

**The kingdom of
heaven is like a
treasure buried in a
field. Matthew 13:44**

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)
 - 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.
- **Thanks to all** that have contributed to the food shelf donation boxes located by the elevator. Because of your generosity, close to 150 pounds have been donated to the food shelf!! You are making a difference.
- Please join us **today** after service for a **Bible Study** led by Bill Kuschel.
- Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday August 2nd and 16th from 9:30am to 10:45 am. We will continue with our next lesson from The Path to the Cross video. "Into the Desert to be Tested". We meet in the old parish hall in the basement. The west parking lot door, by the access to the elevator, will be open. Consider joining us for Bible study and fellowship.
- **Reminder to those who are Caring for Brothers and Sisters in Christ.** Please send a card with a note of encouragement to your Brother or Sister in Christ and continue to pray for him or her.
- **Cotta Guild is collecting School Supplies the month of July.** Drop off boxes are located by the elevator and in the back of church.
- **Voter's Meeting Sunday July 30th at 10:15 am in the Parish Hall followed by a quick update from the Call Committee**
- The Board of Evangelism would like to invite you to our **CORN ON THE COB FEED!** Sunday August 13th, 2023 4:30 pm till the corn is gone at North East Park under the Pavilion. We will be serving Corn on the Cob, Hot Dogs, Bars and Water. We are looking for volunteers to help with prep work before the event, serving the food and watching the tables and clean up. If you are willing and able, please contact Barb Denn at 1-507-461-2694. This is a free willing offering event.
- **Community Salad Luncheon** will be held August 18th, 2023 from 11am to 1pm. \$8.00 per person. Hope to see you there.
- On behalf of the Stewardship Board **22 pounds of food** from church was delivered to the Food Shelf.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

For Us

The Kingdom of Heaven: To Die For

July 30, 2023

AS WE GATHER

Jesus' parables in today's Gospel are a bit difficult to understand. In the first the kingdom of heaven is hidden, like treasure in a field. In the second it is extremely costly, like a large, perfect pearl. And we rejoice that we have found the Kingdom and value it above all. But what about that third parable, in which angels sort evil and righteous people like fish being burned or saved? Can we sinner-saints be confident as that day approaches? We can, for our inclusion in the Kingdom is not because of anything we have done. First, God chose us to be a people for His treasured possession, the Old Testament Reading tells us. Then, explains the Epistle, "Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us" (Romans 8:34). Our heavenly Father sent His Son to give us His own righteousness. For our Lord, incorporating us in the kingdom of heaven was something to die for.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: "O Worship the King"

[Sts. 1-4, *LSB* 804]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God's ways are unsearchable; all things and we ourselves belong to Him.

People: **But we are not righteous, for we have done the evil He forbids. We are not at peace, for we have led others astray in our thoughtless words. We cannot save ourselves. Forgive us and lead us in paths pleasing to You, gracious God.**

Pastor: Although you have sinned, God still surrounds you with His protection, like the mountains around Jerusalem. He has sent His peace is made sure for you in the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In His gracious love, God declares you to be His good and righteous children. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN: "O Worship the King"

[Sts. 5–6: *LSB* 804]

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For God's peace upon us and all who call out to Him, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace among this world's people, for whom Christ died, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For us here and for the Church around the world, gathered around Word and Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help us, heavenly Father, save us, gracious Lord, comfort us, O Holy Spirit, and defend us according to Your gracious will, O God.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Lord over all, open our eyes to see Your hidden, costly, yet universal kingdom,

People: that we may see our value in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus;

Pastor: through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Deuteronomy 7:6–9* (God keeps His promises.)
6 “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *Psalms 125*

EPISTLE: *Romans 8:28–39* (All things work together for those who love God.)
28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Romans 11:33, 36; Matthew 13:35b*

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables;

People: I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:44–52* (The parables of the hidden treasure)

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat

down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

New and Old Treasures

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG: “Glorify Thy Name” Sung by the Contemporary Ensemble

SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic

Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: God has chosen us to be His treasured let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the leaders of the world's nations....**Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERTORY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" [LSB 805]

☩ 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who kept all Your gracious promises, who died for the sins of the whole world, and from whom nothing in all creation can separate us. 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: "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" [St. 1: LSB 624]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for in great love You sent Your Son to atone for the sins of the whole world. We rejoice to receive His body and blood in, with, and under this bread and wine for our salvation. Here we see Your eternal promises made visible;

here we grasp the great price You paid; here we have a foretaste of the feast to come in the eternal kingdom of Your Son, our Lord. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Mark 14:22-24*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night

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

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" [St. 7: *LSB* 624]

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"What Wondrous Love Is This" [*LSB* 543]

"Jesus Loves Me" [*LSB* 588]

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" [*LSB* 575]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks, Lord our God, that You have again assured us of inclusion in the kingdom of heaven by giving us Your Son's body and blood to strengthen our faith.

People: As we depart, grant that in our words and actions we might show forth the invisible, priceless kingdom of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” [LSB 802]

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- ***Called Home:*** Marion “Jay” Jaycox (father to Steve Jaycox)
- ***Cancer Treatment:*** Debbie Pehrson
- ***Prayer for continued recovery and healing:*** Jacob Williams
- ***Medical Procedure:*** Karen Thompson waiting for available Kidney
- ***Illness:*** Cindy Kuschel
- ***Treatment:*** Terry George, Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree
- ***For those with Covid-19***
- ***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)
- ***Our Mission Trip Team:*** Alex Bethke, Camilla Staloch, Debbie Pehrson, Derek Hammer, Jacob Hadley, Jeanette Williams, Joel Hammer, Joey Schumacher, Juliana Ross, Kameron Kunkel, Lavayeh Randall, Levi Root, Linda Cone, Linda Seifert, Mailee Gilmore, Mallorie Gehloff, Mandi Root, Marcie Ross, Mark Pehrson, Mason Prescher, Michelle Hammer, Morgan Proechel, Nathan Ross, Nathan Sipe, Oliver Staloch, Riley Mitchell, Sheila Root, Ton Bethke, Wyatt Arndt, Zane Staloch.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: July 30th - August 6th, 2023

Sunday (30th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:30 a.m. Quarterly Voter's Meeting followed by Call Committee Update and Coffee hour

Monday (31st):

10:00 am Prayer Team

Tuesday (1st):

6:00 pm Elder meeting and Stewardship meeting

Wednesday (2nd):

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Evangelism and Trustee meetings

Thursday (3rd):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean
10:00 am Board of Education

Friday (4th):

*** Mission Trip Team returns home ***

Saturday (5th):

Sunday (6th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Led by Bill Kuschel) and Coffee hour

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: July 30th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Blake Schroeder
ELDER/DEACON: Bob Roemhildt & Gary Hein/Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore
FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad
READER: Bill Kuschel

NEXT WEEK: August 6th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Troy Ryan
ELDER/DEACON: Bob Lau/ Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood
FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore
READER: Doug Draeger

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Worship Attendance on:

Sunday July 16th: 114 **Bible Study:** 31 **Sunday School:** 0

Sunday July 23rd: **General Fund** (in person & Direct Deposit): \$2,386.00
Improvement Fund: \$ 85.00 **Other:** Decorating Fund: \$
Radio Broadcast:
Undesignated:

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

- 1 O worship the King, all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!
- 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

△ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born
For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He,
Anointed from eternity.
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh
Was icon of God's righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;
His hand removed impurity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came
To God's own altar lit with flame;

While weeping angels hid their eyes,
This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be
Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place
Within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ,
God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To
God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Lets His little child come in. *Refrain*

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

Our hope is secure because we are anchored to Christ. As our great High Priest and through His own body, He has opened a new and living way so that all believers may now approach God without fear (Hebrews 10:20).

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life Thou givest—to both great and small—
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish—but naught changes Thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

