

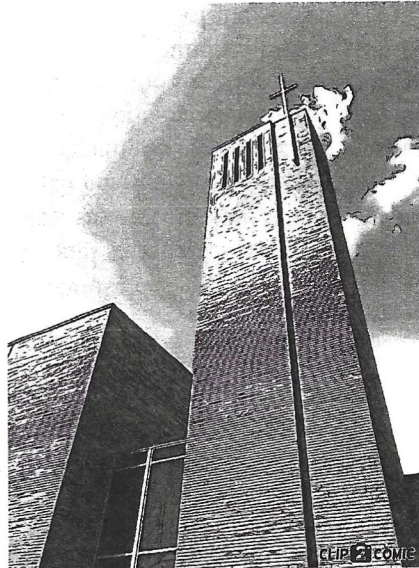
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July 23, 2023

**+Order of Service+**  
July 23, 2023  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Divine Service Setting Three  
LSB 184  
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Opening Hymn: **God's Own Child I Gladly Say It** LSB 594  
Confession and Absolution LSB 184  
Introit and Kyrie LSB 186  
*Gloria In Excelsis* LSB 187  
Collect of the Day LSB 189  
**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 44:6-8  
**Epistle Reading** *Romans 8:18-27*  
**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*  
Creed  
Hymn of the Day: **My Hope is Built on Nothing Less** LSB 575  
Sermon  
Offertory  
Prayers of the Church  
Communion Liturgy LSB 194  
Distribution Hymns  
    **I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table** LSB 618  
    **The Lord, My God, Be Praised** LSB 794  
    **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence** LSB 621  
Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy   LSB 199  
Closing Hymn: **Now Thank We All Our God** LSB 895

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**July 16, 2023**

**Of Our Time: 95**

**Communion: 69**

**Giving: \$ 5,005.00**

**Introit**    *Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6*

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;\*  
listen to my | plea for grace.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk | in your  
truth;\*  
unite my heart to | fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole  
heart,\*  
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

For great is your steadfast | love toward me;\*  
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol

.O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of  
ruthless men | seek my life,\*  
and they do not set you be- | fore them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithful  
Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;\*  
listen to my | plea for grace.

**IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER**

+ **Shauna Gunnick**, sister of Becky Oerman, who will have open heart surgery on July 31<sup>st</sup>. May the Lord deliver her according to His will.

+ **Duane Danner, Lois Camelin, Gladys Belgard, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Gloria Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Carol Ritz. Ron Schultz, Larye Anderson, Shari Voit**

. +**Our Shut-Ins: Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Janis Olson, June Mausling, Mary Breitbarth.**

+ **Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler**

**Baptized Into Christ: Jada Beth Smith.** Jada is the daughter of Jeremy Smith and Kasaundrae Herrera, granddaughter of Lonnie and Connie Smith, great-granddaughter of Larry and Elaine Armstrong. Jada was born October 27, 2022, she was reborn earlier this morning by God's grace in Christ Jesus in Holy Baptism. Her baptismal sponsors/witnesses are: RoseAnn Weihe, Kayla Olson, Connie Smith, and Danica Prado. May we rejoice to see God's kingdom come through Holy Baptism welcoming Jada as a member of our congregation and Christ's body.

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 44:6-8**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. (7) Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. (8) Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

**Epistle**

**Romans 8:18-27**

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (19) For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. (20) For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope (21) that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (22) For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. (23) And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. (24) For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? (25) But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (26) Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. (27) And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

## Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, (25) but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. (26) So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. (27) And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' (28) He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' (29) But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. (30) Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.''" (36) Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." (37) He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. (38) The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, (39) and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. (40) Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. (41) The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, (42) and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (43) Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**PRAISE GOD!!** We currently have 62 students in Preschool through Eighth grade. We need more students to tell the wonderful message of salvation to. If you know of anyone who is looking for a wonderful Lutheran school, pick up a brochure from the table in the Narthex. If you have new neighbors with children, tell them about what we have to offer at St. Paul's. Thank you for helping us out!!

People have been asking about that crazy fenced in area on the playground. It is a GaGa Ball Pit. It is a game of constant motion where if you get hit by the ball, you are out. The only issue is you cannot use your hands and sometimes you can even get yourself out. It is a blast to play, so when school starts up, stop by and check it out.

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an elderly man. The man was sitting in the park just feeding some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. The man gratefully accepted it and smiled at boy. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, the man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the man, and gave him a hug. The man gave him his biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!" Meanwhile, the elderly man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. Who will you touch today?

**SOME IDEAS** spread slowly. That doesn't make them bad ideas. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about God's slow solution to setting a broken world right July 30th Message: "If It Seems Slow, Wait for It" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler speaks on WCCO (830): 6:05 AM and KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who made a salad, worked, donations or came and ate to make our Salad Luncheon a success. It was a record attendance . The Landscaping Fund received \$ 2,074.00 from our proceeds this year. The Salad Luncheon has made a total donation of \$ 7,500.00 to the Landscaping project. Thank you – Salad Luncheon

**WOMEN'S BIBLE** Study meets on Tuesday mornings from 10-11 AM in the Fireside room. All ladies of any age welcome.

**OUR LADIES** Aid has decided to do a local mission project- recycle daily devotion booklets. We would like small "Portals of Prayers" and others of that size. We will be putting them out for people to take free. So, don't throw away your spring copies of "Portals of Prayers". Bring them to the church! Bring older ones you have saved trying to find a good use for them. The day/date may be wrong but the message is always RIGHT. They can be put in the yellow tub.

**All-School Reunion:** Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is planning a "Party in the Parking Lot" All-School Reunion on Saturday, September 2, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m. All alumni are invited. Current addresses of alumni are needed, please update the school office as soon as possible. Call 507-436-5249.

**Lutheran Schools Book Club:** We are going to embark on a quarterly book club in which we will read a book each quarter (12 weeks) of the calendar year. Each book will be hosted by a Lutheran School. The first book will be "Gods and Kings" by Lynn Austin and hosted by Martin Luther High School. The first book will be "assigned" from September – November. Future books will be announced. We will host discussions at the mid-way point in mid October and a final discussion in late November: specific dates to be determined. Please RSVP your interest in participation and/or any questions you may have to: [paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com](mailto:paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com).

**Adult Bible Study at Martin Luther High School:** MLHS is offering an adult Bible study for the Gospel of Luke. We will read and discuss Luke through the eyes of "Wikipedia." Principal Paul Steinhaus will lead this "class." The class will meet every Thursday (when school is in session) from 10:15-11am starting Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP your interest in participating to: [paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com](mailto:paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com).

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sun. July 23 9:00 Divine Service & Holy Communion  
10:15 Adult Bible Study  
Mon. – Thurs. July 24 – 27 6:00-8:00 Vacation Bible School  
Tues. July 25 10:00 Women's Bible Study Mgt.  
Sun. July 30 9:00 Divine Service & Holy Communion  
10:15 Quarterly Voters Mtg.

**Organist:** 7/23 Juleen – Michael Miller – clarinetist 7/30 Sylvia/Norah & Maggie

**Ushers:**

7/23/23

Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban

7/30/23

Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz,  
Gerald Urban, Ken Urban

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**THE SNACK** list for VBS is on the narthex desk.

### Our Visitors

We welcome you to the Divine Service. May the Lord Jesus bless you through His Word preached, spoken, sung and given in the Sacraments. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore it is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ atoned for all the world's sins and that we are saved alone by God's undeserved love. Scripture teaches that God declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. For Christ's sake He justifies those who believe in Jesus and trust in God's forgiveness in the blood of The Crucified One.

### Holy Communion



Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**