

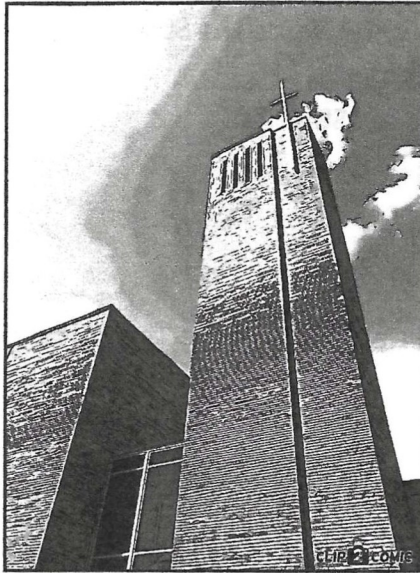
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April 7, 2024

+Order of Service+
April 7, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Service Setting One
LSB 151

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Pastor: Alleluia, Christ IS Risen! **Cong: He Is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn: **Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain** LSB 487

Confession and Absolution LSB 151

Introit, Kyrie, and Hymn of Praise LSB 152 ff.

Collect of the Day LSB 156

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Hymn of the Day: **O Sons and Daughters of the King** LSB 471

Sermon

Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offertory

Communion Liturgy LSB 160

Distribution Hymns:

Jesus Comes Today with Healing LSB 620

Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow LSB 476

What Wondrous Love Is This LSB 543

Nunc Dimittis LSB 164

Concluding Liturgy LSB 166

Closing Hymn: **He's Risen, He's Risen** LSB 480

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Sylvia Burmeister

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

Elder of the Month: Ken Urban



Introit *Ps. 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

C: if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*

C: make known his deeds among the | peoples!

P: Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*

C: tell of all his | wondrous works!

P: Glory in his | holy name;*

C: let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

P: Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

C: seek his presence con- | tinually!

P: Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

C: his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

P: He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

C: the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

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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First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. (33) And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. (34) There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold (35) and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Epistle

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— (2) the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— (3) that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. (4) And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. (5) This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (6) If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. (7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (8) If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (10) If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (2:1) My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (2) He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." (20) When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. (21) Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." (22) And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. (23) If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." (24) Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. (25) So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." (26) Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." (27) Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." (28) Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (29) Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (30) Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; (31) but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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S **U** **P** **P** **E** **R**

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.**

Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to St. Paul's Lutheran. You can make a one-time donation or schedule recurring contributions. This option is available through the church's website; spltruman.com or by simply scanning the following QR code.





ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

April 7, 2024

Worship: Sundays @ 9am - Chapel: Wednesdays @ 10am
Midweek Services during Advent & Lent: Wednesdays @ 10am & 7pm

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning Bible Class: 10:15-11:15am
Sunday School: 10:15-11:15am
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 10-11am
Wednesday After-School Confirmation: 4:30-5:30pm

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 161
Communion: 115
Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 6,735.25

IN OUR PRAYERS

† Marilyn Vogt, Ronald Schultz, Candace Doerfler, Mike Barfknecht, Charlotte Dobie, Matthew Sieg, Audrey Becker, Duane Danner, Lois Camelin, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Marsha Miller, and Larye Anderson
† Our Shut-Ins: RoseMary Kasten, Carol Ritz, June Mausling, Mary Breitbarth
† Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler
† The family of Gloria Drevlow who went home to heaven last Sunday.

LUTHERAN HOUR

April 7 – "Raise the Flag" (Acts 1:1-11)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world. Listen on WCCO (830) at 6:05 AM and KSUM (1370) at 11:00 AM.

CHURCH NEWS

IT'S LUTHERAN WITNESS sign up time again. The cost for the year is \$ 24.97. Please let the office know if you would like to order a subscription by Sunday, May 28th. Payment is due when you order.

