

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Expectation Sunday



“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”

John 15:26

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Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. Please sign our friendship folder in the pews and if you're visiting for the first time, our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month at both services. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

Exaudi: The Sunday of the Ascension "His Ascension to Bless His People."

The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. *"The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God"* (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7–14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22–28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, *"that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen"* (1 Pet. 4:11).

Service Notes: Kantor for the 8:00 service is Mark Heinicke. Nicole Stickler will be providing distribution music. The Men's Kantorei is singing for the 10:45 service. Brookelynn Adams will provide distribution music.

Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Divine Service

Setting One

Prelude: "All Glory Be to God on High" Wilbur Held

564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

LSB 564 (Stand verse 6)



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,
 2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,
 3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half
 4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be -neath His feet—
 Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:
 He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,
 Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,
 "A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,
 To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;
 His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."
 "A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."
 With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.
 That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

- 5 Then let us now draw near,
 Washed in that precious flood
 And enter the Most Holy Place
 By Jesus' blood.
 From hearts that are sincere,
 Let tongues our hope profess,
 And trust anew God's faithful grace
 That we confess.
- 6 All praise to Christ we bring,
 Our Lord who intercedes,
 Our great High Priest enthroned above
 Who knows our needs;
 And to the Father sing
 Our songs of thankful praise,
 Who with the Spirit reigns in love
 For endless days.

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9a

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luya.*
Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luya.
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
Teach me your way, | O LORD,*
give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;
for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,*
and they breathe out | violence.
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.
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luya.*
Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luya.

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

- C** **This is the feast of victory for our God.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 36:22–28

²²Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees

²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm (Saturday)

Psalm 51:10–12

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

(Sunday) Gradual: "God Loved the World So Than He Gave"LSB #571 (*Kantorei*)

God Loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.

Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One
to You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally.

Epistle 1 Peter 4:7–11

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

LSB 458 st. 1

1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands
And brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of alleluia!
Alleluia!

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Holy Gospel

John 15:26—16:4

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

¹I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life  of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

LSB 539 (Stand verse 4)



1 Christ is the world's Re-deem-er, The lov-er of the pure,
2 Christ has our host sur-round-ed With clouds of mar-tys bright,
3 Down through the realm of dark-ness He strode in vic-to-ry,
4 Glo-ry to God the Fa-ther, The un-be-got-ten One,

The font of heav'n-ly wis-dom, Our trust and hope se-cure,
Who wave their palms in tri-umph And fire us for the fight.
And at the hour ap-point-ed He rose tri-um-phant-ly.
All hon-or be to Je-sus, His sole-be-got-ten Son,

The ar-mor of His sol-diers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Then Christ the cross as-cend-ed To save a world un-done
And now, to heav'n as-cend-ed, He sits up-on the throne
And to the Ho-ly Spir-it— The per-fect Trin-i-ty.

Our health while we are liv-ing, Our life when we shall die.
And, suf-f'ring for the sin-ful, Our full re-demp-tion won.
Whence He had ne'er de-part-ed, His Fa-ther's and His own.
Let all the worlds give an-swer: A-men! So let it be.

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Sermon "You also will bear witness" ~ John 15:26-16:4

Offering "Jesus, Priceless Treasure".....*Setting: Paul Manz*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

- ¶ The Lord be with you.
- ¶ And also with you.
- ¶ Lift up your hearts.
- ¶ We lift them to the Lord.
- ¶ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ¶ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- ¶ It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

- ¶ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- ¶ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- ¶ Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- ¶ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163

- ¶ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- ¶ Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

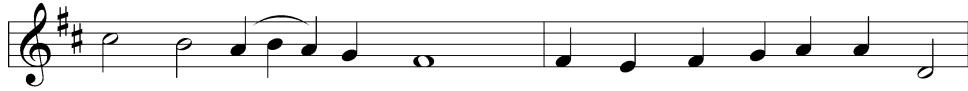
- ¶ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633 (Stand verse 8)



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'r beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -

sep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in

like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both

ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
 His the scepter, His the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph,
 His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 Thunder like a mighty flood:
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation
 Has redeemed us by His blood."

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a -dorn:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown Him with many crowns,
 Enthroned in worlds above,
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
 The wondrous name of Love.
 Crown Him with many crowns
 As thrones before Him fall;
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
 For He is king of all.

