

St. Paul Lutheran Church - (Missouri Synod)

314 - 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093 Phone: (507) 835-2647 Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

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:
 - o 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.

Pastor: Michael J. Grannis Mobile Phone: 952-686-3046 Email: revgrannis@gmail.com

- 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.
- 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: We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the old Parish Hall for snacks, music and a lesson.
 - 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 Michael Grannis and Family!! Please make them 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.
- Radio Ministry has gone up to \$100.00 per Sunday radio broadcast. If you are sponsoring
 a Sunday, please note the increase. Thank you for your continued support. Board of
 Evangelism.
- It was brought up that the Elder's would like us to do a "Food Shower" for Pastor Grannis and his family. Just to keep everyone informed, we are going to wait until Pastor and his family are settled into a home in Waseca before we start this. Any questions, contact the church office.
- Church Council meeting is scheduled for Monday October 9th at 6pm.
- Quarterly Voter's meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 29th at 10:15am.
- The Board of Evangelism and Camp Omega would like to invite the St Paul Senior Ladies on a weekday afternoon/evening outing to include a wagon ride camp tour, a pontoon boat ride, a campfire (with Smores and hot dogs) and a sing -a long led by a member of the camp team from about 3pm to 6:30pm, meeting at the church at 2:30pm for rides. IF you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board and a date will be selected and you will be notified. Thank you.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~

Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ

Those who are sent as "laborers for his vineyard" (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear "the burden of the day and the scorching heat" on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that "he may be found" (Is. 55:6), "have compassion" and "abundantly pardon" (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, "whether by life or by death" (Phil. 1:20), by "fruitful labor" (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are "worthy of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27).

Hymn of Invocation: Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 sts. 1-5

Confession and Absolution

LSB 203

| Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving* and call on the name | of the LORD.

What shall I render | to the LORD* for all his bene- | fits to me?

- I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation* and call on the name | of the LORD.
- Precious in the sight | of the LORD* is the death | of his saints.
- O LORD, I am your | servant;*

 I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.

 You have | loosed my bonds.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be-| ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Collect of the Day: Proper 20 (Year A)

Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

6"Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

- This is the Word of the Lord. A
- Thanks be to God. C

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,* P

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,* \mathbf{C} but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard

pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' 16So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 206

LSB 555 sts. 6-10

Hymn of the Day: Salvation unto Us Has Come

Sermon

Offering Music

Blessing of the Bibles

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- 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 the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ~ 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. (And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ~ Act 2:42)
- 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.
- 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 and 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.

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

- Cancer Treatment: Debbie Pehrson, Gerald Schroeder
- Surgery: Judy Bochman
- 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.

Please contact the church office if you wish to speak with Pastor Grannis and Aimee will be happy to put you on his calendar during his office hours. Thank you

The next mission trip will be to **Florida June 4**th - **11**th, **2024**. We will be going to Orlando Florida and work at "Give Kids the World"!! The cost will be \$300.00 per person. Let me know if you are going!! You must be 12 years and older to go on this trip. Mark Pehrson

Sunday October 1st, Come join the Youth Mission Trip Team after church for lunch and a slide show presentation of their trip to Colorado. Will begin after service in the Parish Hall. (No Bible Study this day)

Come join the Jolly Ramblers here on Saturday October 7th for our Polka Fest and meal. Tickets are \$10.00.



Sunday October 8th following Service before Bible Study in the Parish Hall.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: September 24th - October 1st, 2023

Sunday (24th):

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

10:15 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour

10:15 am Sunday School

Monday (25th):

10 am Prayer Team

Tuesday (26th):

1:00 pm Quilters

6:00 pm Elder's Meeting

Wednesday (27th):

Noon 29er's at Mark and Deb Pehrson's house

3:30 - 5pm 6th, 7th, 8th grade Confirmation

7pm Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble

Thursday (28th):

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

Friday (29th): Saturday (30th):

Sunday (1st):

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

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: September 24th, 2023: NEXT WEEK: October 1st, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Alex Bethke
ACOLYTE: Peyton Ross

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on: Sunday September 17th: 121 Bible Study: 26 Sunday School: 12

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,210.85

General Fund from Installation: \$463.00

Improvement Fund: \$60.00 Pastor Discretionary Fund: \$175.00 Other: Organ fund: \$20.00

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

2023 Fall Bible Institute and Circuit Reformation Service

Sunday, October 29, 2023 at Camp Omega

You are invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ from the congregations of the Waseca Circuit to study the Word of God and rejoice in the Lord's gracious reformation of the Church through His servant Martin Luther.



2023 Fall Bible Institute "What's Going On In and Around Our Schools"

Rev. Fred Hinz Public Policy Advocate Gaylord, MN

2:30 pm to 4:45 pm.....Fall Bible Institute Presentation and Discussions

Pastor Hinz serves as Public Policy Advocate for both Minnesota North and South Districts of the LCMS. As such, he represents the LCMS in matters pertaining to life issues (abortion and doctor-assisted suicide), issues related to marriage, family, and sexuality, and issues related to religious freedom, including parental choice in education.

He'll address questions such as:

- What's happening with new teacher licensing requirements in MN?
- What things are being taught about culture, history, race, and sexuality?
- How can parents and families respond?
- Is there hope for school choice?

Catered Dinner

5:00 pm.....\$14 per person (sign up by Sunday, Oct. 15)

2023 Circuit Reformation Service

6:00 pm.....Preacher: Rev. Fred Hinz

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By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

- 2 What God did in His Law demand
 And none to Him could render
 Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
 For man, the vile offender.
 Our flesh has not those pure desires
 The spirit of the Law requires,
 And lost is our condition.
- It was a false, misleading dream
 That God His Law had given
 That sinners could themselves redeem
 And by their works gain heaven.
 The Law is but a mirror bright
 To bring the inbred sin to light
 That lurks within our nature.
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,
 Sin held its sway unceasing;
 The task was useless and in vain,
 Our guilt was e'er increasing.
 None can remove sin's poisoned dart
 Or purify our guileful heart—
 So deep is our corruption.

- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing, Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing. He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.
 - 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed, For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken; Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken. Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
 And makes us conscience-stricken;
 But then the Gospel enters in
 The sinful soul to quicken.
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
 The Law no peace can ever give,
 No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing. For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.

△10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit. O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessèd name we hallow.

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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.
- 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.
- 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.
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 And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
 For with words of life immortal
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 Open wide the gates before Him,
 Saying, as you there adore Him:
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
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- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
 Over this surpassing wonder
 That the bread of life is boundless
 Though the souls it feeds are countless:
 With the choicest wine of heaven
 Christ's own blood to us is given.
 Oh, most glorious consolation,
 Pledge and seal of my salvation!

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;

Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.

- Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice; And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

- Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
 With the sunshine of Your goodness
 Melt our thankless hearts of stone
 Till our cold and selfish natures,
 Warmed by You, at length believe
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Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;

Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.

- Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice; And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

- Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
 With the sunshine of Your goodness
 Melt our thankless hearts of stone
 Till our cold and selfish natures,
 Warmed by You, at length believe
 That more happy and more blessed
 'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me." Can it be, O gracious Master. That You deign for alms to sue, Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"? Lord of glory, You have bought us 4 With Your lifeblood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.