MLHS NEWS

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for details.
--The Spring Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on April 11-13 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. Set-up will be on Saturday, April 6. Volunteer help is most appreciated for set-up and sorting pre-sale, operation during the sale, and with take-down. Hours are Thursday: 4-8 p.m. Friday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday: 8 a.m. - noon.
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--The OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop will be held on Saturday, April 20th. Doors open at 4:30 p

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY
Worship with Holy Communion..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.
MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)
Trustees? PTL.....7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10 a.m.
Board of Education.....7:00 p.m.
Elders.....7:30 p.m.
Parent Conferences
WEDNESDAY
Chapel.....10 a.m.
Bulletin Announcements Due.....3 p.m.
Confirmation.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
THURSDAY Parent Conferences
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
Worship with Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

--Options Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet will be held at the Best Western in Fairmont on Thursday, April 11th, at 6:00 PM. Complimentary tickets for this Fundraising Dinner are available by calling Options Pregnancy Center at 507-238-2330. An opportunity to make a financial gift to the ministry of Options Pregnancy Center will be extended during the evening. Bill Arnold will be our guest speaker for the evening. Reservations are required and seating is limited.

--Mission Gathering for Men & Women at St. Paul's, Blue Earth will be held Tuesday, April 16th. A light meal will be served at 5 p.m. with the program at 6 p.m. Cost: \$5.00. Rev. Dr. A. S. Boehme will speak on "the church and the millennials, the spiritual but not religious, and the new perspective on religion in our time." Bring Gifts from the Heart for the Food Shelf.

--Salem Church of Madelia will hold a cookie walk on April 20th, 8:30-Noon. Get a box of sweets to start your spring for \$10/lb!

--S.A.G.E.S. (Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving) will hold their 2024 event "Finishing Strong" on May 6-7 at Country Inn and Suites in Mankato. The event begins at 1 p.m. on Monday and concludes at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The featured speaker is Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, former district president (2012-18) and a published author. There will be breakout sessions of topical interest, music, fellowship and joyful activities. The Monday evening banquet will feature The Benson Family Singers from Faribault as well as a closing devotion with Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, district president. More details in the narthex and registration at mnsdistrict.org/sages.

Amazing Grace

For by grace, you have been saved
through faith.

SPL School's Mission Statement:

To work together with families and area congregations
to provide a quality education in a Christian
environment, leading students to lives of service.

Our Goals: Nurture faith, Celebrate learning,
Pursue excellence.

IMPORTANT SPL DATES

April 7th: Piano Recital-1:00 p.m.
April 20th: Spelling Bee
April 21st: Sing at Salem Church
April 29th: Open House @ School 5-6:30 O.m.
May 3rd: School Musical-6:30 p.m.
May 10th: Track & Field Day
May 16th: Softball Tournament
May 19th: Sing at St. Paul's Truman Church
Silent Auction
May 21st: 8th Grade Graduation at SPL Fairmont
May 22nd: Praise Banquet & Amazing Race
May 23rd: School Picnic
May 24th: Last Day of School-1/2 Day

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

April 8-12

Monday: Hamburger/bun, Cheese Slice, Chips, Carrots,
Fruit cocktail
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, Tri tater, Peas, Peaches
Wednesday: Tater tot hotdish, Cottage cheese, Baby
carrots, Sliced pears, Bread stick
Thursday: BBQ rib/bun, French fries, Baked beans, Rosy
applesauce
Friday: Calzone, Lettuce salad, Green beans, Tropical fruit

School Reminders

*My apologies for not informing parents, the school
children sang for Jo Rusert's funeral this past
Wednesday. They did their typical great job.
*We presently have 48 enrolled for school in the fall. If
you know of anyone who is presently not happy with the
school they are attending, please let Mr. Miller know and
he will contact them.
*Congratulations to Pastor Chase for winning the School
Shepherd Award for the Minnesota South District. He will
officially be recognized in church when we sing here on
May 19th. He is being recognized for all he does for our
wonderful school.
*Don't forget about the PTL/Trustees meeting on Monday,
April 8th at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room.
*Piano Recital is Sunday at 1 p.m. See you all there!
*Parent Conference papers went home on Friday. If you
did not get any information, contact your child's teacher
ASAP.
* We are having an Open House, Kindergarten Round-Up,
and Preschool Round-Up on Monday, April 29th from 5
p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Invite friends, neighbors, and relatives
that might not be happy at the school they are at or are
new to the area. Wouldn't it be fantastic if every family
brought one family to check out our wonderful school!?!?

FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

Preschool: This week we worked on the letter U, color blue,
diamond shape, and the number 1. This week's body part is the
cranium and the animal was the umbrellabird. Please check your
child's bag for conference sheet. Kids quote of the week "what did
I just build this one?"

Kindergarten: In Jesus Time we talked more about Easter & all
that took place. This week's 2 Secret Stories we are reviewing,
wh & *ph*. We made pentagon puppets with a fun little song to
sing with it. We sing in chapel Wednesday, it would be pretty
great if you could practice "*Christ Be My Leader*" with them
(music is in their folders). Thanks! We had a little fun practicing
our "*sh*" sounds by *shaving* with popsicle sticks. I look forward to
seeing you all at conferences next week, your exact days & times
are in folders. Thank you sooo much to all the people who gave
the kindergarten class gifts from the "Wish Tree." It's so
encouraging to have such amazing support! You are such a
Blessing!! :)

1st & 2nd: What a wonderful class! Memory and Spelling: Please
check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Grade
1: back, pack, neck, pick, sock, duck, cluck, quack. Gr. 2: chirp,
start, hurt, nurse, sharp, shirt, scarf, doctor, chart, spark, starfish,
turkey, carpet, circus. Spelling Bee: Saturday, April 20th: The
participants from our classroom are Aurora and Olivia! Our
alternates are Aleigha and Henry. We are excited to have Mrs.
Riewe back with us!! God is good!

3rd & 4th: It is hard to believe that we are in the fourth
quarter of the year. Boy has time flown! Thank you
parents for accommodating me with Parent/Teacher
Conferences. I look forward to meeting with each and
everyone of you this next week. Remember to look at the
classroom schedule given to your kiddos each week for any
quizzes or tests coming up. Thanks for all that you

5th & 6th: Wow it's the 4th quarter already!! Where did the year
go? This is an awesome class of hardworking 5th & 6th graders!!
We're not to the end of the year yet so keep up the hard work
and make sure that you finish the year strong. We are currently
learning about Africa in OW History, Forces and Engines in
Science and reading the novel "Number the Stars" for Reading.
This is an excellent book and has us digging into the Bible to help
us understand what's happening. The students have been
reminded of what is expected of them this quarter, make sure to
ask your child about this. New AR goals have been set. We have
a lot of exciting things happening this quarter. Our spellers
representing our classroom in the spelling bee this year are
Olivia Slabbert (6th) and Annie Chase (5th) The alternates, ready
to step in if need be, are Aiden Lightfoot (6th) and Ben Bennett
(5th). Congratulations spellers!! Next week are parent/teacher
conferences. I look forward to meeting with all of you. A big
"thank you" to the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for all
of your support for the blessing of this wonderful school! We
wouldn't be here without all of you!!

7th & 8th: Happy Fourth Quarter! We survived a crazy week of
all kinds of events, plus starting out on Tuesday. We have
started our Presidential Research Paper and step one of the
research is due Monday. We started Huckleberry Finn for our
Fourth Quarter book. We are talking about "Work" in science
and "Andrew Jackson" in history. Our big goal for the quarter is
staying caught up and being on time. We are doing fine so
far. Please remember that the students are involved in the
Parent Conferences this week. We will be talking about Third
Quarter Grades, Fourth Quarter Progress Reports, and
Achievement Testing. Thanks for a great opening week.