495 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

LSB 495

1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glo - rious; See the Man of
2 Crown the Sav - ior! An-gels, crown Him! Rich the tro - phies
3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned Him, Mock-ing thus the
4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those loud tri -

Sor - rows now! From the fight re - turned vic - to - rious,
Je - sus brings; On the seat of pow'r en - throne Him
Sav - ior's claim; Saints and an - gels crowd a - round Him,
um - phant chords! Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion;

Ev - 'ry knee to Him shall bow. Crown Him! Crown Him!
While the vault of heav-en rings. Crown Him! Crown Him!
Own His ti - tle, praise His name. Crown Him! Crown Him!
Oh, what joy the sight af-fords! Crown Him! Crown Him!

Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns be - come the
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Sav - ior
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread a - broad the
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! King of kings and

vic - tor's brow. Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.
King of kings. Crown the Sav - ior King of kings.
vic - tor's fame. Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame.
Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

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Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C Amen.

1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy
 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -
 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the
 4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly
 5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy

steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art
 part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er
 road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should
 bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and
 king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry

gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - - ior.
 free From sor - row, grief, and sad - - ness.
 stray And from Thy paths be driv - - en.
 hell No more can vex our spir - - it.
 share, Thy saints and joint heirs make - - us.

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Postlude: "O Sons and Daughters of the Lord".....*Alexandre Guilmant***Acknowledgments**

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Salli Harmon and all other St. Paul's Shut-Ins;

Rev. Bill Caughey and the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oakland, Iowa;

Those serving in the armed forces... Dustin Bathen, grandson of Virg & Jan Steenbock, David Letcher, Nathan Moeller -members of St. Paul's, Justin Carlton, husband of Kathryn Charlton, granddaughter of Bill Johannes, Matthew Bandomer, grandson of Art Bandomer, Joey Greiner, nephew of Joni Doiron, Matthew James Harris, nephew of Mark & Erika Harris, Joseph Finch, (son of Bob & Dianna Finch), Jared Naja (nephew of Laura Goodwin), Cory Bartles (friend of Shaylie Gardner);

Those celebrating a wedding anniversary this week: Tim & Nancy Kealy.

News and Notes

"Honoring God's House" ~ It's not too late to give a gift or pledge to St. Paul's Capital Campaign. Forms are located in various places in the church. Please prayerfully think on how you can help!

If you would like to order flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, please contact the church office (712-322-4729) Cost: \$48.00.

"Christ Jesus has risen from the dead, my friend, and everything is different. It changes everything: the whole course of human events, the whole meaning of history, the whole present, and the whole future. Christ has risen, and that changes everything." Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, *The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Inviting our St. Paul's Family!

When we came to Council Bluffs, our oldest son was 2 years old! Now he is graduating from high school! You are all cordially invited to join us in celebrating Isaac's graduation from high school at our home on Sunday evening, May 23rd from 5-8pm. We've designed this party to be exactly like our church picnics so that everyone can come, visit, play and enjoy! We will have a bounce house for the kids, games, a tent and a BBQ supper. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like and enjoy. We thank you all for your love and support for our family, especially Isaac!

~Pastor and Tina Sherrill

Sherrill Home - 19232 Garner Ave., Council Bluffs

Capital Campaign Corner

In the early stages of the Great Depression the Church Elders had increased responsibilities. One of those new responsibilities noted in church records included, "securing wood for fuel for the church." Even though coal was not extremely expensive, the members saved money by gathering wood in order to heat the church.

Of course, the Depression era taught frugality that is still alive with some today. Maybe you are one who experienced "frugal living" connected to the Depression. What steps did you and your family take to save during these years? Share your stories with the pastors and we'll include them in our upcoming newsletter! Who knows, maybe we'll learn something and rededicated ourselves to this kind of living!?

Opportunities for Growth: May 16-23, 2021

Sunday: 5/16/21

9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC

Tuesday: 5/18/21

9:00 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC

11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 5/19/21

9:00 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC

11:00 a.m. – SPLECC Year-End Celebration/Graduation

Thursday: 5/20/21

11:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Class

7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Saturday: 5/22/21

5:30 p.m. – Worship – C (masked)

Sunday: 5/31/20 - Pentecost

8:00 a.m. ~ Worship - C

9:30a.m. ~ Bible Study

10:45 a.m. ~ Worship – C



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

St. Paul's Music Conservatory

Two Locations

One Word

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod/stpaulscouncilbluffs.org

Church

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