



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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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-  **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.
- **Secret Sisters:** Please remember to send your new Secret Brother or Sister a card this month and continue to pray for him/her.
- **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru** will be held on Friday May 13th, 2022 from 5p-7pm.
- **May 17th, 2022 will be the last day for the Quilter's to meet.**
- **Thank you!** You may have heard that Miriam and I will be leaving at the end of May; May 22 is our last Sunday. We are heading for two weeks of English language ministry in Germany, a commitment made two years ago; and then some visiting with Miriam's relatives. We want to thank you for these months of "life together." We have appreciated your warm welcome, your efforts to help us in the apartment, and all the good food. In particular we are grateful that we could join you in your ministry for these six months, Empowered by God's Word, joyfully sharing the love of Jesus with all people. We will keep you in our prayers in the weeks ahead, especially for the calling of your next pastor. In Christ, Pastor Carter and Miriam.
- **God's Continued Blessings on Jared and Tirzah Rudolph,** who have received their Vicarage placement at First Lutheran Church in Lake Elsinore CA.
- **Bring Your Own...** Catechism, that is, "**Bible Class**" for the first three Sundays in May will be "Catechism Listening." Luther's Small Catechism is so easily "lost," left to the confirmands, or to us when we were that age in such a class. We have made it that thick blue/purple textbook, and have missed Luther's view, that it was about ten pages long and could be put up as posters on the kitchen wall. We have easily, understandably, aimed confirmands at memory of its contents, and have missed perhaps that it was intended not only for mind but also for heart. You are invited to "Catechism Listening" in the Parish Hall, with coffee and "goodies" each Sunday morning after worship. We will "listen" to
 - 1 May: The Context and Content of the Small Catechism: Why did Luther "invent" such a thing?
 - 8 May: The Creed and Me; And Three Sacraments
 - 15 May: A Bit of Catechism and A lot of Hong Kong
- **Last day of Sunday School** for this year will be May 22nd, 2022.
- **Come to the Celebration Brunch on May 22nd, 2022** hosted By the Board of Elder's and the Youth Mission Trip Team as we say Thank you and good bye to Pastor Carter and Miriam. **This is a No -Cost event**, immediately following church services.
- **LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION:** The Lutheran Witness Magazine Subscriptions are due by May 30th, 2022. The cost for the year is \$19.68. If you are interested in adding or renewing

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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 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. Thank You.

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OPENING HYMN: "Oh Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

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ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm 23 (Read Responsively)

P: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

P: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

C: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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 20: 17-35

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of

God, which he obtained with his own blood.²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me.³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Revelation 7: 9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence."¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

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ALLELUIA and VERSE:

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P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 10th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 10: 22-30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "There Is A Redeemer"

Reusable Song sheet

SERMON: Listening to the Shepherd

APOSTLES' CREED:

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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(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 Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

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"Have No Fear, Little Flock "

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"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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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: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

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a subscription, please drop off your check in the amount of \$19.68 (payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church) to the church office by May 30th, 2022. Thank you!!

- **Our Women's Bible Study plans** to meet in May on Wednesday May 18th 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
- **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.
- **AMAZINGLY our job is NOT done!** GRANDPARENTING MATTERS! Come join our little workshop. We have had new people join every week. Our work is not over, it is just "GRANDER". We have learned what God commands of Grandparents in scripture, strategies to reach our grandchildren from infant to adult age, overcoming barriers of long distance, broken relationships, societal competitions. We invite you to see what God commands next for us Grandparents through scripture Thursday May 12th 7pm in the old parish hall.
- **Thank you** for returning the Hydrangea Plant with Pink blossoms. Its owner is ever so grateful.
- **FLOWERS FROM EASTER SUNDAY:** If you paid for Lilies or Tulips to decorate our altar during Easter, today is the last day to collect yours. Any flowers left after church will be given a home.
- **A FRIENDLY REMINDER:** please make sure you lock your car doors when at church. We have had some recent issues of individuals attempting to get into parked cars and locked church doors. We care about the safety of you and your belongings while you are here. Thank you!



IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:**
- **Hospitalized:** Glen Shultz,
- **Illness:** Inez Meyer, Anita Risto
- **Surgery and testing:**
- **Up – Coming medical procedures:**
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Margaret Schwarz, Pastor Zimmer, Millie Gerlach
- **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: May 8th - May 15th, 2022

Sunday (8th):

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 (9th):

10:00 am Prayer team

Tuesday (10th):

1:00 pm Quilters

Wednesday (11th):

7:00 pm Senior Choir followed by Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (12th):

6:00 am Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Beans

7:00 pm Cotta Guild

7:00 pm Grandparenting Matters

Friday (13th):

5pm-7pm Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru Sponsored by Youth Mission Trip Team

Saturday (14th):

Sunday (15th):

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: May 8th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Joseph Schumacher

ELDER/DEACON: Bob Lau/ Harold Christianson

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK LIVE: Kathy Flogstad

READERS: Joey Schumacher

NEXT WEEK: May 15th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Wyatt Schroeder

ELDER/DEACON: Bob Lau/ Harold Christianson

RADIO MONITOR: Ben Hill

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

READERS: Ron Wood

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on April 24th: 118 Bible Study: 32 Sunday School: 4

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit) May 1st: \$3037.00 Dedicated Funds: May 1st: \$259.68