

Sunday, July 11, 2021



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

1100 Georgia Ave. -- Norfolk, Nebraska



Welcome to all worshiping God at the fair!

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 6:30 PM // Sunday: 9:00 AM

*The Sunday service is broadcast live every week on KNEN, 94.7 FM,
and livestreamed via our website – stpls.com.*

These Sunday service video recordings are also archived on Youtube.

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St. Paul's is a member of the WELS...
the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Just what is that?!?!

Wisconsin – In 1849, a group of Christians first joined together for like-minded Gospel ministry in the Milwaukee Wisconsin area. Today, although our name only says “Wisconsin,” WELS congregations exist in all fifty states and in more than 25 countries.

Evangelical – This word simply means “good news.” The “Good News” of God’s grace and forgiveness through Jesus is the heart of our faith and teaching.

Lutheran – In 16th century Europe, the church had strayed away from the Scriptures, and was teaching that a person is saved by his/her good works. A man by the name of Martin Luther worked to return to the basic Biblical truths, that a person is saved by grace alone, through faith alone, which comes by Scripture alone. St. Paul’s continues to build on these three Biblical truths.

Synod – This word means “walking together.” For over 150 years, St. Paul’s has been blessed as part of a church body, a synod, which consists of over 1,200 congregations, “walking together” in the same faith and the same ministry of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Invocation / Creed

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the Triune God, the one true God. We worship in the name of God the Father Almighty,

Cong.: Maker of heaven and earth.

P: We worship in the name of Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord,

C: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there, He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: We worship in the name of God the Holy Spirit,

C: The holy, Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

C: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

P: I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.

C: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths.

P: My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

C: Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

Prayer (spoken together)

Almighty God, You give the only wisdom and knowledge which lasts for eternity in heaven. Help us to diligently study Your Word and to grow in all it teaches. Support and bless all who teach and all who learn this Word, that together we may know and follow Your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #233 "All People that on Earth Do Dwell"



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord, our God, is good; His mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise
aid he did us make. We are his folk; he doth
joy his courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless his name
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm -
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the an -



forth - tell; Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.
al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

We Confess Our Sins and are Forgiven

Pastor: Let us walk humbly with our God and seek His forgiveness as we confess our sins to Him and to one another.

Cong: Lord, I have sinned against You in so many of my thoughts which are known only to You and me. I have said hurtful words, and failed to speak to defend others. I have been selfish and insensitive to the needs of others. Too often I neglect and ignore Your Word. Too often I love myself more than You. Too often I love myself more than the people around me.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, my Savior, forgive my sins, and through the power of the Gospel change my life. Give me the power to resist temptations, and by the Holy Spirit, inspire me to surrender my will to Yours.

P: Our heavenly Father has been merciful to us. He has sent His Son to die for our sins. He is faithful to His promises and forgives all those who humbly repent. Therefore by the authority and command God gives to all Christians, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Let us now show our thankfulness in all we think, say and do!

Sung Response (CW #9)

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
 Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
 We praise you for your peace and grace,
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done
 Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

The First Scripture Lesson Ezekiel 2:1-8

Any sharer of the Gospel has to first approach God in humble repentance before the Gospel can be shared with others, and then, the only message to share is what God says in Scripture.

¹ He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” ² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³ He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ ⁵ And whether

they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶ And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. ⁷ You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. ⁸ But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious people; open your mouth and eat what I give you.”

Hymn #293 “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
 ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
 chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it
 is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
 teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

The Second Scripture Lesson Mark 6:1-6

Jesus' hometown of Nazareth just couldn't come to grips with Him being a Rabbi, much less the Son of God! Even with His life spent directly with them, the Nazarenes did not believe in Him as their Savior from sin!

¹ Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Hymn of the Day #419, vss 1-4 “If God Himself Be for Me”

If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from his love?

This I believe, yea rather, Of this I make my boast,
That God is my dear Father, My friend who loves me most,
And that, whate’er betide me, My Savior is at hand
Through stormy seas to guide me And bring me safe to land.

I build on this foundation: That Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.
Without him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.

He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.
In him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;
In him I am not fearful Of God’s great Judgment Day.

Meditation II Corinthians 12:7-10

BURRS UNDER OUR SADDLES . . .
I. very often are unpleasant,
II. but always end in strength.

