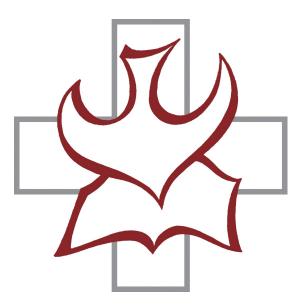
# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church & School



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# TUNE IN TO "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" TODAY

Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes ~ "Rejoicing On the Way" God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. (Acts 8:28-39)

Sundays on: KSUM - 11 am • WCCO - 6 am • KBEW - 8:30 am

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** with today's order of service and LSB Large Print Hymnals are available on the ushers' cabinets (or ask an usher for assistance). Please return the LSB Hymnals to the ushers' cabinets or an usher after the service.

**THIS MONTH'S BIBLE REFERENCES** are sponsored by Lowell Spee & Bonnie Taplin in thankfulness to God for all His blessings of good health and family. **Now accepting sponsors.** Months available in 2025: Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., July, Aug., Oct., Nov., and Dec. 2025. Cost is \$40, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Contact the church office at <u>splcoffice@splfairmont.org</u> or 238-9491, ext. 101.

**OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST** at 10:00 a.m. over KSUM is in memory of Virginia Krause, sponsored by Marty Krause. **Sponsors needed!** Contact the church office to reserve a broadcast date at splcoffice@splfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101. **2024 dates are:** Aug. 18; Sept. 1; Nov. 3, 24. The cost is \$40, payable to LWML.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is being celebrated in our service today. In love, we ask anyone who is not a communicant member in good standing of an LCMS congregation to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord's Supper. <u>Attendance/communion</u> <u>registration forms</u> are available in the pews. Complete the Member or Visitor side of the form and put it in the collection plate when it is passed by you. <u>Check the box next to your</u> <u>name if you are communing</u>.

**IN OUR PRAYERS: ill**—Sharon Bassett, Eunice Ziemann, Terry Rippentrop, Duane Petrowiak (Eileen Boesch's father), Richard Johnson, Linda Bicknase, Marianne Hagen, Richard Wolner, Beth Malo, Steph Johnson (daughter-in-law of Richard & Shirley Johnson), Esther Lund, Nicholas Moeller, Helen Lueck, Larissa Hagen & Angela Leiding (Dennis & Marianne Hagen's daughters), Gerald Meyer; **recovering**—Kenneth Matthews, Gregg Lemke, Roger Fritz; **having/recovering from surgery**—April Tordsen, Deloris Lutz, LaVon Rippentrop, Dolores Baarts; **in hospice**—Roger Lueck, Shirley Weber (Jim Utermarck's mom); Brian & Lisa Kube as they contemplate their Calls to Trinity Lutheran School in St. Francis, MN; for the calling of a Director of Music; for those single in Christ; our Confirmands.

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**Hymn of Invocation: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice** LSB 556, sts. 1-4 Stand

Invocation, Confession and Absolution: Page 151

# Service of the Word — Page 152

Introit: Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16



- P: Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.
  Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\* sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!
- C: Bless our God, O | peoples;\* let the sound of his | praise be heard,
- P: who has kept our soul among the | living\* and has not let our | feet slip.
- C: Blessèd | be God,\* because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!
- All: 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.
- P: Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

# Kyrie: Page 152 Hymn of Praise (This Is the Feast): Page 155

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Sit

## First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## Mixed Choir: "Jesus Is My Lord"

## Epistle: 1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

# **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand Alleluia and Verse: Page 156

# Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord. (sung)

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ. (sung)

## Sit

Hymn of the Day: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice LSB 556, sts. 5-10 Sermon: "The Law and Gospel of Love" (John 15:9-17) Stand Nicene Creed: Page 158

# Confirmation

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

- Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
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- **R** Yes, I do.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- **R** Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- **R** Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- **R** Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- **R** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- **R** Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- **R** Yes, 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.
- P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
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- **R** I do.
- Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- **R** I do.
- Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.

- P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- ▶ Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- ♥ We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

- **R** Amen.

The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, one or both of the following collects are prayed.

# Stand

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- **C** Amen.
- Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and

preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



 $\mathbf{P}$  Peace  $\mathbf{+}$  be with you.

**C** Amen.

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## Distribution

Mixed Choir: "Come Find Forgiveness and Love"	
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God Loved the World So That He Gave	LSB 571
Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain	LSB 865

#### Stand

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LSB 805

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**Preacher:** Rev. Anthony T. Bertram; **Liturgist:** Rev. Michael Holmen **Organists:** Richard Eyerly; **Special Music:** Mixed Choir **Director:** Scott Fuhrman; **Accompanist:** Carmen Deling **Crucifer:** Tyson McKean

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# CONFIRMATION Class of 2024

- WILLOW GRACE SINGLETON One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple. (Psalm 27:4, NIV)
- ALEXIS ROSE SUNDEEN Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)
- ELLA NOELLE WUBBENA For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- LAUREN ANN ZARLING "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

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JOSIAH JEFFREY ATHANASIUS SCHULTZ\* – And (Josiah) did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in all the way of David his father, and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left. (2 Kings 22:2)

<sup>\*</sup> Josiah was confirmed by his father, Rev. David Schultz, on Palm Sunday, March 24th, 2024 at Our Savior, Swea City.

