



8:00am & 10:30am Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Built on the Rock" LSB 645

INVOCATION LSB 151

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB 151

INTROIT *Ps. 26:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: Ps. 26:8*

O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house*
and the place where your | glory dwells.

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
test my heart | and my mind.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, | O LORD,*
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your | wondrous
deeds.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house*
and the place where your | glory dwells.

KYRIE LSB 152

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 154

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY LSB 156

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 29:11-19

¹¹And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be

regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE FOR THE DAY:

Ephesians 5:22-33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 7:1-13

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." ⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." ⁹And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother';

and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' ¹¹But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Praise to You and Adoration" LSB 692

THE SERMON "my GOD? MY god"

NICENE CREED LSB 158

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB 159

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY LSB 159

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE LSB 160

SANCTUS LSB 161

LORD'S PRAYER (*spoken in unison*) LSB 162

WORDS OF INSTITUTION LSB 162

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" LSB 563

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602

THANK THE LORD LSB 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB 166

BENEDICTION LSB 166

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO St. Paul's Lutheran Church: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul's, please contact the church office.

devotions and at Chapel they will be praying for some of the school families. As Christian mentors, we want to model for our students the importance of lifting up community members in prayer. Those families will also be included in the weekly prayers each Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: We are looking for more Sunday school teachers. If you would be willing to teach, please contact Kelly at the church office or Amanda Brand. Your help would be deeply appreciated. Thank you.

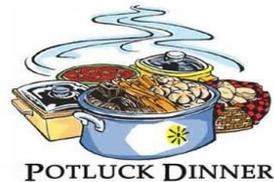
DORCAS BOUTIQUE: Just a reminder: The Card Boutique has a large variety of lovely greeting cards. It is in the fellowship hall. Stop by on Sunday's between services or during the week days the church office will assist you. Single cards can be purchased for \$0.60 and a box of cards sells for \$6.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for the children will begin Sunday, September 14th. Watch the bulletin for more information on where their classes will meet.

BUSY BAGS for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

6th - 8th GRADERS: Save these dates for upcoming trips - more info will come to you soon! Camp Luther (near Schuyler) Jr. High Retreat Oct 12-13 or Oct 26-27, \$50/person. Nebraska District Middle School Gathering November 17-18, 2018 at Embassy Suites, LaVista, \$90/person & lodging. Contact Vicki Frerking with questions! 402-223-3094 or 402-239-5312 or victoria.frerking@doane.edu

Special **VOTERS' MEETING**



Sunday, August 26th

Potluck at 12:00pm & Voters' Meeting at 1:30pm

Plan now to attend the church potluck dinner in the church basement on August 26th at noon. Come enjoy great food and great conversation with fellow St. Paul's members. Table service and drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

Following the potluck everyone is encouraged to stay for **A Special Voters' Meeting** that has been called to extend a call for our pastor.

The call committee has reviewed a list of candidates to consider for our next pastor. After much study, they have narrowed their suggestions to the following three, Rev. Dr. Stephen N. Krenz, Rev. Kristopher Michael Morris, and Rev. Timothy C. Steele.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION TIME BEGINS: The young people of our congregation in the Sixth through Eighth grades are involved every year in a process to get a deeper and more mature understanding of the Christian faith into which they were baptized. At the end of the three-year process, customarily they confirm the faith the Lord already put them into by his promises. That process will begin again on Wednesday, September 5 at 2:30pm in the church basement. If you are in sixth through eighth grade, please plan now to attend.

A CHALLENGE: There are a number of members of St. Paul's that we have not seen in church for some time. St. Paul's challenges each one of you to take a look through our church directory and find at least one brother or sister in Christ to reach out to them and let them know you care about them and to encourage them to come and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WELCOME: Rev. Rich Harre of Lincoln, Nebraska will be serving St. Paul's as pulpit supply on Sunday morning. Pulpit supply means that he will only be preaching for our services and Bible class on Sunday morning. Rev. Gregory Stuckwisch, Circuit Visitor, of Odell, Nebraska will be serving St. Paul's as our vacancy pastor.

UPDATING CHURCH DATABASE: The church office is continually working on updating the church database. One of the sections is those who have served in the Military within our congregation. To assist us with this information if you have served in the Military would you be willing to contact the church office, or you can write it on the back of your blue attendance card. We are looking for names of those who have served or are currently serving, their rank and the years they were in the service.

First Trinity Lutheran Church of rural Beatrice is sponsoring an Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed on Sunday, September 2, 2018 from 11-1pm in the fellowship hall. See the flyer on the bulletin board in church basement for more information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY is September 9th. Plan now to join us this Sunday as we celebrate the Christian Education St. Paul's provides to its members and the community. Our 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday will be held at the school. Students from our St. Paul's Lutheran School will be singing during this service. We will also have an Open House to tour our new school facilities after the renovations!

DONATE YOUR CHANGE: Would you like to be able to support our school while doing shopping? Click on the link below to learn how change from your everyday purchases can make a huge impact for our school. www.stpaulbeatrice.donateyourchange.com Any questions contact the school or church office.

Beatrice Community Blood Drive will be held at the Holiday Inn Express on Wednesday, August 29th 2:00pm-7:00pm and Thursday, August 30th 7:30am-1:30pm. To schedule an appointment, call Joann at 402-228-0260 or go online www.redcrossblood.org.

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

26	Samantha Aldag		Walley Boerger
	Todd Deke		Christine Boone
	Mia Holthus		Tierra Snyder
	Lora Kuhlmann	29	Taylor Easley
	Rory Cash Zutavern	30	Daniel Craven
27	Garrett Easley		Stephanie Lloyd
	Kaylee Helmick		Jane Oeltjen
	Marie Kitt	31	Elizabeth DeBuhr
	Madison Oestreich		Janette Hill
	David Taylor		Travis Ruskamp
28	Bryan Bishop	1	Tiffanie Street

Anniversaries:

- 26 Wilbur & Bonnie Oestreich, 75 yrs.
Kevin & Judy Weakland, 40 yrs.
- 28 Lawrence & Rowein Kumm, 14 yrs.
Michael & Dixie Johnson Sr., 37 yrs.
- 29 Glen & Mryna Spilker, 67 yrs.
- 31 Rodney Aden & Melody Philippi-And, 27 yrs.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Attendance & Contributions Last Week		
8:00 AM Service	89	\$2,401.00
10:30 AM Service	59	\$1,857.00
Monday Night Service	16	\$1,344.00
Coins for Christ (Loose Coins)		Orphan Grain Train -- \$16.19

The Lord's Week

Today	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service
	12:00	Church Potluck
	1:30	Special Voters' Meeting
Monday	7:00	Weekday Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting/Tying
Wednesday	8:20	School Chapel
Thursday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
Sunday	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service

Church office hours are

9:00am-4:00pm, Monday thru Friday

The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with Pastor Stuckwisch, please contact the church office. Pastor Stuckwisch can also be reached at 402-230-0698.