

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: May 10 – May 17, 2020

Sunday:

- 8:00 a.m. Limited Communion (Call church office or Pastor Griffin to pre-register)
8:15 a.m. Limited Communion (Call church office or Pastor Griffin to pre-register)
8:30 a.m. Limited Communion (Call church office or Pastor Griffin to pre-register)
9:00 a.m. Worship Service Live-streamed on Facebook & KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM
**Everyone is invited to park in the church parking lot to listen to the live-streamed service and then attend drive-thru communion following the service.*
10:00-10:30 a.m. Drive-Thru Communion (northwest door under canopy)
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study Live-streamed on Facebook

Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class Live-streamed on Facebook
1:00-4:00 p.m. Private Communion (Call church office or Pastor Griffin to pre-register)

Tuesday:

- 1:00-4:00 p.m. Private Communion (Call church office or Pastor Griffin to pre-register)

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SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ELDER: Kent DeLong
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood
VIDEOGRAPHER: Laurie Flom

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ELDER: Kent DeLong
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad
VIDEOGRAPHER: Laurie Flom



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Church Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Monday – Friday)

SUNDAY MORNINGS:


- ✝ Worship Service Live-stream: 9:00 a.m. (Facebook & KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✝ Adult Bible Study Live-stream: 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in celebration of Dennis & Eva Bickell's 50th Wedding Anniversary (May 9th).
- Our Cotta Guild will be holding a "drive-thru" Mission for Mites offering collection at the handicap door on Monday, May 18th from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please note "Mites" on your offering envelope. You may also drop off your Mites offering in the locked drop-box located at the handicap door.
- A small group of our ladies recently delivered 100 face masks to the Veterans Hospital, and has now sewed together and given away over 1000 masks. All glory be to God!
- Thank you to those who have been donating toilet paper for a project coordinated by Jennifer Sheehan at our Intermediate School. This is an ongoing project.
- Thank you to all who have supported our Church Improvement Fund. Parish Hall air conditioning was installed in recent days.
- Thank you to all who have contributed to our Caring Fund. In recent days, our Board of Stewardship has reached out to area families with a note of encouragement and gift card as a way of sharing the love of Jesus Christ into the community.
- Thank you to Paul Krienke, who is organizing our participating in 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim world. Anyone interested in participating could contact Paul or our church office.
- Our Transition Team's proposed Revised Mission Statement is ***"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the love of Jesus with all people."***
- Our Transition Team's proposed New Vision Statement is ***"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organization, while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."***
- **2020 Scholarships:** High School members of St. Paul who will be graduating in the spring and meet the scholarship eligibility requirements, are invited to apply for a 2020 scholarship. To obtain an application and scholarship program requirements, please contact the church office. Completed applications are due in the church office by or before June 1, 2020.
- **Lutheran Witness Subscription:** The Lutheran Witness Magazine subscriptions are due by May 15th. 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 15th.
- **Thank you!** My wife, Peggy, and I wish to thank the congregation for all the well wishes, blessings, and prayers during her hospitalization and stay at the nursing home. We are touched with love and will always appreciate it. --Sincerely, Pastor Zimmer

Upcoming Sermons:

- May 17 - Resurrection Response
- May 24 - Resurrection Unity
- May 31 - Pentecost Power
- June 7 - Christ and the Virus: Discipleship (Matthew 20: 16-20)
- June 14 - Christ and the Virus: Repentance (Psalm 120)
- June 21 - Christ and the Virus: Providence (Psalm 121)

Letter from Pastor Griffin (mailed to newsletter recipients on May 6, 2020)

Dear Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Board of Elders, I am pleased to announce four new opportunities for our members to receive Holy Communion and to receive pastoral care, beginning Sunday, May 10.

- **The first opportunity** will be small group communion on Sunday mornings at 8, 8:15, and 8:30 a.m. in our sanctuary. Up to nine members at each time may sign up by calling our church office (835-2647) or Pastor Griffin (507-420-2236). We will be social distancing and sanitizing according to CDC guidelines. Masks are encouraged. Folks who are pre-registered will be invited to congregate at least ten minutes early at our northwest entrance. Our handicapped entrance will be open, and elders will be giving directions.
- **The second opportunity** will be "drive-through" Holy Communion from 10 to 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, also starting this Sunday. Individuals or families are invited to meet as early as 9 a.m. in the parking lot and to listen on the radio broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM or to watch on our Facebook Live-Stream. Elders will be greeting in a cheerful manner and providing bulletins! Confession, absolution, and the Words of Institution will take place during the service, and then communion will be distributed one car at a time under the awning at our northwest entrance.
- **The third opportunity** will be private communion for individuals or small groups in our sanctuary each Monday and Tuesday afternoons, starting May 11 and 12, from 1-4 p.m. Again, members who desire to receive communion in our sanctuary may pre-register by calling our church office or Pastor Griffin.
- **The fourth opportunity** will be private communion delivered to your home by calling the church office, Pastor Griffin (420-2236), or Pastor Zimmer (833-5619).
- **We are also pleased to announce**
 1. Sunday bulletins will be printed again, beginning this Sunday. They will be available on Sunday or throughout the week at the south entrance during office hours.
 2. Sermons will continue to be posted on Facebook and our website. If you would like a printed sermon or bulletin mailed to your address, please contact our church office.
 3. Both pastors and our elders are eager to meet the spiritual needs of our members in these days of uncertainty. Please call any of us with prayer requests or suggestions of how we may connect with our members.
 4. The Board of Stewardship would ask that if you are aware of members or friends experiencing financial hardship and would like a pastor to reach out with a note of encouragement and gift card, to please contact the church office or a pastor.

Please know that both Pastor Zimmer and I consider it a privilege and a joy to serve you as under-shepherds of the Good Shepherd in these days!

Together in Christ,

Pastor Larry J. Griffin

Mother's Day **May 10, 2020**

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OPENING HYMN: *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* **# 457**

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FIRST READING: *Acts 7:2a, 51-60*

² And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. ⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM or GRADUAL

SECOND READING: *1 Peter 2:2-10*

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and

whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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GOSPEL READING: *John 14:1-14*

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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SERMON: *"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"* (John 14:1-14) Rev. Dr. Giles Zimmer

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IN OUR PRAYERS:
All Mothers on this Mother’s Day.

Hospitalized: Eva Bickell

Upcoming Surgery: Kathy Lenz

Treatment: Eva Bickell, Jolaine Burmeister (sister to Carol Ulschmid), Jackie Krause, Marcia Meiners (daughter of the late Lorraine Miller), Brian Schroeder

Wedding Anniversary: Dennis & Eva Bickell’s 50th Anniversary on May 9th.

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, Ryan Berg, Jacob Claybaugh, Jordan Labiack, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Kylie Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver



- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist our time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. Both individual cups and the common cup are offered on both sides. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.
- **Radio Broadcast:** Today’s broadcast (K0WZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God and is in celebration of Dennis & Eva Bickell’s 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 9th.
- **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.

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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.