHER

The one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church is found in various places throughout the whole world and in



every nation. National flags have not traditionally been displayed in churches as they denote only earthly division among people whereas Christians are one in their faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. There are therefore no Propers appointed for Independence Day in the United States of America or Canada Day in that commonwealth. This, of course, is not to deny a person's responsibilities as a citizen of a country. In fact, our feelings of patriotism may rank quite high as citizens who owe allegiance to an earthly government. The United States stands as the unique example of a nation founded upon the Judeo-Christian principles of the Holy Bible. This day marks the official adoption of the American Declaration of Independence, which reads, in part:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

As we gather as Christians in America before the altar of God, we acknowledge with joy and conviction our loyalty to our homeland. But we do so knowing that anything made by the hands of men is subject to the decay and demise and disfigurement of our sin. Therefore, Christians give the higher and final loyalty to God, our Creator and Redeemer.

№ PREPARATION №

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

COLLECT

Pastor: Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our

land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Ephesians 2:1–5, 19–20

Pastor:

Dearly beloved, the apostle Paul says, "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. . . . So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone."

Accordingly, let us now make confession of our sins.

People:

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor:

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \mathbb{H} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord will give strength to His people.

People: The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and

all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that we may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "God Bless Our Native Land" [LSB 965]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36

18 In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. ² He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. ³ And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. ⁴ He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan). ⁵ He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those

who were before him. ⁶ For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses. ⁷ And the LORD was with him; wherever he went out, he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him. 8 He struck down the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city. ²⁸ Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah: "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria! 29 Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you out of my hand. 30 Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD by saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.' 31 Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make your peace with me and come out to me. Then each one of you will eat of his own vine, and each one of his own fig tree, and each one of you will drink the water of his own cistern, 32 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey, that you may live, and not die. And do not listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you by saying, "The LORD will deliver us." 33 Has any of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 34 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? 35 Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their lands out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?"36 But the people were silent and answered him not a word, for the king's command was, "Do not answer him."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
that your way may be known on earth,*
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;*
let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,* for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth. Selah*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase;*

God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;*

let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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

2 Corinthians 4:7–18 EPISTLE:

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you. 13 Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, 14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. 15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

This is the Word of the Lord Lector:

Thanks be to God. People:

Psalm 82:8 **VERSE**

Alleluia. Arise, O God, judge the earth; Pastor:

for You shall inherit all the nations! Alleluia. People:

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN: "Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer"

Reusable Song Sheet

SERMON

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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 to judge the living and the

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God....Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

We humbly implore....Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Pastor:

Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY

★ SACRAMENT ★

PREFACE 2 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 salutary that we should at all times and

in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. We give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS: "Holy, Holy" (p. 507 verse 1)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us

through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His

body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

People: Our Father who art in heaven...

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26–28;

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

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (p. 435 in hymnal)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

[LSB 966] [LSB 717]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

> Heavenly Father, God of all concord, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up violence and strife, destroy the weapons of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and, according to Your will, end all conflicts in the world. Teach us to examine our hearts that we may recognize our own inclination toward envy, malice, hatred, and enmity. Help us, by Your Word and Spirit, to search our hearts and to root out the evil that would lead to strife and discord, so that in our lives we may be at peace with all people. Fill us with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring that peace which is beyond all understanding; through

Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. Pastor:

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "America the Beautiful"

Reusable Song Sheet

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

- Prayer of Thanksgiving and recovery: Jacob Williams
- Medical Procedure: Karen Thompson 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.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: July 2nd - July 9th, 2023

Sunday (2nd):

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

Monday (3rd):

NO Prayer Team

Tuesday (4th):

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday (5th):

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Board of Evangelism and Trustee's

Thursday (6th):

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

Friday (7th): Saturday (8th): Sunday (9th):

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 Immanuel Mueller) and Coffee hour

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: July 2nd, 2023: NEXT WEEK: July 9th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood ORGANIST:

ACOLYTE: Peyton Ross ACOLYTE: Alex Bethke

ELDER/DEACON: Bob Roemhildt & Gary Hein/Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

READER: Denise Duffy

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FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

READER: Doug Draeger

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1 God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night.

> When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

2 So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer



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- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
 - Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
 Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
 Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
 - 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in
 earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall; Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

- Come in poverty and meanness,

 Come defiled, without, within;
 From infection and uncleanness,

 From the leprosy of sin,
 Wash your robes and make them white;

 Ye shall walk with God in light.
- Come in sorrow and contrition,
 Wounded, impotent, and blind;
 Here the guilty, free remission,
 Here the troubled, peace may find.
 Health this fountain will restore;
 They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;
 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
 God is faithful; God will never
 Break His covenant of blood,
 Signed when our Redeemer died,
 Sealed when He was glorified.

Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love.

Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!

- The nation You have blest

 May well Your love declare,

 From foes and fears at rest,

 Protected by Your care.

 Protected by Your care.

 For this bright day, For this fair land
 Gifts of Your hand- Our thanks we pay.
- May ev'ry mountain height,

 Each vale and forest green,

 Shine in Your Word's pure light,

 And its rich fruits be seen!

 May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise

 And join to raise A grateful song.
 - 4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
 Your great Redeemer own;
 Believe, obey, rejoice,
 And worship Him alone.
 Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
 And bow before The Crucified.
 - And when in pow'r He comes,

 Oh, may our native land

 From all its rending tombs

 Send forth a glorious band,

 Send forth a glorious band,

 A countless throng, With joy to sing

 A countless throng, With joy to song!

 To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

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1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
0 hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

- O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs amain By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go, Protect them by Thy guarding hand From ev'ry peril on the land.
- 3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent
 To spread abroad the firmament;
 O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
 Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
 And keep them by Thy watchful care
 From ev'ry peril in the air.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour; From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;

Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

The following stanzas from the original Navy Hymn may be substituted:

- *2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at Thy word, Who walkedst on the foaming deep And calm amid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- *3 Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
 Upon the chaos dark and rude,
 And bid its angry tumult cease,
 And give, for wild confusion, peace:
 O hear us when we cry to Thee
 For those in peril on the sea.

Music by Samuel Augustus Ward



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