

St. Paul Lutheran Church - (Missouri Synod)

Phone: (507) 835-2647 314 - 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093 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

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)

○ 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

Pastor: Rev. Bob Lund (Vacancy Pastor)

Mobile Phone: (651) 324-9229 Email: bltpbj@yahoo.com

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.
- On March 19th, the Board of Evangelism will be taking a door offering to assist The Connection Shelter, which is s Christian Based homeless shelter from October thru May. They offer some counseling and help people find jobs and homes. Because of the economy and rising interest rates, they have been at maximum capacity since opening this fall. They are trying to find a different facility where more counseling and services can be done that can be open year-round. They are finding it difficult to find enough volunteers to provide meals this winter. The money can be used to cater food from a local restaurant on days when no one is providing meals. Anyone interested in volunteering or getting more information contact Harold Christianson or Linda Seifert.
- Looking for VOLUNTEERS: we need people who are willing to be at the West door to assist people into the building and across the ice and snow on Sunday mornings starting at 8:30am. Please see sign up sheet on bulletin board by elevator if you are able to help.
- Caring for Brothers and Sisters in Christ", please remember to send your "Brother" or "Sister" a
 card in March with some encouraging words to brighten their day, and continue to pray for
 him/her.
- "Women's Bible study will meet on Wednesday March 15th from 9:30am -10:45am.
- Lenten Supper Wednesday March 15th from 4:45pm to 5:45pm will be for Camp Omega Scholarships through Board of Education. Menu: Lasagna and Alfredo with bread and cakes. Lenten service at 6pm. We hope to see you all there.
- We have purchased a new **Convection oven** and are looking for donations to help cover cost. If interested, please note on your offering envelopes. Thank you
- The Call Committee has decided to request a new list of Pastoral Candidates from the District Office. Prior to requesting the new list, the Congregation may submit nominations for a Pastor. Nominations must be submitted to the Church office NO LATER than March 26th, 2023 so they can be sent to the District on March 27th. Forms can be picked up at the front and back of church or in the Church office. Completed forms should be turned into the Church office in a sealed envelope. Thank you.
- March 19th, there will be cake during coffee hour to help celebrate the 3 children who are getting baptized that day. Everyone is welcome!
- The Flower Committee would like to remind people that if you are having delivering flowers for the altar, please let the church office know. Thank you.
- A BIG THANK YOU to all who worked, donated time, made pies and attended the 19th Annual Pork Chop Dinner. We raised \$1,700.00!! Thank you!!! Donna Hildebrandt and the Quilters.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The Lord Is Among Us, Giving Living Water March 12, 2023

"Jesus Met the Woman at the Well" is the title of a traditional Gospel song first recorded in 1947 and made famous in 1964 through the recordings done by Ian and Sylvia, a Canadian folk duo, and Peter, Paul and Mary, an American folk trio. The words of the song recount the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman. The woman was amazed that Jesus knew all about her complex and complicated life and still was willing to spend time with her. Jesus knows all about each of us and the road we are on—and yet He still remains with us and calls us His own. In worship, we spend a special time with Him. How blessed we are!

PREPARATION ▼

HYMN: "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"

[LSB 429]

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

People: Amen.

Psalm 34:1-3, 5, 22 OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name glad.

Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never Pastor: People:

The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who be ashamed.

take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Almighty God, we know and admit that we are sinners. We are CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION conceived and born sinful, and we add on to that burden of sin throughout ou lives by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds. Indeed, we deserve God's punishment now and eternally. When we reflect honestly on or lives, we readily see that we need repentance and renewal that can only comthrough our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us then make confession to our gracious God.

People: Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. You know too well our failings and our transgressions.

Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus, grant us Your

forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest

in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in

eternity.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive

you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of

the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENT: Janeli Garcia and Eddie Bethke

₩ WORD ₩

INTROIT Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

People: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are

the highways to Zion.

Women: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Men: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh

sing for joy to the living God.

Women: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King

and my God.

Men: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are

the highways to Zion.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, source of all power and restorer of health and life,

draw us ever closer to You and supply us with the living water that will quench our great thirst for time and for eternity. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who offered Himself as our Savior and our Redeemer.

People:

(God provides water.) Amen. 17 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of **OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Exodus 17:1-7 Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

This is the Word of the Lord. Lector:

Thanks be to God. People:

Psalm 95:1–9; antiphon: v. 6 **PSALM**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Pastor:

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to Lord, our Maker! People:

the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; Women:

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! Men:

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains People:

are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Women: Men:

People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Women: Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

Men: when your fathers put Me to the test and put Me to the proof, though

they had seen My work.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the

LORD, our Maker!

