



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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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:

○ 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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- **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, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall for snacks, and then go downstairs for 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.
- **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 9th at 6pm.
- Quarterly Voter's meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 29th at 10:15am.
- Remember to send a card and a note of encouragement to your Brother or Sister in Christ, and continue to pray for him/her.
- Fall Bible Institute and Circuit Reformation Service - Sunday, October 29 at Camp Omega. See bulletin board for more information and the deadline to sign up is Oct. 15th.
- We are partnering with Christ the King for a Trunk or Treating event this year on October 31st. Board of Ed is looking for 3-6 people who are willing to decorate a "trunk" or to donate candy. Find more information on the bulletin board or call the church office to sign up.
- I delivered 14 pounds of food stuff from church to the Waseca Food Shelf on Oct. 2nd. Ron Wood and the Board of Stewardship
- Ladies of St. Paul Lutheran, join us for a soup tasting lunch at our Cotta Guild meeting on Thursday, October 12, at noon. All ladies are welcome. Each circle will provide a crockpot of soup, with Judie Waters' circle also providing a dessert. Cindy Wood will have a devotion. Bring a tea pot; we plan to have a tea pot band and play a few songs, using the tea pots as our instruments. We will be sending cards to those from our church who are serving in the military,

19th Sunday After Pentecost: The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

“The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “on a very fertile hill” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “choice vines,” but also building the “watchtower” of His prophets and hewing out the “wine vat” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “he looked for it to yield grapes,” there were only “wild grapes” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “the fruits in their seasons” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “suffered the loss of all things” in order to “gain Christ and be found in him,” to “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:8–10).

Hymn of Invocation: Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912

Greeting and Announcements

Divine Service: Setting Two

LSB 167

Introit

Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1



- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
- C** **The stone that the builders re- | jected***
has become the | cornerstone.
- P** This is the LORD's doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- C** **This is the day that the | LORD has made;***
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

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** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Collect of the Day: Proper 22 (Year A)

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33–46

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Nicene Creed

LSB 174

Hymn of the Day: O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

Sermon

Offertory

LSB 176

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

LSB 177

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

Distribution Hymn: The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634

Distribution Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

Hymn to Depart: If Your Beloved Son, O God

LSB 568

in observance of Armed Forces Day in Nov. Planning begins for the Christmas Bazaar, which is on Saturday, December 2.

- Thank you to the Buker family who donated the beautiful **“Jesus with Children”** statue at the front of the church by the baptismal font in memory of Duane and Arlene Buker.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:** Philip Denn
- **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 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. Let me know if you are going!! You must be 12 years and older to go on this trip.
Mark Pehrson



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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: October 8th – October 15th, 2023

Sunday (8th): Pastor Appreciation Day

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 (9th):

10 am Prayer Team

6 pm CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday (10th):

1:00 pm Quilters

Wednesday (11th):

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

5pm- 6:30pm YOUTH GROUP grades 6th – 12th.

7pm Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble

Thursday (12th):

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

1: 00 pm Cotta Guild

Friday (13th):

Saturday (14th):

Sunday (15th):

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 8th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Kyler Welander

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad/ Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK: October 15th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Kameron Kunkel

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad/Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on: Sunday October 1st: 109 Bible Study: NA Sunday School: 18

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,277.85

Improvement Fund: \$220.00 Pastor Discretionary Fund: \$175.00 Other: Organ fund: \$20.00

Scholarship Fund: Professional Church Workers: \$50.00

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

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place
Of present grace And joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day When all the blest
To endless rest Are called away.
- △3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song,
Both loud and long, That glorious name.

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- Δ7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress,
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.

- 2 He blotted out with His own blood
The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made,
And all our debt He fully paid.

- 3 That this forever true shall be
He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here
We taste His love so sweet, so near.

- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe
That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said,
His very blood for sinners shed.

- 5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
"Given and shed for all your sins."

- 6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!

7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.

8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

- 3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

- 1 If Your beloved Son, O God,
Had not to earth descended
And in our mortal flesh and blood
Had not sin's power ended,
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine
In hell eternally would pine
Because of my transgression.
- 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest;
Despair no more reigns o'er me.
No more am I by sin oppressed,
For Christ has borne sin for me.
Upon the cross for me He died
That, reconciled, I might abide
With You, my God, forever.
- 3 I trust in Him with all my heart;
Now all my sorrow ceases.
His words abiding peace impart;
His blood from guilt releases.
Free grace through Him I now obtain;
He washes me from ev'ry stain,
And pure I stand before Him.
- 4 All righteousness by works is vain;
The Law brings condemnation.
True righteousness by faith I gain;
Christ's work is my salvation.
His death, that perfect sacrifice,
Has paid the all-sufficient price;
In Him my hope is anchored.

Δ5 My guilt, O Father, You have laid
On Christ, Your Son, my Savior.
Lord Jesus, You my debt have paid
And gained for me God's favor.
O Holy Spirit, Fount of grace,
The good in me to You I trace;
In faith and hope preserve me.