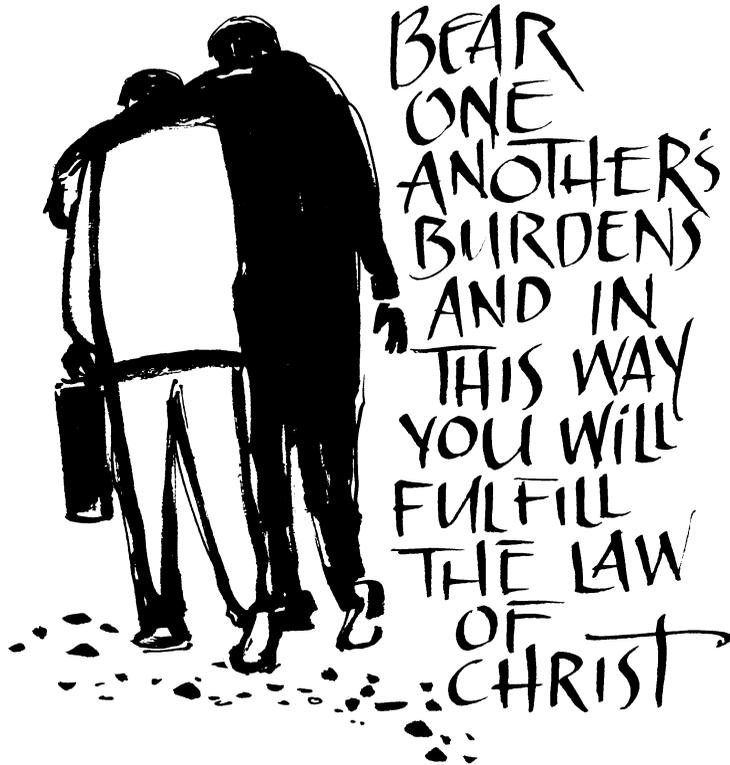
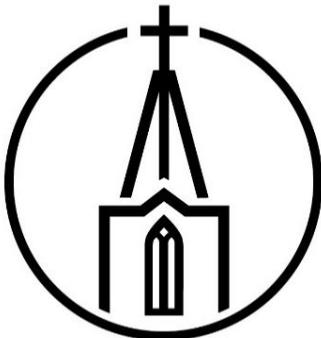


Saturday/Sunday, July 23/24, 2022  
The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



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## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## **Times to Formally Gather around the Gospel:**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30 PM Worship Service
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 AM Worship Service & 10:15 AM Bible Class
<b>Monday:</b>	6:30 PM Sisters In Faith fellowship & study
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10:00 AM Bible Class (in church basement)

*The Sunday service is broadcast live every week on KNEN, 94.7 FM, and livestreamed via our website – [stpls.com](http://stpls.com). These Sunday service video recordings are also archived on Youtube.*

### **Welcome to our worship here at St. Paul's!**

We hope that you feel at home with us as we gather to worship our holy and merciful God, as well as to strengthen our faith through His Means of Grace, God's Word and sacraments. We pray that today's worship service be a blessing to you, and strengthens your faith in our one and only Savior from sin! If you are hard of hearing or seeing, there are large-print bulletins as well as amplification devices available in the narthex. Bathrooms are in the entryway across from the west car-port doors.

### **What Do We Believe and Teach?**

In a very brief thumb-nail sketch, we are committed to holy Scriptures in their entirety, and do not believe we have the right or authority to pick and choose what we do or don't want to believe from it. We believe that ALL the Bible is God's very Word to all of mankind which points to the only way to eternal salvation in heaven, namely through faith in Jesus.

We believe that since it is God's Word, in its original form, that it has no errors and is completely factual. We believe in the triune God - God the Father who makes and preserves us; God the Son, who redeemed us with His holy blood; and God the Holy Spirit, who converts and strengthens our saving faith.