EPISTLE: Romans 5:1–8 (While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.) **5** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND VERSE Hebrews 12:2, John 4:23a

People: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of

our faith,

Women: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising

the shame,

Men: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

People: The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers

will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

(Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.) ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5-30, 39-42 given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woma but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" [LS

[*LSB* 425]

SERMON

CATECHISM The First Article

Pastor: As we speak the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning

as is set forth in the Small Catechism, which relates the loving work

of God the Father for us.

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and

earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has

given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my

reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

Pastor: He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and

home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and

daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

People: He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me

from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey

Him. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God....through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

№ SACRAMENT **№**

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you. Pastor:

And also with you. People:

Lift up your hearts. Pastor:

We lift them to the Lord. People:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise. Pastor: People:

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in PROPER PREFACE Pastor:

all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now You have called us as Your own and given us eternal

promises through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, as the

perfect offering, has taken upon Himself the sins of the world and

has, by His rising from the grave, opened to us the very gates of

heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His

kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

[Tune LSB 507]

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Day and night we join to praise

Your love and majesty.

You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

We rejoice to join the hymns

Of earth and sky and sea.

Generations praise You, with saints and angels.

Holy and bless'd through all eternity.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be refreshed and filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ...

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 remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to

pray: Our Father who art in heaven...

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: "O Lamb of God, We Pray"

[See Music Index]

O Lamb of God, we pray:
Take all our sins away—
Our faith increase.
Have mercy on us all,
Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call
And grant us peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Christ the Life of All the Living" [LSB 420]
"Built on the Rock" [LSB 645]
"When Peace Like a River" [LSB 763]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your great love for us is beyond comprehension. We thank You for granting us peace, pardon, and comfort at Your blessed Table where we find refreshment and renewal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

People:

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 Φ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "Lift High the Cross"

[LSB 837]

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

- Called Home: Terrell Quiram
- Medical Procedure: Karen Thompson (Kathy Flogstad's Sister) waiting for available kidney,
- Illness: Cindy Kuschel, Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown
- Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Fern Seewald, Judy Graper, Tony Jelinek (son in law Up Coming Surgeries:
- Treatment: Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Dixie Flitter (sister of Shirley Bluhm)
- Chemotherapy Treatment: Terry George (Fiancé of Linda Larson)
- 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
- Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan)
- for the Itron employees. May God guide them during this next year as the plant closes and people search for new jobs.

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- Preparing for Holy Communion: To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free
- Facebook Live-stream and Radio Broadcasts: Our worship service is live-streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (in Facebook search for: @stpaulwaseca to locate our Facebook page.) Our worship service is also Radio Broadcast each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Radio 1170 AM or 106.3 FM, and www.newstalk1170.com
- Prayer Chain: If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-
- Sunday School: please join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15, for ages 3 through grade 8.
- 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 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 on 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
 - 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. Thank You

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: March 12th - March 19th, 2023

Sunday (12th):

9:00 a.m.

Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Monday (13th):

10:00 am

Prayer Team

Tuesday (14th):

1:00 pm

Quilters

****Newsletter Articles Due***

Wednesday (15th):

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Confirmation 6th grade

4:00 pm

Confirmation 8th grade

4:45- 5:45pm

Lent Supper Hosted by Board of Ed

6:00 pm

Lenten Service

7:00 pm

Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (16th):

6:00 a.m.

Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

Friday (17th):

5pm - 7pm

Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru

Sunday (19th):

9:00 am

Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour with Baptism Cake

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: March 12th, 2023:

Wednesday 3/15

NEXT WEEK: March 19th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

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ACOLYTE: Wyatt Arndt

Ton Bethke/Makayla Clark ACOLYTE: Nalyce Quillen

ELDER/DEACON: Eric Schwarz and Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

READER: Cindy Gilmore

READER: Denise Duffy

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on Sunday March 5th: 109 Bible Study: 0 Sunday School: 7

Wednesday March 1st: 77 General Fund: \$462.00

March 5th: General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3750.00

Improvement Fund: \$150.00 **Radio Broadcast:** \$25.00 memory of Loy Spies

Other: Caring Fund: \$25.00 Pastor Discretionary Fund: \$20.00

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