
Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on."



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)

Pastor: Rev. Bob Lund (Vacancy Pastor)

Mobile Phone: (651) 324-9229

Email: bltpbj@yahoo.com

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.
- **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.
- **TODAY at 10:30am** please join the Youth Mission Trip Team as they share their experiences and slide show from their trip to Kentucky this year. A meal will follow at 11:30am. Hope to see you all there!!
- **Our Women's Bible Study plans** to meet next on August 17th at 9:30am.
- **The Board of Stewardship will be collecting cereal for the Neighborhood Service Center Food Shelf** during 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.
- **Cotta Guild is hosting a SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE beginning July 17th and going until August 11th.** Please place items in boxes located by the elevator entrance and the south entrance. Thank you for your support.
- **Pastor Discretionary Fund:** is a fund that is available for the Pastor to provide help to members and non-members in need. This fund is issued in small monetary amounts on a Scrip Card purchased here at church, but would provide a person in need with a meal or gas. Please consider donating to this fund by using an envelope and marking it Discretionary Fund and putting it into the collection plate. Any amount that you can give will help tremendously. Thank you! Board of Stewardship
- **On August 14th, LWML** will put out the Mite Box at both the west and north entrance to collect mites for our Missions projects. This will happen on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support.
- **Quilter's will begin meeting again Tuesday September 6th 1p-3pm.** If you are interested in joining this group, give Donna Hildebrandt a call. All are welcome to join
- **Sunday School is fast approaching and we are looking for volunteer's to be Sunday School teachers.** IF you are interested in helping our young children learn about the love of Jesus, please contact Aimee Hill or Jen LaCroix. Thank you!! The Board of Education.
- **PAC (Parish Activities Committee)** formerly know as Revitalization Task Force will be meeting on Thursday August 11th at 5pm in the Old Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining this committee, come and check us out on August 11th!! See you all there.
- **CALL COMMITTEE MEETING** today Sunday August 7th at 1:30 pm

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:** Anna Worke (Mother of Dean Worke)
- **Hospice:**
- **Hospitalized:** Russ Weir
- **Illness:**
- **Surgery, testing, and upcoming procedures:** Bob Schwarz (brother of Gene Schwarz) for testing's
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Pastor Zimmer, LeeAnn Paulson, Pastor Rosenau
- **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**

UP COMING EVENTS:

- **August 7th:** Mission Trip Slide Show 2022 at 10:15am and Meal beginning at 11:30am
- **August 7th:** Call Committee meeting at 1:30pm
- **August 11th:** 5pm PAC meeting in Old Parish Hall
- **August 12th:** Community Salad Luncheon 11am – 1pm
- **August 19th:** Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru 5p-7p Hosted by St Paul Mission Trip Team
- **August 26th:** **WINONA AVE**, a Christian pop rock band, will be here to perform at 6pm. Concession stand opens at 4pm to sell food. The concert is a free event to the public. Everyone is welcome. Hosted by Board of Ed and Youth Mission Trip Team

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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
- **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: Beginning in September, 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.

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

There's a Reason Not to Worry
August 7, 2022

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father" [LSB 725]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Hebrews 11*

Pastor: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

People: **By faith, we understand that God created the universe by His Word.**

Pastor: By faith, Abel obeyed God and received eternal life.

People: **By faith, Enoch pleased God.**

Pastor: By faith, Noah built the ark and became an heir of God's righteousness.

People: **By faith, Abraham obeyed God and ventured to a land he did not know.**

Pastor: By faith, Sarah welcomed the promise of God in a son.

All: **By faith, we look to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to overcome our worries, to guide our lives, and to open our eyes to our neighbor's needs.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Worry shows we are sinful to the core by nature and that we cannot free ourselves from it. By things done and left undone, we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: **We confess our sins to You, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that by faith we join Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Sarah in blessing the world with Your mercy.**

Pastor: Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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. Lord God, You are eternal and You love the human beings You have created with a strong and unfading love. Help us, when faced with the challenges, disappointments, and heartaches that sometimes come our way, not to become so self-absorbed by worry that we forget Your goodness. Replace our worries with confident faith that no matter what the circumstances of our lives, Your love for us endures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 15:1–6* (God reiterates His promise to Abram.)

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Hebrews 11:1–16* (By faith)

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken, he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:22–34 (35–40)* ("Fear not, little flock.")

²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by

being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵ "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" [LSB 739]

SERMON

CREED *Explanation of the First Article*

Pastor: I believe that God has made me and all creatures;

People: **that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members,**

Pastor: my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

People: **He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.**

Pastor: He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

People: **He defends me against all danger**

Pastor: and guards and protects me from all evil.

People: **All this He does out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.**

All: **For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Created in the image of God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus.... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the leaders of our nation....By faith, we entrust our prayers to Your good and gracious will, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING

✠ 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

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 has told us not to worry or to be afraid, for it is Your good pleasure to provide all we need for this life and to give us the kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You by saying:

Pastor: Seeking Your kingdom, we thank and praise You, almighty God and Father.
You created and still provide for the earth and all its creatures.

People: **You feed the ravens.
You adorn the lilies with beauty.**

Pastor: You promise food and clothing for all people.
You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to calm our worries,

People: **to alleviate our anxieties, by showing us Your kingdom, giving His life for ours,
and rising from death to give us hope, no matter what life's circumstances bring.**

Pastor: For all of this, it is our delight to give our thanks and praise to You—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*) **People: Our Father who art in heaven...**

PAX DOMINI

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: August 7th – August 14th, 2022

Sunday (7th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:30 a.m. Mission Trip Slide Show with Meal following at 11:30am
1:30 p.m. Call Committee Meeting

Monday (8th):

10:00 am Prayer Team
5:30 pm Board of Education

Tuesday (9th):

Wednesday (10th):

7:00 pm Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (11th):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean
1:00 pm Cotta guild meeting and set up for Salad Luncheon
5:00 pm PAC Meeting

Friday (12th):

11am to 1pm Community Salad Luncheon

Saturday(13th):

Sunday (14th):

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

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: August 7th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Josephine Ross
ELDER/DEACON: Bob Lau/ Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Ben Hill
FACEBOOK LIVE: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK: August 14th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Blake Schroeder
ELDER/DEACON: Bob Lau/Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad
FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on July 24th: 92	Bible Study: 21	Sunday School: 0
General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit) July 24th: \$2009.00		Dedicated Funds: July 24th: \$85.60
Worship Attendance on July 31st: 108	Voter's Mtg: 46	Sunday School: 0
General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit) July 31st: \$2396.00		Dedicated Funds: July 31st: \$855.50

