

# The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

The Sunday of Miraculous Draft of Fish



*The calling of Simon Peter, the Fisherman (Luke 5:1-11)*  
by DUCCIO di Buoninsegna - from Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena

“Put out in to the deep and let down  
your nets for a catch.”

Luke 5:4

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4 July A+D 2021

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. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign 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 at both services. St. Paul's observes the 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.*

*The Sunday of the Miraculous Draft of Fish*

*"The Sanctification Wrought by the Spirit."*

*Jesus Makes Fishers of Men*

The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1–11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18–25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11–21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8–15).

Service Notes: The Johnson Family Kantorei will be providing music for the 8:00 service. The Sherrill Family Kantorei will be providing music for the 10:45 service.

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 Three

*Prelude: KYRIE, GOTT VATER IN EWIGKEIT ("Kyrie, God Father in Eternity").....Johann Sebastian Bach*

### 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
 2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;  
 3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;

For the true faith need - ed on our way  
 Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow  
 Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed  
 Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right

That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from  
 That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry  
 That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the  
 That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to

ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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### Confession and Absolution

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

- ¶ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- ¶ Amen.
- ¶ Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- ¶ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- ¶ **C who made heaven and earth.**
- ¶ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- ¶ **C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

- ¶ O almighty God, merciful Father,
- ¶ **C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

*Psalm 27:1a, 11–12, 14; antiphon: vv. 7, 9b*

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*  
 be gracious to me and | answer me!

**O** you who have | been my help,\*  
 forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;\*  
 whom | shall I fear?

Teach me your way, | O LORD,\*  
 and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;\*  
 for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out | violence.

Wait | for the LORD;\*  
 be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

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;\*  
 be gracious to me and | answer me!

**O** you who have | been my help,\*  
 forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

- P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Let us pray.  
 O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:11–21

<sup>11</sup>[The Lord] said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

<sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual (Saturday & 8:00am) 857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

Gradual (10:45am) “How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord” .....LSB #853 vv. 1-4

## Epistle

1 Peter 3:8–15

<sup>8</sup>Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup>Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup>For

“Whoever desires to love life  
and see good days,  
let him keep his tongue from evil  
and his lips from speaking deceit;  
<sup>11</sup>let him turn away from evil and do good;  
let him seek peace and pursue it.  
<sup>12</sup>For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer.  
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 21:1

Alleluia. O Lord, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults! Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1–11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.  
**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup>and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup>And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup>They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with

Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup>And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise be to Thee, 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 <sup>of</sup> the world to come. Amen.

**688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake**

1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the

way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,

O - obey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the

e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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**Sermon: "It's all about the message." ~ 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**Offering: "According to Thy Kindness, God".....Johann Gottfried Walther**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface**

*LSB 194*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** 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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

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-tyrs 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.

**689 Let Me Be Thine Forever**

1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
 3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,

Let me for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
 My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
 Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,

Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,  
 For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
 Him to the end con - fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.

And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
 Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
 Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

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**718 Jesus, Lead Thou On**

1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al - though the  
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less  
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions  
 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.  
 fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
 come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.  
 still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.  
 For through man - y a woe To our home we go.  
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
 Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

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## 965 God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem-pests rave, Rul - er of  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
**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.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.  
  
**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.  
  
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

**966 Before You, Lord, We Bow**

And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev - Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count -

we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King! bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay. 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song. your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied. less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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**Postlude: "Psalm XIX" .....*Benedetto Marcelllo***

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Beth French and all other St. Paul's Shut-Ins;

Rev. David Kuhnle and the congregation of St. John Lutheran Church, Honey Creek;

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: Dan & Blanch Schultz, Virg & Jan Steenbock, Corey & Lisa Shelton, Hubert & Paula Houser.



## 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!**

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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.

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"The creation of the world and its government is the work of the Lord, and it is not in His declared plan that man will destroy it. The freight peddlers are giving too much power to man. It is God's power they need to recognize, not man's. If man is the basic power, then the answers must come from man, but if God is the sovereign power, then the answers must come from God, and none other. God has provided the answers, and they are in His Word. Our problem is that men pay no attention to them." *R. J. Rushdoony, author and theologian – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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Men's Breakfast Club – has been moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 a.m. at the Railway Inn.  
All men of the congregation are invited to attend and bring a friend!  
Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and a devotion on Proverbs.  
See you on July 20<sup>th</sup>!!

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*Rosemary will be out of the office until next Wednesday.*

### Opportunities for Growth: July 4 - 11, 2021

**Sunday: 7/4/21**

8:00 a.m. – Worship – C  
9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC  
10:45 a.m. – Worship - C

