



**Fifth
Sunday
of Easter**

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.
- **May 17th, 2022 will be the last day for the Quilter's to meet.**
- **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 Sunday 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 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 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

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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: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"
ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm 148 (Read Responsively)

P: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
C: praise him in the heights!
P: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
C: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
P: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
C: Let them praise the name of the LORD!
P: For he commanded and they were created.
C: And he established them forever and ever;
P: he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
C: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,
P: fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!
C: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
P: Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!
C: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
P: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
C: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
P: his majesty is above earth and heaven.
C: He has raised up a horn for his people,
P: praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.
C: Praise the LORD!

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:
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:
SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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FIRST READING: Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for

nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Revelation 21: 1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Wide Open Stand the Gates"

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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 16: 12-22

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he

said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: What does this mean? What is this?

"His Robes for Mine"

Senior Choir

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:

(When the last verse of a hymn has a , the verse is praising the Triune God. You are invited to stand for that verse, and then maybe seated again.)

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

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"He's Risen, He's Risen"

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"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

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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: "In Thee Is Gladness"

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- **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!
- **The Board of Stewardship will be collecting cereal for the Neighborhood Service Center Food Shelf** during June, July and August 2022. There will be a collection box at the front and back entrances to the church. If there is a good response, we will consider extending the time frame indefinitely.
- **The Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center is once again collecting old shoes.** This is a fundraiser for the Thrift store. Place gently used shoes in labeled boxes at the front of church and near the elevator. Thank you in advance for your donations.

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**

UP COMING EVENTS:

- **May 16th:** Prayer Team meets at 10 am
- **May 17th:** Last day for Quilters to meet and Newsletter articles are due.
- **May 18th:** Women's Bible Study meets at 9:30am
- **May 19th:** Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean
- **May 22nd:** Last day for Sunday School
- **May 22nd:** Baccalaureate and Presentation of Senior Quilts (Quilts will be handed out after service in the Parish Hall)
- **May 22nd:** Pastor Carter and Miriam's last day with us. Please join us in the Parish Hall after service for a Celebration Brunch hosted by Board of Elder's and Youth Mission Trip Team.
- **May 25th:** 29er's at Noon

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: May 15th - May 22nd, 2022

Sunday (15th):

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 (16th):

10:00 am Prayer team

6:00 pm NSC Board

Tuesday (17th):

1:00 pm Quilters (Last day to meet until the Fall)

**** NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE****

Wednesday (18th):

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Senior Choir followed by Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (19th):

6:00 am Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Beans

Friday (20th):

Saturday(21st):

Sunday (22nd):

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

Baccalaureate

10:15 a.m. Sunday School (Last day to meet until the Fall)

10:30 a.m. Celebration Brunch for Pastor & Miriam Carter

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: May 15th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Wyatt Schroeder

ELDER/DEACON: Bob Lau/ Harold Christianson

RADIO MONITOR: Ben Hill

FACEBOOK LIVE: Cindy Gilmore

READERS: Ron Wood

NEXT WEEK: May 22nd:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Wyatt Arndt

ELDER/DEACON: Bob Lau/ Harold Christianson

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

READERS: Derek Hammer

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on May 8th: 112 Bible Study: 35 Sunday School: 6

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit) May 8th: \$2851.00 Dedicated Funds: May 8th: \$753.40