If you have any questions about God's Word, our congregation, or would appreciate some Scriptural insight for a personal dilemma, contact Pastor Hirsch. As members of St. Paul's, we're here to serve any and all people with the Good News of Jesus! *God bless our worship!!*

## God's Word for Today

*The Hebrew word for "Peace" is "shalom." Whether in the Old or New Testament, the core meaning of this "peace" is more than just the absence of hostility between two parties. It is peace and the reunion we have with our holy God bought by the blood of Christ.*

### Opening

*P: We begin our worship service of praise and celebration in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.*

**C: THIS IS OUR ONE TRUE GOD, OUR TRIUNE GOD.**

*P: We are truly blessed to have our triune God present with us this evening/morning, and we are blessed to be able to join in worshiping His holy name!*

**C: JESUS SAID IN MATTHEW CHAPTER 18 VERSE 20 - "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Dear Lord, please accept our humble praise!**

The Opening Hymn #232 "Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care"

### The Confession & Absolution of Our Sins

*P: Whenever we come into the presence of God we bring with us the guilt of our many sins. We recognize God's perfect holiness. We acknowledge His righteous demands that we be holy as He is holy. And we admit that our human nature is stained through and through by sin. The problems we see in our world today and in hurting families, we find in our own hearts. Like prophet of old we are moved to confess our sin before God.*

**ALL: Gracious Lord, I confess that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. My heart wrestles with pride, selfishness, and rebellion. I often experience sinful thoughts and desires. I often speak and act in ways that hurt and offend You and others. I have not always been a faithful steward of my faith by passing it on to others. I know that nothing I do or say can earn forgiveness.**

**But I also know You are a loving and gracious God. You sent Your Son to personally bear my sin on the cross. I come to You and lay the burden of my sin at the cross. My heartfelt plea is that the blood of Jesus cleanse me of my sin and set me free.**

**ALL SING:** (melody CW #125)

O You that hear when sinners cry Tho' all my crimes before you lie,  
Behold them not with angry look, But blot their mem'ry from Your book.

Though I have grieved Your Spirit, Lord, His help and comfort still afford.  
And let me now come near Your throne To plead the merits of Your Son.

*P: The Lord has assured us, "As surely as I live, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from evil ways and live." It is my joy and humble privilege to announce that the Lord has taken all of our sins and laid them on Jesus. He was condemned in our place. Because of Christ's death we are forgiven! Because of His resurrection to life God declares us "not guilty." We are set free from sin to live for God and bring glory to His name.*

**ALL SING:** #340, vss 1,5,6 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great  
5 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The Lamb  
6 Glo - ry to God and praise and love Be ev -  
Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
of God was slain. His life was once an  
er, ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and  
God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!  
off - ring made That you might live a - gain.  
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

**An Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 66:10-14

*Christ's Church ("Jerusalem"), His forgiven family through faith, has many reasons to rejoice over the many spiritual and physical blessings it receives through God's grace.*

<sup>10</sup> "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her.

- <sup>11</sup> For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts;  
you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance.”
- <sup>12</sup> For this is what the LORD says: “I will extend peace to her like a river, and the  
wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm  
and dandled on her knees.
- <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you;  
and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.”
- <sup>14</sup> When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass;  
the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown  
to his foes.

**Our Psalm** Psalm 122

*P: <sup>1</sup> I rejoiced with those who said to me,*

**C: “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”**

*P: <sup>2</sup> Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.*

**C: <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.**

*P: <sup>4</sup> That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the LORD—*

**C: to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel.**

*P: <sup>5</sup> There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.*

**C: <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure.**

*P: <sup>7</sup> May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.”*

**C: <sup>8</sup> For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.”**

**ALL: <sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**An Epistle Lesson** Galatians 6:1-10,14-16

*Paul reminds all believers that their devotion to God shows itself in doing "good to all  
people."*

<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the  
Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be  
tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of  
Christ. <sup>3</sup> If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive  
themselves. <sup>4</sup> Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in

themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, <sup>5</sup> for each one should carry their own load. <sup>6</sup> Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

<sup>14</sup> May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. <sup>16</sup> Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

### **We Confess Our Christian Faith**    The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **A Hymn**    #530    “Hark! The Church Proclaims Her Honor”

### **The Sermon Meditation**    Luke 10:1-12,16-20

#### **WHEN THE LORD SAYS ‘GO’...**

- I. ...go with the message of peace,
- II. ...go with the confidence it gives.

