



8:00 am Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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town, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE FOR THE DAY:

Ephesians 5:6-21

(Walking as children of light.)

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 6:51-69

(Words perceived by faith alone.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread

that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “O God, My Faithful God” LSB 696

THE SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB 159

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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 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” LSB 625

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” LSB 813 ▲

NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 165

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB 166

BENEDICTION LSB 166

CLOSING HYMN: “Now Thank We All Our God” LSB 895 ▲

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.

The Sacrament of the Altar: In bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, our Lord Jesus comes to us in His true Body & Blood. In this Holy Meal, one receives full forgiveness and perfect unity with each other. Scripture requires that each communicant first examine himself/herself regarding confession of sin, trust in Jesus for salvation, belief in the Real Presence, and the desire to grow in grace. We believe that Communion is a time when believers of like mind come close to the Lord and to one another. We do practice 'close' Communion, which means that all communicants believe as we do, and graciously receive this gift. If you are supportive of these beliefs, we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If, however, at this point you are unsure of your relationship with Christ or question whether your beliefs differ from those of our church, we ask that you use the communion time to meditate and pray. For these reasons, it's best for our new (first time) guests/visitors to talk briefly before the service with the pastor or an elder. A cup with white grape juice is located in the center of the communion tray for those who are allergic to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

We pray for ... Kenneth Smock (father of Brad Long)
Ann Kelley, Deb Scheideler (daughter-in-law of Bob & Darlene Scheideler)

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

In His Service

Preacher: Rev. Robert Wiest

Organist: Judy Vrbka

Acolytes: Josiah Wallman, Samuel Wallman, Faith Kelley

Elders: David Trout, Craig Wallman

Greeters: Dale & Rhonda Rickers

Ushers: Wilferd Deke, Brian Hoops, Ron Meyer, Steven Sandman,
Vaughn Wright

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Ivan Stohs in memory of Mary Ann Stohs. Ivan & Mary Ann's 65th Wedding Anniversary would have been August 16.

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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.

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.

OPEN HOUSE: Celebrate with Larry & Bev Weishahn at an open house in honor of their 20th Wedding Anniversary and Bev's Birthday. Open house will be August 25 from 5-7pm at the Vets Club.

LYF CAR WASH The youth attending the National Youth Gathering next summer will be holding a Car Wash at the Auto Zone on Sunday, August 19, from 11:00 to 3:00. This will be for a free will donation. We encourage you to come have your car washed after church. Thank you for your support!

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. Information on each candidate is available for congregation members to view in the church office during office hours. This information may not be copied and distributed.

COFFEE CREW: Share your smile and great cooking by being part of the Coffee Crew! Evangelism is looking for people to serve coffee hour between services. Evangelism will provide the coffee and supplies; you provide the treats and a smile. If you have questions, please see a member of the board. There is a sign-up sheet next to the window in the basement. Thank you for your help!

YOU'R INVITED: In celebration of the Beatrice Public Library's 125th Anniversary and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum's 40th Anniversary they will be hosting the 5th Annual Tomato Tasting on Tuesday, August 21st from 4-6:30pm. Activities include: Face Painting, Antennae Making, Tree Tours, Tomato Tasting and Judging, self-guided tours of the Library Pollinator Garden and samples of food made with tomatoes. Come and enjoy this Once in a Lifetime Event

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.

FAREWELL FOR PASTOR WIEST: Pastor Wiest has accepted his call to Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Norfolk, NE. Pastor Wiest's last Sunday with us as our Vacancy Pastor is today, Sunday, August 19. Congregation members will have the opportunity to thank him for his service and work among us at a reception hosted by the Church Council after the 8:00am service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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. Hours that Pastor Stuckwisch will be in the church office will be printed in the bulletin next Sunday. Anyone needing/wishing to visit personally with pastor, please contact the church office.

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.

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.

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

19	Carter Aden Connor Kelley Marilus Snyder Stacy Wallman Vera Weber	23	Richard Martin Joan Schmidt Hadley Kelle Jason Lueders Stan Wirth
20	Dale Debuhr Nancy Rudder Courtney Thomas	24 25	Beverly Weishahn Darcie Compton Carla Loemker
21	Ann Kelley Theodore Robinson		Chase Lofing Phyllis Schmidt
22	Yvonne Eckhoff		Paige Southwick

Anniversaries:

24 Virgil & Sharilyn Anderson, 32 yrs.
 25 Kevin & Bonnie Riekenberg, 38 yrs.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Attendance & Contributions Last Week		
8:00 AM Service	73	\$776.00
10:30 AM Service	57	\$2,954.00
Monday Night Service	17	\$1,015.00
Coins for Christ (Loose Coins)		Orphan Grain Train -- \$14.73

The Lord's Week

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

Church office hours are

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

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

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