⁷ ...in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he

said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Meditation Hymn #419, vss 6&7 “If God Himself Be for Me”

No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant’s anger Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder, You are my Savior true;
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever me from you.

My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad,
'Tis full of joy and singing, Sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav’n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

Thank-Offering

Please notice the offering baskets spread around to gather our thank-offerings, or scan the QR code as we give back our first-fruits out of thanks to our gracious God!



Responsive Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. O Holy Father in heaven,

Congregation: You are compassionate and gracious.

P: O Holy Lord Jesus,

C: You are compassionate and gracious.

P: O Holy Spirit,

C: You are compassionate and gracious.

P: For the faithless world around us which only leads to destruction, that above the many voices of violence, Your Gospel of peace might ring out clearly for all to hear and to follow, we pray:

C: Hallowed be Thy name.

P: For Your holy Church here and throughout all the world, that Your Spirit create new faith in the lost, and strengthen us already blessed with saving faith, bless the teaching of Your Word, and for encouragement in our godly living, we pray:

C: Thy kingdom come.

P: For the enemies of the cross, that their plans and power be broken with the Gospel, their hearts softened, and their eternal destruction prevented, we pray:

C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

P: For the sick, that they may be healed. For the hungry that they may be fed. For the unemployed that they may find employment. For the aged that they may receive care. For our relationships with family, community, and nation, that they may be wholesome. For those who rejoice in special blessings, and that we may know that all our earthly blessings come from You, we pray:

C: Give us this day our daily bread.

P: For our own selfless behavior, that we may have the abundant peace of grace through You, and that we show that peace as we forgive those around us, we pray:

C: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

P: For the needy, the despairing, the depressed and addicted, and for all who suffer the evil attacks of the devil, the world, and our own sinful natures, that we may not be destroyed by them, we pray:

C: Lead us not into temptation.

P: For those who grieve, and for all who face or fear death, that they may continually place their trust in You for the final victory in heaven, we pray:

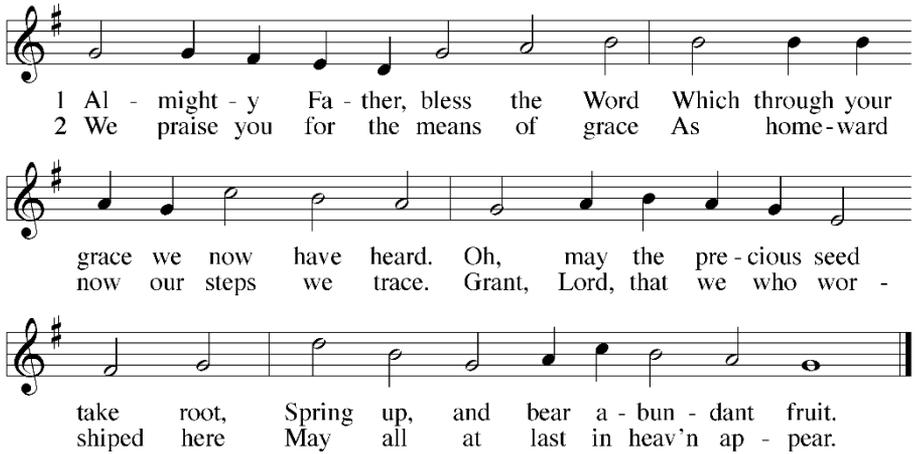
C: Deliver us from evil.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ,

C: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn #323 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your
2 We praise you for the means of grace As home-ward

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -

take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit.
shipped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

Serving In the Lord's House Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Hirsch

Organist: Mrs. Shannon Spreeman

Greeters: Gary & Sue Bretschneider

Radio Broadcasters: Damon Weinrich & Walt Tinius

Video Tech: Lisa Lindemann

Elder: Miles Spreeman

Ushers: Eric Nunnenkamp & Joe Myers

Power Point: Jett Leuthold (Sat.) Valen Searight (Sun.)