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

<sup>4</sup> Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

<sup>5</sup> “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ <sup>6</sup> If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

<sup>8</sup> “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup> Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ <sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

<sup>18</sup> He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup> However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

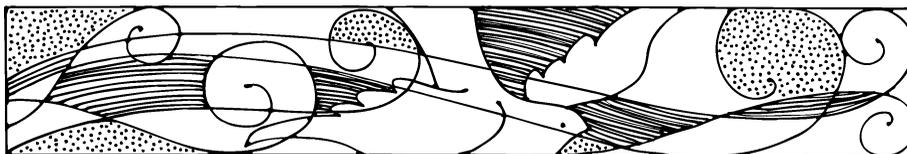
## **We Worship Through Our Offerings**

*If you haven't already, please place your thank-offering in the plate located in the back of church. Scanning this QR code works too. Thanks for your generous gifts! God blesses a cheerful giver!*



*Let's speak our offering prayer together.*

Heavenly Father, thank You for blessing me with daily bread and so much more. Your Word commands that I am to honor You with the first-fruits of my wealth. Accept this offering as a gift of worship to You. Multiply and bless what we give so that Your kingdom here in Nebraska and around the world may grow and flourish. Bless us and keep us in Your grace. Amen.



#484 "Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"

1 Broth-ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to  
God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor-ough,  
hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.  
All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our  
time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -  
vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.

**Prayers**

**Thanksgiving for PRIDE IN OUR PAST – FAITH IN OUR FUTURE Campaign**

*P: We are here in God's house to give Him the thanks and praise He deserves for all that he has done for us as individuals and as a congregation!*

**ALL: First, we thank You for the gift of forgiveness through faith in Jesus, but we also thank You for the incredible blessings to our congregation through all our buildings and grounds.**

***Responsive Litany***

*Excerpts from Solomon's dedication of the temple, found in II Chronicles 6.*

*P: <sup>12</sup> Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands.*

**C: <sup>14</sup> He said: "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth -- you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.**

*P:* <sup>20</sup> *May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there. May you hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place.*

**C:** <sup>21</sup> **Hear the supplications of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive.**

*P:* <sup>32</sup> *"As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm -- when he comes and prays toward this temple,*

**C:** <sup>33</sup> **then hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.**

### **Scripture Lesson**    2 Corinthians 9:7-15

<sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written:

*"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever."*

<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

<sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

### **Responsive Prayer**

*P:* *O almighty and everlasting God, once again You have blessed us as a congregation, this time with the help and gifts through our Pride In The Past – Faith In The Future Campaign!*

**ALL:** **We dedicate all of our efforts to the glory of Your holy name and for the growth of the Gospel in our hearts and in our community.**

*P: O almighty and everlasting God, through the past months of this campaign, we are also reminded of the many gifts and talents with which You have blessed our congregation.*

**ALL: We thank and praise You for the generosity of all the time and talents of so many volunteers as well as generosity of gifts already given and those that will be given in the future.**

*P: O almighty and everlasting God, You have given us material wealth far more than we require for our basic needs.*

**ALL: Lead us to wisely use these gifts as we support the financial needs of our congregation and synod through our cheerful and generous offerings. Lead us to wisely enjoy and share the things You have loaned for us to use in this life. Make us always grateful for Your generosity which shows itself best in our forgiveness! Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

