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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)
  - 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
  - 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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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.



- Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in loving memory of Debra Kohnert sponsored by her family.
- **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.
- At the **special voter's meeting on Sunday, September 11th**, the congregation will be asked to call a pastor from the following list. There will be supper at 5:00 pm and the Voter's Meeting will take place after the meal with **voter's meeting to follow**. More detailed information will be provided on each candidate at the Voter's meeting.
  - Rev. Jeffrey Ross – St. John Lutheran in Garfield, MN
  - Rev Jason Shaw – St Paul Lutheran in Jackson, MO
  - Rev. Dr. Brent Klein – Trinity Lutheran in Northfield, MN
  - Rev. Michael Suelzie – St Peter's Lutheran in Devils Lake, ND, Grace Lutheran in Lakota, ND and St. Andrews Lutheran in Niagara, ND
- **S.A.G.E.S.** (Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving) MN South District (LCMS) Older Adult Ministry announces a one-day mini-Gathering event at Camp Omega on Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3:30pm titled "Ministry with, to and by Seniors" by Rev. Mark Jeske. Cost is \$20.00. Please register by September 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration Forms located in the church office and on bulletin board.
- **The Church Office will be closed Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- **There will be No Prayer Team September 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Quilter's will begin meeting again Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meal at 11:30am and quilting will start after.** If you are interested in joining this group, give Donna Hildebrandt a call. All are welcome to join.
- **Sunday School begins on September 11<sup>th</sup>** with Rally Sunday at 10:15am in the Old Parish Hall. **Third grade bibles** will be handed out this day in the Parish Hall following service.
- **Thank You!!!** I can not begin to say how much your prayers, cards and visits have meant to me as I was recovering from hip surgery. I am back home and I still have a way to go but thankful for God's love and help and my wonderful friends at church. LeeAnn Paulson.

- **Women's Bible Study** would like to invite you to join us as we begin the next That the World May Know DVD, Fire on the Mountain: Displaying God to a Broken World, when we meet in September on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope you can join us.
- **Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown**, husband and father of 6 has been diagnosed with Huntington's Disease. There will be a benefit on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 4p to 8p at Morristown American Legion. **Please keep this family in your prayers.** (See bulletin board for more details). We will be having a **DOOR OFFERING** on September 11<sup>th</sup> and this money will be added to their fundraising on September 24<sup>th</sup> where all proceeds will be matched by Modern Woodmen.
- **Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>** the Board of Ed/Sunday School and the Youth Mission Trip Team will be participating in the Waseca Classic Parade. We will have a float and handing out candy. Anyone interested in helping or riding the float (Sunday School Students and Youth). See Bulletin board for further details.

**Pastor Bob's office hours are as follows:**  
 Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm  
 OFF Friday's and Saturday's.  
 Please contact the church office to make an appointment to see him. Thank You

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

- **Called Home:**
- **Hospice:**
- **Hospitalized:**
- **Illness: Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown**
- **Surgery, testing, and upcoming procedures:**
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Pastor Zimmer, LeeAnn Paulson, Pastor Rosenau, Ken Lenz, Rus Weir and Joy Weir
- **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, 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**

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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](http://www.newstalk1170.com)
- **Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School: Begins on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, please** 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.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: September 4<sup>th</sup> - September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Sanctity of All Life  
September 4, 2022

**HYMN** "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" **LSB 902 Verses 1-4**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

**Pastor:** See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. *Deuteronomy 30:15*

**People:** **The LORD knows the way of the righteous.** *Psalm 1:6a*

**Pastor:** Therefore choose life, loving the LORD your God. *Deuteronomy 30:19b*

**People:** **Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the LORD.** *Psalm 1:1-2, adapted*

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Dearly beloved, in order that we may receive life and good from God we must first confess our ways of death and evil. Our sin constantly separates us from the love of God and lures us to the way of loneliness and death. We confess our sin in the faith and hope of the promised forgiveness of our sin for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Pastor:** I confess to almighty God,

**People:** **and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and deeds. In sincere sorrow God's gift of faith, moves me to plead for forgiveness and to choose life and good for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord.**

**Pastor:** Love the Lord your God, obey His voice and hold fast to Him, for He is your life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I pronounce to You His word and promise: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

+ WORD +

## SALUTATION

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (*The Choice of Life and Death*)<sup>15</sup> “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.<sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.<sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,<sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.<sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore, choose life, that you and your offspring may live,<sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** Philemon 1-21 (*Love, Faith, Freedom*)

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker<sup>2</sup> and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers,<sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints,<sup>6</sup> and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. <sup>8</sup> Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required,<sup>9</sup> yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup> I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup> I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel,<sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup> For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever,<sup>16</sup> no longer as a bondservant<sup>[c]</sup> but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.<sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Galatians 6:14*

People: **Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 14:25-35 (*The Cost of Discipleship*)

<sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup> "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Just As I Am,**

**LSB 570 verses 1-5**

## **SERMON**

**CREED** *Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one**

**Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus .... We pray that all people may choose life and good, and reject evil and the ways of death. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

### **PREFACE**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

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

### **PROPER PREFACE (Common I)**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy**

**LSB 507 verse 1**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.



We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26-28;*

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-13* **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People:** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI:** "Lamb of God" LSB 550 verse 2

### **DISTRIBUTION**

#### **Songs**

"Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 784

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

LSB 794

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

LSB 842

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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**

**Pastor:** Because of Christ You have chosen life and good. May God give You strength to live faithful to His calling.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** May you take up your cross and follow Christ in faith, hope, and love.

**People:** Amen

**Pastor:** The blessing of God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you today and forever.

**People:** Amen

**HYMN** "O Savior, Precious Savior"

*LSB 527*

Pastor Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Sunday (4<sup>th</sup>):**

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour

**Monday (5<sup>th</sup>):**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup>):**

11:30 am Quilter's Meal with quilting after  
6:00 pm Board of Stewardship

**Wednesday (7<sup>th</sup>):**

9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Elders meeting  
7:00 pm Trustee's and Evangelism meeting  
7:00 pm Contemporary Ensemble practice

**Thursday (8<sup>th</sup>):**

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean  
7:00 pm Cotta Guild

**Friday (9<sup>th</sup>):**

**Saturday (10<sup>th</sup>):**

**Sunday (11<sup>th</sup>):**

9:00 am Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:15 am **RALLY SUNDAY** ... Sunday school begins. Meet in the Old Parish Hall  
10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour

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

**THIS WEEK: September 4<sup>th</sup>:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood  
**ACOLYTE:** Josie Ross  
**ELDER/DEACON:** Jim Wyffels/Jerry Flogstad  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Ben Hill  
**FACEBOOK LIVE:** Geri Kuschel  
**READER:** Rhonda Christianson

**NEXT WEEK: September 11<sup>th</sup>:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood  
**ACOLYTE:** Blake Schroeder  
**ELDER/DEACON:** Jim Wyffels/Jerry Flogstad  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad  
**FACEBOOK:** Cindy Gilmore  
**READER:** Doug Draeger

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:**

**Worship Attendance on August 28<sup>th</sup>: 98    Bible Study:                    Sunday School: 0**  
**General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit) August 28<sup>th</sup>: \$2553.00**  
**Dedicated Funds: August 28<sup>th</sup>: Improvement Fund: \$100.00 (Lau's, Spies)**  
**Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$220.00 (Rosenthal, Denn)**

