



 **Lutheran Women**  
*in Mission SUNDAY*

- **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.
- **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.

*Welcome*

- **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.
- Church Council meeting is scheduled for Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Quarterly Voter's meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am.
- **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:** St Paul will be partnering with Christ the King to do a Trunk or Treat event this year. If you are interested in helping with a decorated car or just some treats, please see bulletin board for more information. Please call the Church office to sign up. Deadline to sign up is October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Remember to send a card and a note of encouragement to your Brother or Sister in Christ, and continue to pray for him/her.

## Pentecost 18: The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: “*The soul who sins shall die*” (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has “*no pleasure in the death of anyone*” (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, “*shall surely live; he shall not die*” (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, “*he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death*” (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, “*God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name*” (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now “*shine as lights in the world*” (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even “*the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God*” (Matt. 21:31–32).

### Hymn of Invocation: Renew Me, O Eternal Light

LSB 704

### Greeting and announcements

### Divine Service: Setting One

LSB 151

### Introit

Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6



- P** The LORD lifts up the humble;\*  
he casts the wicked to the ground.
- C** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.
- P** The LORD builds up Je- rusalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- C** He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.
- P** He determines the number of the stars;\*  
he gives to all of them their names.
- C** Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.
- 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.
- P** The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground

**Collect of the Day: Proper 21 (Year A)**

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

**Gradual**

**Psalm 91:11; 103:1**



- P** He will command his angels concerning you\*  
to guard you in all your ways.
- C** Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

**Epistle: Philippians 2:1–18**

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in

humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

### **Alleluia and Verse**

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### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23–27**

Matthew 21:23–27

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

### **Hymn of the Day: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

LSB 655

### **Nicene Creed**

### **Sermon**

### **Offering Music**

### **Offertory (Stand)**

LSB 159

### **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.

### Preface

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### Distribution Hymn: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609

### Distribution Hymn: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

### Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

### Thank the Lord

LSB 164

### Hymn to Depart: The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Cancer Treatment:** Debbie Pehrson, Gerald Schroeder
- **Surgery:** Judy Bochman
- **Prayer for continued recovery and healing:** Jacob Williams, Margie Arndt
- **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:** Gavin Doering, 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

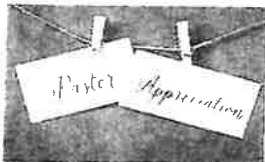


The next mission trip will be to **Florida June 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. We will be going to Orlando Florida and work at “Give Kids the World”!! The cost will be \$300.00 per person. Let me know if you are going!! You must be 12 years and older to go on this trip.  
Mark Pehrson



Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> for our Polka Fest and meal. Tickets are \$10.00.



Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> following Service before Bible Study in the Parish Hall.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: October 1<sup>st</sup> - October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Sunday (1<sup>st</sup>): LWML SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:15 am YMTT Slide Show Presentation and Meal  
10:15 am Sunday School

### Monday (2<sup>nd</sup>):

10 am Prayer Team

### Tuesday (3<sup>rd</sup>):

1:00 pm Quilters  
6:00 pm Stewardship mtg

### Wednesday (4<sup>th</sup>):

9:00 am Women's Bible  
3:30 - 5pm 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation  
5pm - 6:30p YOUTH GROUP  
7pm Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble  
7pm Evangelism and Trustee Meeting

### Thursday (5<sup>th</sup>):

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

### Saturday (7<sup>th</sup>):

5pm Polka Fest

### Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>): PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

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: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Peyton Ross

**ELDER/DEACON:** Jim Wyffels/ Jerry Flogstad

**RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore

**FACEBOOK:** Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK: October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Kyler Welander

**ELDER/DEACON:** Jerry Flogstad/Kraig Deling

**RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood

**FACEBOOK:** Cindy Gilmore

### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

**Worship Attendance on: Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>: 126 Bible Study: 24 Sunday School: 18**

**General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$2,289.79**

**Improvement Fund: Pastor Discretionary Fund: Other: Radio Ministry: \$50.00**

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



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- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light,  
And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace  
That issues from Your holy face.
  
- 2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me  
And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will  
Temptations of the flesh to still.
  
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire,  
And with new life my soul inspire.
  
- 4 Grant that I only You may love  
And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face,  
O Light eternal, through Your grace.



1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword

Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.



- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray  
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way  
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.



- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.





1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole:

*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*

5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*



- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
    Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
    "Come and taste the blessed feast."
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
    In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
    Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
    Blood and body, giv'n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
    Hung upon the cursed tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
    In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
    That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
    Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
    Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

## THE HYMNS

### ADVENT

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- 1 The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
With Him in heav'n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.
- △6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

