

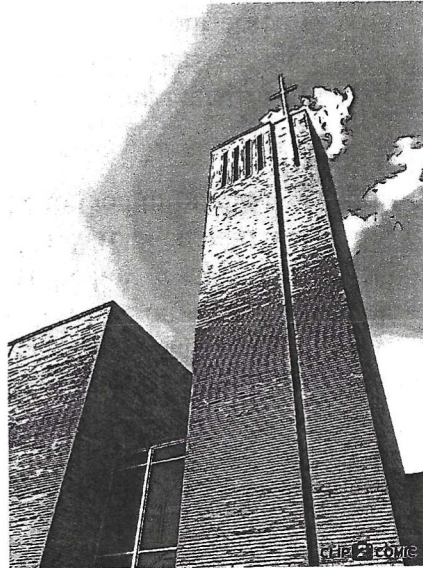
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July 30, 2023

+Order of Service+
July 30, 2023
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Setting 4
LSB 203

Opening Hymn: **The Church's One Foundation** LSB 644

Confession and Absolution LSB 204

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Epistle: Romans 8:28-39

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **From God Can Nothing Move Me** LSB 713

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 208

Distribution Hymns:

Jesus Comes Today with Healing LSB 620

For All the Saints LSB 677

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray LSB 623

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Concluding Liturgy LSB 212

Closing Hymn: **Be Still My Soul** LSB 752

July 23, 2023

Of Our Time: 95

Communion: 69

Giving: \$ 2,612.00

Introit *Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*
tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!

**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.**

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IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER

**+ Audrey Becker, Shauna Gunnink, Glenn Kubly, 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.**

Old Testament Reading**Deuteronomy 7:6-9**

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. (7) It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, (8) but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. (9) Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Epistle**Romans 8:28-39**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

(29) For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (30) And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (31) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (32) He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (33) Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. (34) Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? (36) As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

(37) No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (38) For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor

powers, (39) nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (45) “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, (46) who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. (47) “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.

(48) When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. (49) So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous (50) and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

(51) “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” (52) And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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.

MOTIONS FORWARDED TO the Voters: The Church Council moved, second, and passed to recommend to the Voters:

Old Business:

1. Meeting with Pastor Loder
2. Constitution
3. Sign in the gym

New Business:

1. Renew loan for \$ 100,000.00
2. Mold issue in Pastor Chase's house

Barnyard Roundup – Jesus Gathers Us Together! What a fantastic week at V.B.S.! There were 42 students throughout the week. Thank you to: Our decorating crew: Bonnie and Skip Henton, Mallery, Sierra, and Chris Geistfeld! Our site leaders and helpers: Chris Geistfeld (Music), Sierra Geistfeld (Storyteller), Kerrie Bennett (Snacks), Mallery Geistfeld (Crafts), Norah Chase (Preschool), Jade and Shelby Kitzerow, Mary and Beth Bennett, Aaron, Maggie, and Jana Chase, Johana Wiederhoeft-Weihe, Tonya Sanders, Barb Wiederhoeft, and Bonnie Henton! Thank you to Pastor Chase and Norah (Polly the Pig) for the amazing openings and closings! Thank you to Cindi Riewe for her help! Thank you to Nick Stohs for making the crosses! Thank you to Barb Wiederhoeft for providing cookies! Thank you for all the food and monetary gifts for snacks and supplies! Also, thanks go to Thrivent for helping fund this wonderful week! supplies! Also, thanks go to Thrivent for helping fund this wonderful week!

In Christ,
Miss C. Fitzner

JESUS NEVER needed to take a poll to figure out who He was or what He should do. August 6 Message: "Who is Jesus?" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus 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

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.

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 7th. Please RSVP your interest in participating to: paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com.

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

Sun.	July	30	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
			10:15	Quarterly Voters Mtg. - Women's Bible Study
Tues.	Aug.	1	10:00	Women's Bible Study
Thurs.	Aug	3	1:30	Ladies Aid Meets Hostess: Bonnie Henton
Fri.	Aug.	4		Office Closed
Sun.	Aug.	6	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
			10:15	Adult Bible Study

Organist: 7/30 Sylvia/Norah & Maggie


Ushers:

7/30/23	Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Gerald Urban, Ken Urban
8/06/23	Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Gerald Urban, Ken Urban
8/13/23	Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cade Hotzler

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.