

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:**

*"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."*

***Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us***

*"God is love,"* and He has manifested Himself to us by sending *"his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him"* (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, *"he has given us of his Spirit,"* so that we also believe and confess *"that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh."* In this way, we *"abide in him and he in us,"* and we *"love one another"* (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip's preaching of *"the good news about Jesus"* to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when *"they came to some water,"* the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35–38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into *"the true vine,"* Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He *"bears much fruit"* in us (John 15:3–5).

**Thanks to those who Served Today**

- Elder:** Gary McCall
- Ushers:** John Greder, Matt Kelm
- Organist:** Lynette Thies
- Screen:** Audrey Gust
- Altar Care:** Tanis Watke, Leah Schwery
- Altar Flowers:** Kerry Vinke
- Finance:** Marc Clemon, Gwen Clemon
- Acolytes:** Josiah Peitsch, Michael Sorensen

**Next Sunday Acolytes:** Samantha Sorensen

**Those Serving in May**

- Elder:** Steve Gust
- Ushers:** Don Petersen, Deryl Hennings, Duane Mordhorst, Richard Hageman
- Organist:** Lynette Thies
- Screen:** Audrey Gust
- Altar Care:** Megan Peitsch
- Altar Flowers:** Deanna Sorensen
- Finance:** Becky Mordhorst, Linda Riddle

**ABOUT THE SERVICE**

**WELCOME:** We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. In Jesus Christ our Risen Savior we have reason for hope and joy and so we gather together to receive His good gifts and offer Him our prayers and praises. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house and grow as His children!

**STANDING:** Although it is proper to sit and stand at certain times during the Divine Service, please feel free to sit when needed.

**STANDING DURING HYMNS:** An ancient part of Christian piety, honor, and respect has been shown throughout history by standing for God. We continue this tradition standing during the doxological stanzas of a hymn. —those stanzas which specifically state the Triune God's Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

- Sun: 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Divine Service
- Tues: Pastor in Mapleton
- Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
- 7:00 p.m. - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Questioning
- Fri: 7:00 p.m. – Pastors Family Day
- Sun: 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	\$161,744.17	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
As of 3/31/2024	\$32,984.53	\$540.00	\$ .00
Still Needed	\$128,756.64	\$5,460.00	\$3,000.00

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(<sup>Δ</sup> indicates worshipers stand)

Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

**Hymn..... #700**

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

<sup>Δ</sup>**Confession & Absolution.... p.151**

<sup>Δ</sup>**Introit..... Sheet**

<sup>Δ</sup>**Kyrie..... p.152**

<sup>Δ</sup>**This Is The Feast..... p.155**

<sup>Δ</sup>**Salutation and Collect..... p.156**

**Readings..... Sheet**

**First:** Acts 8:26-40

**Epistle:** 1 John 4:1-21

<sup>Δ</sup>**Gospel:** John 15:1-8

**Hymn..... #691**

*"Fruitful Trees, The Spirit's Sowing"*

**Sermon** "The Branches"

John 15:1-8

<sup>Δ</sup>**Apostles' Creed..... p.159**

**Offering**

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<sup>Δ</sup>**Hymn..... #540**

vs. 1,3,5-6

*"Christ, The Word of God Incarnate"*

**CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:**

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am).

**ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION**

**LCW:** We are look to see if anybody is interested in restarting the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women group (LCW). If you are interested or have questions, please call or text Terri Mohr (712)269-8598.

**CATECHISM QUESTIONING:** You are invited to hear our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands publicly confess their faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm. Confirmation is May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Last day of Sunday School is May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**VBS:** Please mark your calendar for June 22<sup>nd</sup>, for Vacation Bible School. Please talk to pastor or Board of Ed (Angie Kroll, Tina Bernholtz, Nina Leitz) if you would like to help.

**BACCALAUREATE:** The Blessing of our High School Graduates will be during the Service on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**MONTHLY MEETING:** Elders Meeting is Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN:** We will be collecting clothing for Orphan Grain Train during the month of April. Clothing must be in good shape – no tears or holes, all buttons in place and workable zippers. No toys wanted. Please place in bags (plastic) not paper. Thank you for your donation & serving the Lord in this way.

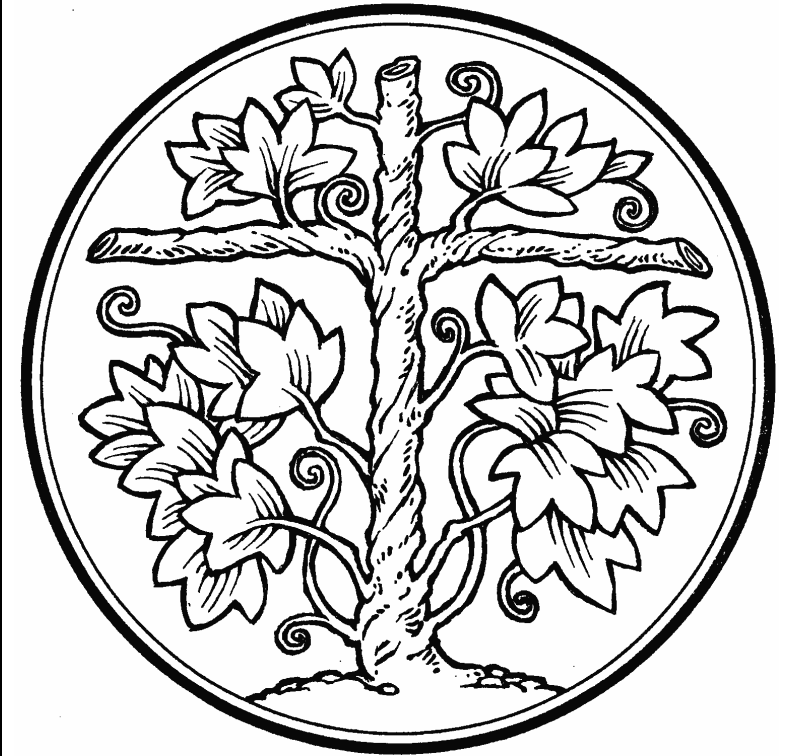
**ASCENSION DAY:** Ascension Day service will be Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Mission Central at 5:00 p.m. with supper and service beginning at 6:30 p.m. This year's guest preacher is Rev. Chris Tiews will share the exciting work that our Lord is doing in the mission fields of Germany.

**GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR:** This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

**"THY STRONG WORD":** Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors of the Denison area and sponsored by area congregations including St. Paul's. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

**MAIN STREET LIVING:** Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2024**



John 15:1-8

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