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Elder: Ron Kraemer

Ushers: Curt Dinkel & Randy Anderson

Power Point: Hallie Spreeman

Some Announcements – July 11

- 1) Plan are in the works to **reboot Sunday School** in the fall. Generally speaking, Pre-K – 4th Grades will be included in this effort, divided into two age groups. Would you consider helping as a teacher for these kids?! Many details need to be worked out, but one thing we're working HARD for is to have multiple teachers per level so that just one or two are not doing the lions' share of teaching. If you have questions, or know already you'd like to help, talk to either Hannah Markgraf (920.539.5547) or Pastor Hirsch (402-649-9268).
- 2) **Sunday Bible Class** is paused at least through July.
- 3) The **Special Sunday Evening Communion Services** that were held on Communion-Sunday evenings will be coming to an end. The final one is scheduled for next week, Sunday, July 18. The east section of pews in church are still "ribboned," asking folks to observe distancing in that section.
- 4) **CAMP MESSIAH IS ALMOST HERE...AND THE KIDS ARE HUNGRY!** Your local WELS Bible camp is about a month away from starting. The camp leadership is asking area congregations to collect \$100 in the next several weeks to defray the cost of food needed for our campers again this year. There's an offering box by the Communication Center, or talk to Pastor Hirsch. Thanks for being a friend of camp and for supporting Camp Messiah in this small way! **Reminder: camp registrations are/were needed on Wednesday, June 30th!** Get 'em in ASAP even if they may be late. Camp dates again are Sunday afternoon August 1 – Wednesday noon, August 4, at Camp Calvin Crest, just south of Fremont.
- 5) **School Cleaning Day- Tuesday, July 13th.** Many hands make light work! If you're able to come by and help with several different things that need to be done around the school building, it would be greatly appreciated! We'll start around 9:00 am and work through the afternoon. Lunch will be provided!

- 6) Join us on **Friday, July 30th** for a **Sioux City Explorers baseball game!** The Explorers host the Gary Railcats for a 7:05 pm matchup. Ticket prices depend on how many people come along, but they should be around \$10/person. The plan is to do some tailgating before the game. More details will be coming. If you'd like to attend, use the BLUE sign-up sheet at the Communication Center or contact Aaron Markgraf - (920)248-2223 (text/call)
- 7) St. Paul's is hosting a **free soccer camp Tuesday-Thursday, July 27-29** for kids entering Preschool-8th Grade. Students will play games and learn skills from experienced soccer players, as well as hear a Bible story/devotion. The tentative plan is to have it on the soccer field next to church. If you'd like to sign your child up, head to stpls.com and click on "Soccer Camp Sign-Up". All kids are welcome - not just STPLS students!
- 8) Help support St. Paul's with your Amazon purchases! **Amazon SMILES** is a part of Amazon that donates .5% of your purchases to the charity or church of your choice. In your church boxes is a small insert with easy steps on how to sign into and use Amazon SMILES! Thank you for your support.
- 9) **Sisters in Faith** will be starting a new book called *12 Extraordinary Women of the Bible* by John MacArthur. I have one copy to preview at the Communication Center along with a sign up sheet so that we can get enough copies for everyone. We will start the new book July 19th.
- 10) As another part of our return to some previous happenings and service, the **"Greeter Program" is re-starting**. This effort consists of several friendly faces in the narthex welcoming worshippers to the service, and especially looking to lend a helping hand for new faces who may not be familiar with our building etc. Sign-up sheets for this are at the Communication Center.

Worshipping the Lord

Last Week's Attendance:

Sat. 6:30 PM – 61; Sun. 9:00 AM – 71; **Total = 132**

Special Communion Service - 7

Sunday Bible Class - NA; Sisters in Faith – NA

Wednesday Bible Class - 13

SOME CHURCH FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 7/11 = Madison County Fair Service, 9:30 AM

Tuesday, 7/13 = Parkinson's Meeting, 10:00 AM

Men's Softball Game (field 1 vs Our Savior Law) 8:30 PM

Men's Softball Game (field 1 vs Our Savior Gospel) 9:30 PM

Wednesday, 7/14 = Worship Service on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM

Bible Class (Schlieuwe), 10:00 AM

Saturday, 7/17 = Worship Service w/ Communion, 6:30 PM

Organist: Mrs. Karen Pufahl

Sunday, 7/18 = Worship Service w/ Communion, 9:00 AM

NO Bible Study

Special Communion Service, 6:00 PM (*final one*)

Church Cleaning Teams:

July 11 & July 18 – Team 5 (Gary & Sue Bretschneider, Joan Ellenberger, Shannon Spreeman, Rick & Diane Ellenberger)

July 25 & August 1 – Team 6 (Kristin Bauer, Linda Jensen, Kelly Meysenburg, Dan & Karen Pufahl, Barb Reeves, Carol Wachter, Veryle Winter)
