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### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

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#### 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.”*

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#### **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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## 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.
- **Join us today at 10:30am** for our quarterly voter's meeting.
- **Secret Sisters:** Please remember to send your new Secret Brother or Sister a card this month and continue to pray for him/her.
- **Last day of CONFIRMATION will be Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Thank you to all the mentors, parents and confirmation students for a wonderful year. We look forward to working with you again in the fall. The Board of Education.
- **Our Women's Bible Study plans** to meet in May on Wednesday's May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. We will be starting a new DVD series, God Heard Their Cry: Finding Freedom in the Midst of Life's Trials. We'll Travel to Egypt via DVD and discover how God answers the cry of His persecuted people and proclaims Himself LORD to them and their oppressors, with encouragement for us too. All women are invited to join us in the old parish hall at the north end of the church basement. The west door on the parking lot side of church will be unlocked. Thanks Cindy Wood
- **We are looking for volunteers** to assist some of our members by driving to appointments in Waseca but especially out of town such as Rochester and the Cities. This could also include running small errands for the member. IF you feel this is a way you can give back to our Lord for all blessings, He has given you personally, please contact the church office to find out more details. Thank you. The Board of Stewardship
- **The Waseca County Emergency Management team** would like to invite you to an all you can eat breakfast today from 8am to noon at the VFW in Waseca.
- **The Quilters** would like to remind everyone that any of the quilts on display in the sanctuary are for sale and if you are interested in purchasing, please contact Donna Hildebrandt or Judie Waters.
- Cotta Guild is hosting a **Collection for Paper Goods** for 2 area food shelves until April 27<sup>th</sup> AND also **YARN** for the Waseca Federal Prison Recreation Department until April 30<sup>th</sup>. You can find boxes at both the North Entrance and by the elevator. Thanks for your help.
- **Mother Daughter Luncheon May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Today, April 24<sup>th</sup>, is the last day to purchase Tickets, located at the Front and Back of church. \$10 per ticket. Social hour at 11:30am, lunch at noon, entertainment provided by "Trinity's Own Church Ladies" will follow lunch.
- **A HUGE thank you** to the following families who donated flowers for Easter to the Glory of God, in the memory of their family loved ones: Karen Weckwerth, Gary Ross, Esther Dietrich, Duane Brase, Jerry Flogstad, Shirley Bluhm, Dave Ziegler, Loris Spies, Karen Berg, Connie and David Krause, Immanuel Mueller, Rebecca Mueller, Bob Lau, Anita Nelson, Margie Arndt, Jeanette Williams, Ken Lenz, Audra Ryan, Dick Arnold, Bob Roemhildt, Ron Roemhildt, Kent Delong, Jim Wyffels, Cynthia Kolander, Lila Schaal, Marv Maas, Grant Duffy, Dean Worke, Linda Korb, Ron Wood, Kraig Deling, John and Judy Deling, Dale Rudolph, Jean Kuschel. (Kathy Flogstad, Flower Committee)



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OPENING HYMN: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

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ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Psalm 100 (Read Responsively)**

**P:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**C:** Serve the LORD with gladness!

**P:** Come into his presence with singing!

**C:** Know that the LORD, he is God!

**P:** It is he who made us, and we are his;

**C:** we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**P:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

**C:** Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**P:** For the LORD is good;

**C:** his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**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:**

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**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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**FIRST READING: Acts 5: 12-20**

<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1: 4-18**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." <sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." <sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE:**

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P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

**GOSPEL READING: John 20: 19-31**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his

disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

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**SERMON:** Believing

**SERMON TEXT:** John 20:19-31

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

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**RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY TRANSFER OR PROFESSON OF FAITH**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

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**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE:**

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**SANCTUS** ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy:*

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

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**LORD'S PRAYER:**

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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:**

*"The strife Is O'er, the Battle Won"*

**#464**

*"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table "*

**#618**

*"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"*

**#490**

**NUNC DIMITTIS** ~ *Song of Simeon*

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**POST COMMUNION COLLECT:**

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**BENEDICTION and BENEDICAMUS:**