### The Blessing

**Closing Hymn** #610 "Now Thank We All Our God"

### WELS Connection

## Serving In the Lord's House Today

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Paul Hirsch

**Organist:** Mrs. Shannon Spreeman

**Radio Broadcasters:** Walt Tinius

**Video Tech:** Chad Moyer

**Elder:** Curt Dinkel

**Greeters:** Curt & Kelly Dinkel (Sun.)

**Ushers:** Leon Sweigard & Zach Kruse

**Power Point:** Weinrichs (Sat.), Katrina Moyer (Sun.)

### SERVING NEXT WEEK

**Elder:** Dave Nelson

**Ushers:**

**Power Point:** Athena Bretschneider (Sat.), Katy Nichols (Sun.)

## Worshipping the Lord

Last Week's Attendance: Sat. 6:30 PM – 70; Sun. 9:00 AM – 112; **Total = 182**

Sunday Bible Class – NA

Wednesday Bible Class – 13

# Announcements

**The Lindkes' Mailing Address While in Omaha:**  
PO Box 31191, Omaha, NE 68131-0191

- 1) Next Sunday (7/31) **Ami Goetsch & Laura Norris** will be joining our congregation through adult confirmation! So good to have them!! Please lend a welcoming hand and an introduction if you haven't already.
- 2) The next quarterly **Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, July 31, 10:15 AMish in the church basement.
- 3) Please note a special way to say **"THANKS!!" to Pastor Schlieve** for the 50 years he's served God's kingdom in the public ministry. A large poster board "card" will be available the next few weeks in the narthex for you and yours to leave a message and sign.
- 4) **WELS Baseball Outing!** On July 31st at 4 pm, Sioux City Explorers are playing the Chicago Dogs. We are getting together with a group from the different area WELS churches to go to this game. Tickets will be \$10 per person. If you are interested in going, there is a sign-up sheet at the Communication Center in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Lindemann at 920-663-1892.
- 5) The **9th Annual Norfolk Area WELS Golf Classic** is Sunday, September 15 at Fairplay Golf Course in Norfolk, with a shot-gun start at 1:00 PM. We're looking for hole sponsorships of any amount, prize donations for golfers, and teams of golfers. Questions or donations can be brought to your pastor, principal, or Joanna Smith- [jsmith@trinityinhoskins.com](mailto:jsmith@trinityinhoskins.com) or 507-272-3841.
- 6) **CAMP MESSIAH IS ALMOST HERE...**Wednesday – Saturday, August 3-6 at Camp Calvin Crest just south of Fremont. Might you help defray the cost of meals and snacks? Donations can be given to Mr. Brown or Pastor Hirsch.  
**Reminder: those camp registrations are passed due from Wednesday, June 29th!** Get 'em in ASAP if late. The cost this year will be \$89 regular campers (going into 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders), and \$79 for junior counselors. We'll be back to using the A-frame lodging we did our first year at Calvin Crest. There are two options for registering, the old-fashioned hard-copy way with forms found at the Communication Center, or on-line at - <https://forms.gle/L1fmAfb9H8TjyqGe9> .
- 7) The latest edition of the **Forward in Christ** magazine is available at the Communication Center.
- 8) If you get a chance, come over to school to check out the **south-wing refresh!!**

- 9) **EPIC (SP's youth group led by Miss Lindemann) Shoe Drive!** This summer EPIC is doing a Shoe Drive Fundraiser. We are working with a company called Fund2Org who will pay us to collect gently used and new shoes. The Shoe Drive will run from July 17-September 17th. Our goal is to fill 100 bags or more with shoes. Any shoes without tears or holes are acceptable including flip flops and cleats. Please no ski boots or skates. Money that we make collecting shoes will go primarily towards helping EPIC attend the next Youth Rally, but a percentage of the money will also go towards the building project! Please spend some time before July looking through closets and asking friends and family to help donate some shoes! Any questions, contact Lisa Lindemann at 920-663-1892.

### **SOME FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday, 7/24** = Special Campaign Celebration Service, 9:00 AM  
Cake & Coffee, 10:15 AM

**Monday, 7/25** = Sisters in Faith, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, 7/27** = Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM  
Bible Class (Schlieve), 10:00 AM     *Studying the book of Daniel*

**Friday, 7/29** = EPIC Water Event, 3:00-5:00 PM

**Saturday, 7/30** = Worship Service with Holy Communion, 6:30 PM  
Organist: Mrs. Diane Herbolsheimer

**Sunday, 7/31** = Worship Service with Holy Communion, 9:00 AM  
Quarterly Congregational mtg, 10:15 AM

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### **Church Cleaning Teams:**

**July 24 & July 31** – Team 2: Darol Dusseau, Mike & Linda Mullen, Sarah Nelson,  
Joel & Kathy Wiedeman

**Aug. 7 & Aug. 14** – Team 3: Loren & Marianne Bloomquist,  
Jim & Diane Herbolsheimer, John & Sarah Kouba

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