

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: May 17 – May 24, 2020

Sunday:

- 8:00 a.m. Small Group Communion
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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
1:00-3:00 p.m. Private Communion (Call church office or Pastor Griffin to pre-register)

Tuesday:

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SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ELDER: Kent DeLong

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ELDER: Kent DeLong

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore



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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 loving memory of Bruce Ross, sponsored by Diane, Jim, and Gary Ross.
- 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.
- This Sunday (May 17), we are offering small group communion at 8, 8:15, and 8:30. We are also offering drive through communion from 10-10:30 and small group / private communion on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, from 1-3. We anticipate that the schedule may be adjusted for the following weekend, and if that happens, we will send out a letter to our members, on behalf of our Board of Elders. Some churches in Minnesota are opening up to ½ capacity, with social distancing and certain protocols, as early as May 24th. Please keep in prayer our leaders both in the ecclesiastical and secular realms.
- Joan Manthe, Steve Jaycox, and Debbie Pehrson have accepted appointments to the Financial Review Committee, as provided for in our existing Constitution.
- A proposed set of revised documents will be presented to the July Voters' meeting, including Constitution and Bylaws, as well as various policies, guidelines, and job descriptions.
- This Sunday we are beginning a new three-part Bible class on Sunday mornings (Facebook Live Streamed). Our topic is "Coronavirus and Christ" and will include a study of a book with that title written by John Piper.
- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- 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."***
- The Board of Stewardship would like to thank everyone who has given of themselves whether by time, talent or financially to help people of the congregation as well as reaching out to members of the community. We would like to thank the person who took a moment to check on an elderly neighbor, the member who listened to someone's concerns or gave a smile when needed. Thank you! We would also like to thank some anonymous donations that were received that will make a difference to people who could really use a hand in uncertain times. If you know of someone who is struggling, please contact a Stewardship member or the Pastor to see if we can help.
- **Secret Sisters:** Please remember to send a card with some encouraging words to your Secret Brother or Sister and continue to pray for him or her.

Upcoming Sermons:

- May 24 - Resurrection Unity
- May 31 - Pentecost Power
- June 7 - A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship (Matthew 20: 16-20)
- June 14 - A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Repentance (Psalm 120)
- June 21 - A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Providence (Psalm 121)



"Ascension Day, a holy day falling inconspicuously on a Thursday in May, is the conspicuous declaration that we are not left as orphans. In the same post-resurrection body that He invited Thomas to touch, Jesus invites us to full humanity even today. He ascended with a body, He shares in our humanity, extending His own body even now, promising to return for our own bodies. Christ is preparing a room for us, and we can know it is real because He himself is real." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org



James 1:22 – "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." The Word of God is not merely to be heard, but to be received and believed. Our faith is implanted and strengthened by the Word of God. And as Luther said, "Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so, it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly." James reminds us of this – and encourages us to examine our lives and come to repentance where we can see that we are not living out our faith in sincerity.

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OPENING HYMN: *“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”* # 474

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FIRST READING: *Acts 17:16-31*

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ ²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has

fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

SECOND READING: *1 Peter 3:13-22*

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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GOSPEL READING: *John 14:15-21*

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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SERMON HYMN: *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”* # 821

SERMON: *“Resurrection Response”* (John 14:15-21) Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin
Response #1 - Keeping God’s Commandments
Response #2 - Repentance
Response #3 - A Zeal for Doing What is Good

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“Beautiful Savior”

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CLOSING HYMN: *“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”* # 680

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Upcoming Surgery: Kathy Lenz

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Eva Bickell, James Goettl

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

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



St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **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:** Our worship services are radio broadcast each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on K0WZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM, and www.theradiotrain.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 to our prayer chain prayers, please call the church office at 835-2647.

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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.