

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.”*

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

Welcome

- **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.
- **Welcome Pastor Rucker!** Our guest pastor today is Pastor Ben Rucker from New Ulm, MN.
- **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** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- Caring for Brothers and Sisters in Christ", please remember to send your "Brother" or "Sister" a card in April with some encouraging words to brighten their day, and continue to pray for him/her.
- **Please Join us today in the Parish Hall following service** to share good wishes and cake with our Confirmation class; also, for the Voter's meeting and Welcome New Members potluck!!
- We have purchased a new **Convection oven** and are looking for donations to help cover cost. If interested, please note on your offering envelopes. Thank you
- **Want to make a difference in the world?** If you enjoy being outdoors and like being surrounded by people and are excited about Jesus, then this is for you. **Camp Omega** is hiring camp counselors, food service, maintenance, and housekeeping summer staff. You too can make a difference. Visit www.campomega.org or call 507-685-4255 for more information.
- **Vacation Bible School** will be June 4th - 8th, 2023. We will be partnering with Christ the King again this year and VBS will be held in the basement of CTK. Please fill out a registration form and return to the church office as soon as possible so we make sure to have enough material for all the students. You won't want to miss this!!!
- **To all our Volunteers-** A sincere thank you goes out to each and every one of you. Volunteering is a gift one person gives to another. Whether you gave of yourself once or many times over, your time, talents, and energy have and continue to make a difference. Thank you again for sharing your gifts! **The Board of Stewardship**

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OPENING HYMN: "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2: 14a, 36-47

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 1: 17-21

17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without

blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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GOSPEL READING: *Luke 24:13-35*

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

“Here I Am, Lord”

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APOSTELS CREED:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”*

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SERMON

Affirmation of Faith: Confirmation Class of 2023

Josephine Ross, Tyler Ryan, Blake Schroeder and Alexa Welander

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CLOSING HYMN: *“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”*

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- **LWML Prayer Service and National Day of Prayer** will be held May 4th at 2: 00pm here at St Paul Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Following the service there will be dessert and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- ***Called Home:*** Wayne Hursh, Lester Barbknecht
- ***Hospitalized:*** Ezra Rudolph
- ***Cancer Treatment:*** Debbie Pehrson
- ***Medical Procedure:*** Karen Thompson (Kathy Flogstad's Sister) waiting for available Kidney
- ***Illness:*** Cindy Kuschel, Pastor Loeslie
- ***Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:*** Judy Graper
- ***Treatment:*** Terry George, Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree
- ***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)
- ***Our Confirmands:*** Josephine Ross, Troy Ryan, Blake Schroeder and Alexa Welander

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: April 23rd – April 30th, 2023

Sunday (23rd):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service and Confirmation w/ Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3FM)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Confirmation Cake, Voter's Meeting Followed by New Member Potluck

Monday (24th):

10:00 am Prayer team

Tuesday (25th):

1:00 pm Quilters

Wednesday (26th):

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7:00 pm Senior Choir followed by Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (27th):

6:00 am Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Beans

Friday (28^h):

Sunday (30th):

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

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: April 23rd:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Peyton Ross

ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/ Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK LIVE: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK: April 30th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Alex Bethke

ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/ Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on April 16th: 112 Bible Study: 30 Sunday School: 6

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): April 16th, 2023: \$2,814.00

Dedicated Funds: Improvement Fund: \$200.00

Pastor Discretionary Fund: \$40.00

Building Fund: \$25.00

- 1 With high delight Let us unite
 In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, He
Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends
 Good news to save ev'ry nation.

- 2 True God, He first From death has burst
 Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy Doth vanquished lie;
 His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be Like victory
O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave
 His life for us, life renewing.

- 3 Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring
 To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed
 To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love Give us above,
From misery And death set free,
 All joy and full consolation.

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"

Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, pow'rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

2 O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: "Alleluia!"
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

△4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me-wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

- 3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

1 Jesus, priceless treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
 Truest friend to me,
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
 Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;
 Naught I ask beside Thee.

2 In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
 Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
 Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
 Jesus will not fail me.

3 Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
 Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
 While I sing of peace.

God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

4 Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure,
Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross,
Shall not from my Savior move me
Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- Δ5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.