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**CLOSING HYMN:** "He's Risen"

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- **IF you purchased Easter Lilies or Easter Tulips** and wish to take your flower home today after service, please make sure you take the plant you purchased but leave the plastic tray in the church. Thank you.
- **The Board of Education would like to THANK YOU to those that came and supported the Easter Breakfast.** We raised \$400.00 that will go to Camp Omega Scholarships. God Bless you all!
- **Bible Readings by Members:** Most often the Gospel reading for a service is the text for the sermon; for centuries it has been common, then, that the pastor reads the third, the Gospel lesson, in a service. Other readings can be read by members of the congregation; as with other parts of services marked L (Leader) or A (Assisting Minister). We thank those members of St. Paul, including Elders and new confirmands, who have agreed to serve in this way, reading the first and second lessons during services in the Easter season.
- **Waseca Circuit Workshop for Pastors and Lay Leaders:** Does your parish struggle to meet the budget? Does the thought of hearing (or preaching) a sermon on financially supporting the church make you cringe? How do we encourage generous living without becoming legalists? **On Monday, April 25, the Waseca Circuit's Fall Bible Institute will host the Stewardship Under the Cross Workshop with LCMS Coordinator for Stewardship, Rev. Heath Curtis.** Bring your Bible, your questions, and your love for your church. Meet at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave, Janesville, MN 56048. Dinner provided by the Waseca Circuit at 5:30 p.m. (Wine will be available for purchase on your own.) Presentation: 6:15 to 8:30 p.m.
- **CAMP OMEGA** is looking to hire individuals for the following positions: maintenance, housekeeping and food service. All applicants are welcome, we will train you for the positions! Come work in a fun, Christian environment and serve the Lord while supporting the camp ministry! You can apply online at [campomega.org](http://campomega.org) or call the camp office at (507) 685-4266 for more information.

#### IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:**
- **Hospitalized:** Anita Risto, Mother of Barb Denn and Debbie Roemhildt, Glen Shultz,
- **Illness:** Inez Meyer
- **Recovery from surgery and testing:** Susan Swenson had hip surgery on April 8<sup>th</sup>; Jacob Lemmen who had surgery on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Up – Coming medical procedures:** Millie Gerlach for upcoming surgery
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Margaret Schwarz, Pastor Zimmer
- **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)
- **Ukraine**

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: April 24<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>):**

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. **Voter's Meeting**

**Monday (25<sup>th</sup>):**

10:00 am Prayer team

**Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup>):**

1:00 pm Quilters

**Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup>):**

12:00 pm 29er's Potluck

3:30 pm- 5:00pm **CONFIRMATION**

7:00 pm Senior Choir followed by Contemporary Ensemble practice

**Thursday (28<sup>th</sup>):**

6:00 am Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Beans

7:00 pm Grandparenting Matters

**Friday (29<sup>th</sup>):**

**Sunday (1<sup>st</sup>):**

9:00 am 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

**SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:**

**THIS WEEK: April 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Derek Hammer

**ELDER/DEACON:** Dick Arnold/ Kraig Deling

**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad

**FACEBOOK LIVE:** Cindy Gilmore

**READERS:** Wyatt Schroeder

**NEXT WEEK: May 1<sup>st</sup> :**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Traehvon Miller-Nelson

**ELDER/DEACON:** Bob Lau/ Harold Christianson

**RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore

**FACEBOOK:** Geri Kuschel

**READERS:** Denise Duffey

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:**

Worship Attendance on April 14<sup>th</sup>: 89

On April 15<sup>th</sup>: 82

On April 17<sup>th</sup> @6:30am: 72 @9am: 160 Bible Study: 0 Sunday School: 0

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): April 14<sup>th</sup>: \$727.00 April 15<sup>th</sup>: \$382.00 April 17<sup>th</sup>: \$4802.00

Dedicated Funds: April 14<sup>th</sup>: \$000.00 April 15<sup>th</sup>: \$633.45 April 17<sup>th</sup>: \$640.00

April 17<sup>th</sup>: \$50.00 (Memorial for Shirley Tetzloff)

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