

For where
TWO or THREE
are gathered together
in My name,
THERE AM I
in the midst of them.
MATTHEW 18:20

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)
- ✠ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

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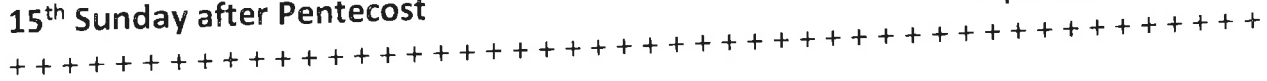
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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:



- **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.
- **Welcome Pastor Lukomski!** Rev. Jon Lumkoski will be our guest pastor today. He is here from Northfield, MN. Please make him feel welcome!!
- **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.
- **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.
-  Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in loving memory of Deloris Steinke sponsored by Steve Steinke and family.
- **Board of Education will be hosting a breakfast following service today for Rally Sunday September 10th, 2023. Menu: pancakes, sausage, eggs and coffee cake.** Remember to get those Sunday School registration slips into the church office so we can have enough materials for all students.
- **SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10th following Rally Sunday Breakfast to vote on approval for fall construction on Handicap Entrance project.**
- **Women's Bible Study will be meeting September 17th at 9:30am.**
- There will be a **Live Nativity Meeting** on Wednesday September 13th at 6pm. Anyone interested in helping please stop by.
- Confirmation Parent Meeting will be held on September 13th at 6pm. If you have students that will be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade this year please make sure to come to this meeting.
- Anyone who enjoys fixing things, doing yard work and snow removal and would be interested in some extra cash, please contact Karen Weckwerth @507-833-4199.
- Pastor Grannis' **installation will be today, Sunday September 10th at 3pm** here at the church followed by a supper. Come and welcome him and his family.



OPENING HYMN: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

7 "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13: 1-10

13 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. 8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one

who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

ALLELUIA and VERSE:

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 18: 1-20*

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷ "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if

two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

APOSTELS CREED:

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HYMN OF THE DAY: *"My Soul, Now Praise Your maker"*

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OFFERING: *"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

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BENEDICTION:

CLOSING HYMN: *"Oh, That the Lord would Guide My Ways"*

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the youth room). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service. During Sunday School and Bible Class there will be someone there to help with your child so you may attend the Adult Bible Class.
- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist our time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. Both individual cups and the common cup are offered on both sides. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.
- **Radio Broadcast:** Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.
- **Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:00 AM; KJLY, 104.5 FM, Blue Earth, Sunday, 6:00 PM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** Begins on Sunday September 10th at 10:15 am with RALLY SUNDAY!! We will meet in the upstairs Parish Hall for a breakfast hosted by the Board of Education and then head downstairs for music and a lesson.

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The Lord's Supper

- ✚ We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- ✚ The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30*)
- ✚ The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. (**Acts 2:42** *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*)
- ✚ Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Cancer Treatment:** Debbie Pehrson
- **Prayer for continued recovery and healing:** Jacob Williams
- **Medical Procedure:** Karen Thompson waiting for available Kidney
- **Illness:** Cindy Kuschel
- **Treatment:** Kraig Deling, Terry George, Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree
- **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, 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)
- **Pastor Grannis and his family as they continue to work on their move to our town and congregation.**



Cotta Guild will be **selling honey** before and after church by the elevator and North door on **Sunday September 10th and 17th**. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Handicap Entrance Fund.



Saturday September 23rd, 2023 the Sunday School students and the Youth Mission Trip Team will be participation in the Waseca Classic Parade. (more information to come). If you are willing to donate candy that does **NOT** melt, please drop off at the church office or give to Mark Pehrson or Aimee Hill. Thank you for your support.



The next mission trip will be to **Florida June 4th – 11th, 2024**. We will be going to Orlando Florida and work at “Give Kids the World”!! The cost will be \$300.00 per person. We will start our feeds up again beginning September 8th, 2023. Let me know if you are going!! You must be 12 years old to go on this trip. Mark Pehrson

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: September 10th - September 17th, 2023

Sunday (10th):

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

10:15 am **RALLY SUNDAY BREAKFAST** and Sunday School and **SPECIAL VOTER's Meeting**

3:00 pm Installation of Pastor Grannis followed by supper and time to welcome them

Monday (11th):

10 am Prayer Team

Tuesday (12th):

1:00 pm Quilters

Wednesday (13th):

6pm Confirmation Parent Meeting

6 pm Live Nativity meeting

7pm Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble

Thursday (14th):

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

1 pm Cotta Guild

Friday (15th):

Saturday (16th):

Sunday (17th):

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

10:15am Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: September 10th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Owen Arndt

ELDER/DEACON: Jim Wyffels/ Jerry Flogstad

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

READER: Rhonda Christianson

NEXT WEEK: September 17th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Nalyce Quillen

ELDER/DEACON: Jim Wyffels/Jerry Flogstad

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

READER: Cindy Gilmore

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on: Sunday September 3rd: 90 Bible Study: No Bible Study

Sunday School: 0

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$2,930.00

Improvement Fund: \$110.00 Handicap Entrance: \$100.00 Other: Organ fund: \$120.00

Radio Broadcast: \$75.00 in memory of Debra Kohnert

***** Needed each week to make budget: \$ 2,819.00 *****

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

- 1 My soul, now praise your Maker!
Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker
Of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness
Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness,
Renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless
And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless
But rights the wronged at last.

- 2 He offers all His treasure
Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure,
His yearning pity o'er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit
But sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit
Finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav'n above us,
As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us,
He puts our sins away.

- 3 For as a tender father
Has pity on His children here,
God in His arms will gather
All who are His in child-like fear.
He knows how frail our powers,
Who but from dust are made.
We flourish like the flowers,
And even so we fade;

The wind but through them passes,
And all their bloom is o'er.
We wither like the grasses;
Our place knows us no more.

- 4 His grace remains forever,
And children's children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never
Who in true fear shall seek His love.
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling,
His rule is over all;
O hosts with might excelling,
With praise before Him fall.
Praise Him forever reigning,
All you who hear His Word—
Our life and all sustaining.
My soul, O praise the Lord!

- 1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;

It is Your body and Your blood,
And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,

3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
To any habitation;
But You are present even now
Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true,
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.

- 5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.
- 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Thy blood,
Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!

- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion,
Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

- 4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

TRUST