**Monday: 7/5/21**

Church Office/SPLECC Closed

**Tuesday: 7/6/21**

11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

**Thursday: 7/8/21**

7:00 p.m. - Council

**Friday: 7/9/21**

10:00 a.m. – Home School Group  
5:00 p.m. Circo Wedding Rehearsal

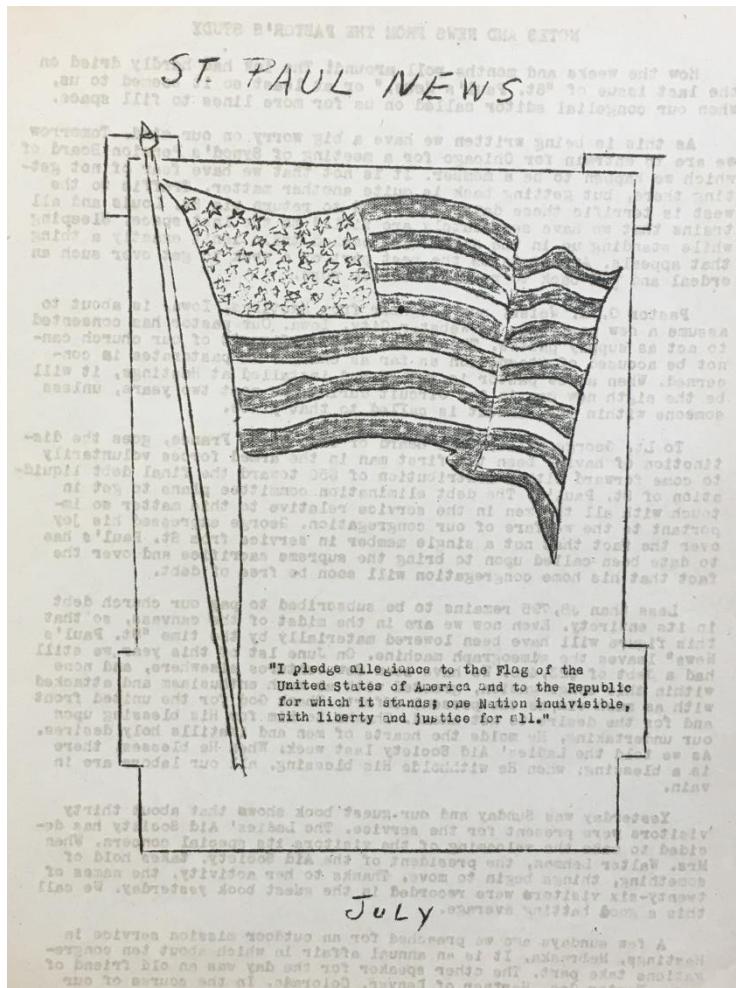
**Saturday: 7/10/21**

2:00 p.m. – Circo Wedding  
5:30 p.m. – Worship – C

**Sunday: 7/11/21**

8:00 a.m. Worship - C  
9:30am ~ SS/ABC  
10:45 a.m. ~ Worship – C

**This insert is dedicated to the faith filled men and women of  
St. Paul's past who willingly gave of themselves in honor to  
God and their country.**



*This is the cover of St. Paul's Newsletter for the month of July, 1945.*

*A great patriotism and love of God and country is exhibited throughout our historical documents during this period of time.*

**St. Paul's members over history have been willing to go to battle for the cause of freedom especially for the sake of Gospel message. Enjoy our members in their own words and some of the principles they fought for. We celebrate these individuals and our founding values on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

Our servicemen in their own words...

**Earl Nelson** (Helen Nelson's husband), who fought in the battle of the Bulge commented, "Being a Christian effected my life in the service because I knew that God was with me and would bring me back home. I spent a lot of time in prayer."

**LaVerne Brown** said that his "faith and trust in the Lord" kept him going through the war.

**Bernard Cade** said that while he was deployed he, "went to church as often as possible." There his "faith was strengthened" and he was reminded that he had "forgiveness of sins."

**Wilbur Gallup** was wounded on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1943 near Venfro, Italy. At that time, he said, "I put my fate in the hands of Jesus, who carried me through many trials and tribulations."

Our founding documents in their own words...

**Declaration of Independence:**

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.



#### **Introduction to the U.S. Constitution:**

**We the People** of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

#### **First Amendment of the Bill of Rights:**

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

*Years ago, many St. Paul's women who lived through WWII answered a questionnaire entitled, "If you were born before 1935..." Enjoy their responses!*



**Louise Day** (Mother of Kathy Meldrum and grandmother of Erika Harris) – “Here at home in Council Bluffs I worked as a billing clerk for Beebe and Runyan Firm in Omaha. I enlisted in the WAVES Hospital Corp but was not accepted as I didn’t have a full set of 32 teeth...I remember all the servicemen on the trains. I rode a train back from North Platte one summer. The car I was in was so old it still had Coleman gas lamps for lights. I also worked a couple of days at the famous canteen in North Platte that has been featured on TV.”



**Helen Nelson** – “During the war I was living on a farm in Persia. I was in high school and business college. I can remember having gas stamps for our automobiles. Also nylon stockings were hard to find. For a time I worked at Howard Manufacturing in Council Bluffs. My most vivid memories were listening to the news on the radio and seeing the news reels at the movies. Also, we wrote lots of letters. I remember how happy everyone was when the war was over.”



**Viola Green** – “I worked in the Life Raft Department at Mather Field. We repaired six, eight and twelve man life rafts after B-29 and C-47 plane crews returned to the base after flying missions overseas...My most vivid memories of the war included the loneliness of not seeing your relatives or friends...and learning so many service men gave their lives or were maimed during that time so we could have the freedoms that we enjoy today. Our church had a special service when the war was over. The streets of Sacramento were filled with people, very happy that the war was over.”

**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod was very supportive of the war efforts and all who served their country at this time.**  
**Above is an example of an LCMS publication that all LCMS servicemen received. It is an order for personal prayer and devotions. One message reads:**

### **If you find the going hard...**

...and often you do! Then remember, dear friends, the words which you pray twice each day: “Let Thy Holy Angel be with me!” God promises you Angel-help against “the pestilence that walketh in darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noonday!” Day and night “He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways; they shall bear thee up in their hands, let thou dash thy foot against a stone.” (Ps. 91) That’s a comfort, isn’t it?

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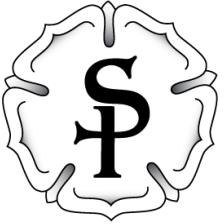
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