



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.

Pastor: Rev. Rich Carter (Vacancy Pastor)

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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.
- **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:** The 9:00 worship service will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook.



- **Audrey Sue Gilmore and Harper Faith Gilmore** are the daughters of Madison Olsem and Andrew Gilmore. Sponsor/Witnesses: Jayden Olsem, Matthew Olsem and Matthew Gilmore.
- **Volunteers Needed:** If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering to be part of the **Facebook Live Stream** or the **Radio Ministry**, please contact the church office.
- At this time, we will not be having **Monday morning Bible study**. **Monday Prayer Team** will return to meeting Monday's at 10 am until further notice.
- **Secret Sisters:** Please remember to send your new Secret Brother or Sister a card this month and continue to pray for him/her.
- **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS for 2021 deadline to designate where funds go is March 31st, 2022.** If you have any Choice Dollars you want to designate, be sure to do so by March 31st.
- **THANK YOU to everyone who sent me flowers and cards on my birthday.** I was not expecting such a shower of love when I reached 100 years old but each and everyone of you made my day so special!! May God Bless each of you!! Inez Meyer.
- **Easter Lilies:** If you wish to place lilies or tulips on the altar for Easter in memory of loved ones to the Glory of God, they will be sold at the back of church March 27th, April 3rd, and April 10th, or contact Kathy Flogstad at 835-3061. The price for lilies is \$12.00 and tulips are \$14.00. Checks should be made out to Julie Poehler. Thank you, Kathy Flogstad, Flower Committee.
- **On April 3rd, we will be participating in a door offering to respond to the crisis in Ukraine.** This is organized through LCMS with Ukraine. Any and all donations will be sent to help those in need. Thank you for your support.
- Cotta Guild is hosting a **Collection for Paper Goods** for 2 area food shelves until April 27th AND also **YARN** for the Waseca Federal Prison Recreation Department until April 30th. You can find boxes at both the North Entrance and by the elevator. Thanks for your help.

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **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 communion wafers are available upon request.
- **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
- **Lutheran Hour:** "The Lutheran Hour" can be heard on the following radio stations: WCCO, 830 AM radio, Minneapolis, Sunday, 6:05 AM; KDHL, 920 AM radio, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM; KJLY, 93.5 FM, Owatonna, Sunday, 6:00 PM; and KJLY, 104.5 FM, Blue Earth, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School:** Join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15, for ages 3 through grade 8.

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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.

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OPENING HYMN: "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

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ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm 32 (Read Responsively)

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit, there is no deceit.

P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away, through my groaning all day long.

C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

P: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

C: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may
be found;

C: surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

P: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

C: you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

P: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

C: I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

P: Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

C: which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

P: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one
who trusts in the LORD.

C: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

P: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**ALL: 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.**

KYRIE:

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: (omitted during Lent)

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 12: 1-6

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to

the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE: (omitted during Lent)

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 13th Chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”³So he told them this parable: ¹¹And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the

fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HOLY BAPTISM:

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SERMON HYMN: "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

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SERMON: God celebrates our return.

OFFERTORY: (OFFERING: *offering plates are located at each entrance*)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:

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SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy:*

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord:*

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AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God:*

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Beautiful Savior"

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"When I Survey the Wonderous Cross"

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"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

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NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

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SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS:

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CLOSING HYMN: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

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- **This Easter Season** we are looking for volunteers to assist with the First and Second Readings on Sunday mornings. This person could be an Elder, and confirmation student, or anyone who enjoys reading and sharing God's word. Please contact the Church office if you are willing to help.
- **Our congregation has received a list of names from the District President for the Call List** for calling a pastor. Pastors on the list nominated by members of the congregation are: Rev. Daniel G. Borkenhagen and Rev. Jerome P. Leckband. (Rev. Caleb P. Weight was also nominated, but he has just accepted a new call and so is not available to be on the list.) The District President added the following names to the list: Rev. Jonathan C. Jahnke, Rev. Brian L. Ketelsen, Rev. Brent A. Klein, Rev. Peter J. Knutson, Rev. Cory W. Marth, Rev. Jeffrey C. Ross, Rev. Gerald A. Schwanke, Rev. Michael D. Suelzle, Rev. Jason A. E. Shaw, Rev. Thomas G. Volker, Rev. Larry R. Yaw. The Call Committee will soon begin evaluating additional background information provided by the District President for all of the pastors on the Call List in order to present a short list of their recommended candidates to the voters. If any congregational member has a valid objection to any names on the Call List, please communicate the reason for that objection to the Call Committee in the next 2 weeks. (A valid objection is when someone would not be able to accept a particular man as his or her pastor in good conscience or on moral grounds.) Please continue to keep the process of calling a pastor in your prayers.
- **Mark your calendars for Easter Sunday** we will have Sunrise service at 6:30 am with No Holy Communion, DINE IN EASTER BREAKFAST hosted by Board of Ed from 7:30 to 8:45am and Service at 9am **WITH** Holy Communion.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:**
- **Hospitalized:**
- **Illness:**
- **Recovery and testing:**
- **Up – Coming medical procedures:** Susan Swenson will be having hip surgery on April 8th.
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Millie Gerlach, Margaret Schwarz and Gordy Nelson
- **Treatment:** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger)
- **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, Jordan Labiack, 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)

Upcoming Events:

- **March 30th:** Lent Service at 6pm and Meal: Served 4:30pm -5:45pm. Meal Stuffed Shells with Lettuce and Garlic Bread, Super or Regular Nachos and ice cream for dessert hosted by the Youth Mission Team.
- **April 3rd:** Confirmation Questioning during Bible Study Hour
- **April 10th:** Palm Sunday with Confirmation
- **April 14th:** Maundy Thursday Service at 6pm
- **April 15th:** Good Friday Service at 6pm
- **April 17th:** Easter Sunday Service at 6:30 am w/no HC. Easter Breakfast 7:30am to 8:45am and Service at 9am with Holy Communion

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: March 27th - April 3rd, 2022

Sunday (27th):

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

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday (28th):

10:00 am Prayer team

Tuesday (29th):

1:00 pm Quilters

Wednesday (30th):

3:30 pm- 5:00pm **6th-8th grade Confirmation Classes**

4:30-5:45pm Lenten Supper hosted by Youth Mission Team

6pm Lenten Service

7:00 pm Senior Choir followed by Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (31st):

6:00 am Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Beans

Friday (1st):

Saturday (2nd):

Sunday (3rd):

9:00 am Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3FM)

10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Confirmation Questioning and Cake

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: March 27th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Wyatt Schroeder

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad & Eric Schwarz/ Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK LIVE: Geri Kuschel

Wednesday March 30th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Wyatt Arndt

ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/ Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK: April 3rd:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Troy Ryan

ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/ Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on Mar 16th: 73 Mar. 20th: 112 Bible Study: 30 Sunday School: 11

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): Mar. 16th, 2022: \$627.00 Mar. 20th: \$4892.00

Dedicated Funds: Mar. 16th: \$00.00 Mar. 20th: \$147.04