**FLOWERS BY THE ALTAR** have been placed in loving memory of Arlyce Wittmus (Cindy Johnson's mother), who passed away April 23, 2024.

**PASTOR BERTRAM'S EMAIL,** abertram@splpastor.org, can receive email from everyone but is not able to reply to any email from @frontiernet.net or @yahoo.com senders. If you have an email with those providers, please send your email to my alternate SPL School email address: pbertram@splfairmont.org.

**CLARA CIRCLE WILL MEET** for lunch, Bible study, and a short meeting on Wednesday, May 8th at 11:30 a.m. at The Ranch Restaurant. The Bible study will be from the *Spring Quarterly*, page 16, *"Baptized. Equipped. Serving."* 

**RHUBARB NEEDED FOR FAIRSTAND PIES**—Please put 8 cups in a zip lock bag and place in the fairstand freezer. Thank you!

**TODAY THE LWML MITE BOX** is in the Welcome Center where anyone may place their "mites" to help the mission of our district and international LWML projects.

**THANK YOU TO MRS. TAYLOR** and the 1st grade class for the birthday cards. I enjoyed them all! God bless you, *Violet Gratz* 

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE MOWERS** for your help at Martin Luther High School. We appreciate you! *Board of Trustees* 

**"FOR THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome."** (1 John 5:3) God's commandments are not burdensome, but that's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

**MLHS NEWS:** Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Phone: 507-436-5249. Everyone is invited to the "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord" Spring Music Concert presented by MLHS on Saturday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. Young musicians in elementary band and high school band and choir will be performing under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a freewill donation. The 2024 Awards and Recognition Celebration will be held at MLHS on Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. Students will receive awards, scholarship announcements will be made, and Seniors will be recognized. Friends and family are cordially invited to the Thirty-ninth Baccalaureate & Commencement Service for the Class of 2024 at MLHS on Sunday, May 26, 2:00 p.m. in the Lutheran Activity Center. The Play It Again Golf Benefit for the MLHS Music Department will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Interlaken Golf Course in Fairmont with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Registration can be found at www.martinlutherhs.com. Summer Camps for elementary students will be held at MLHS. The Art Camp runs the week of June 10th. A Science Rocket Camp will be held the week of June 17th. Registrations are due June 1st and can be done at www.martinlutherhs.com. This is Most Certainly Brew Gourmet Coffee is available at MLHS or in the SPL church office. For more information, call MLHS.

## The Congregation at Prayer A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for This Week

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the catechism and Hymn of the Week.

**INVOCATION:** "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Let all say, "AMEN!"

#### CONFESS the Apostles' Creed

**<u>RECITE</u>** the Verse of the Week: 1 Timothy 1:15—The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

PRAY the Psalm of the Month: Psalm 103:1-5 READ from Small Catechism: The Lord's Praver: The Fourth Petition and its meaning-(Pre+) Give us this day our daily bread. (1st+) What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. (2nd+) What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

## READ from God's Word:

READ HOI	1 000 0 11010.
Mon	2 Samuel 7:1-17
Tues	2 Samuel 11:1-13
Wed	2 Samuel 11:14-27
Thurs	2 Samuel 12:1-15a
Fri	2 Samuel 12:15b-25
Sat	Acts 10:34-48
Sun	John 15:9-17
	FOT OF THE WEEK

## THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

#### Pray for...

S: the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

**M:** faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.

T: deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.

W: marriage and family, living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear their children alone; and godly schools, especially St. Paul Lutheran and Martin Luther.

**Th:** the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.

F: the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.

**S:** faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.

<u>OUR PRAYERS</u> at St. Paul's (see bulletin). PRAY the Lord's Prayer.

PRAY Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Small Catechism.

#### SPEAK OR SING the Hymn of the Week: LSB 556, sts. 1-5

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing, And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won. What price our ransom cost Him!

Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me. Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me. But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me.

My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining; Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining. My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered.

But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation, And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation. He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part But gave His dearest treasure.

God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion. Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation. From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever."

#### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Svc: 78 Last Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Svc: 170 Amount Needed Monthly for Budget.... \$105,857.92 Amount Needed Weekly for Budget..... \$24,428.75 April 30, 2024 Deficit...... \$77,040.32 Children's Noisy Offering (Last weekend)..... \$4.74

**MEMORIALS:** Marlen Bents—\$50.00, Church Endowment Fund; \$25.00, Undesignated (General Fund). Arlyce Wittmus—\$10.00, Church Endowment Fund. Larry Brummond—\$25.00, Anna Keck Fund. Sandra Petrowiak—\$25.00, School Endowment Fund.

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PART OF GOD'S KINGDOM (Subject to change)

Sunday:	8:10 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Exam Worship Service (with Confirmation) Worship Service broadcast on KSUM No SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS Church Basement Reserved No Junior Youth
Monday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel Pastors' Day Off
Tuesday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
Wednesday:	8:25 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	School Chapel Clara, The Ranch B&F, Fellowship Room
Thursday:	8:25 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	<i>The Ascension of Our Lord</i> School Chapel Messenger Deadline <i>No Pastors' Circuit Meeting</i> Ascension Service
Friday:	2:00 p.m.	SPLS Field Day Ingleside
Saturday:	12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service on Local Cable Access Channel 12 Worship Service <i>MLHS Spring Concert at MLHS</i>
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Worship Service Worship Service broadcast on KSUM SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>