

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

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

**The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God**

Jesus asked His disciples: *"But who do you say that I am?"* (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is *"the Christ, the Son of the living God"* (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even *"the gates of hell shall not prevail"* (Matt. 16:18–19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness *"will never be dismayed"* (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that *"joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song"* (Is. 51:3). Therefore, *"according to the measure of faith that God has assigned"* (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves *"as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God"* (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Thanks to those who Served Today**

**Elder:** Gary McCall  
**Ushers:** Dave Seieroe, Mona Pithan, Bruce Mohr  
**Organist:** Lynette Thies  
**Screen:** Audrey Gust  
**Altar Care:** Tanis Watke, Leah Schwery  
**Finance:** Lois Greder, Audrey Gust  
**Altar Flowers:** Dar Mohr

**Those Serving in September**

**Elder:** Steve Gust  
**Ushers:** Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann  
**Organist:** Lynette Thies  
**Screen:** Audrey Gust  
**Altar Care:** Joan Neddermeyer  
**Finance:** Becky Mordhorst, Denny Mordhorst  
**Altar Flowers:** Teresa Mordhorst

**ABOUT THE SERVICE**

**WELCOME:** We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. Our Lord has done a great many things through our congregation over the past 125 years and we look forward to what He will do through us as we work together as His children for many more years to come. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house!

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

**ON THE BACK TABLE:** Reading inserts, Children's bulletins, Portals of Prayer, can be found on the back table. In the back there is a shelf with children's books and crayons that they can use during the service.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** We would like to "Thank" everyone that helped make this a wonderful 125<sup>th</sup> celebration.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

Sun: 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service  
 Mon-Fri Pastor on vacation  
 Sun: 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	\$152,534.35	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
As of 7/31/2023	\$59,764.44	\$1,755.00	\$1,265.00
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$92,769.91</b>	<b>\$4,245.00</b>	<b>\$1,735.00</b>

**Attendance: 138**

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(^ indicates worshipers stand)

Prelude  
 Ringing of the Bell

**Hymn..... #839**  
*"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"*

Δ**Invocation..... p.184**

Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.184**

Δ**Introit..... Sheet**

Δ**Kyrie..... p.186**

Δ**Gloria in Excelsis..... p.189**

Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.187**

**Readings..... Sheet**  
**Old:** Isaiah 51:1-6  
**Epistle:** Romans 11:33-12:8  
**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

**Apostles' Creed..... p.192**

**Children's Message**

**Hymn..... #765**  
*"God Moves in A Mysterious Way"*

**Sermon:** "Transformed"  
 Romans 11:33-12:8

**Offertory..... p.192**

**Offering**

Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.193**

Δ**Lord's Prayer..... p.196**

Δ**Benediction..... p.202**

Δ**Hymn..... #783**  
*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

### CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

### ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

#### 125<sup>th</sup> COMMEMORATIVE

**T-SHIRTS:** Get your

125<sup>th</sup> commemorative T-shirt to celebrate our congregation's anniversary. Basic shirt is \$20.00

Order here:

<https://isntiticonic.com/collections/st-pauls-lutheran-church-125th-celebration>

Or use your cell-phone camera to scan the QR code.

If you do not have access and would like to have a shirt contact Bruce Mohr(712-269-8771)along with your sizes.



**THANK OFFERING:** A gift in response and remembrance of God's past blessings! St Paul's 125th Anniversary Thank Offering Recipients are Lutheran Family Service and St. Paul's Jeremiah Fund.

**SPECIAL MISSION PROJECT:** This year our Special Mission Project is the same as the 125th Thank Offering which is Lutheran Family Service and St. Paul's Jeremiah Fund. Our goal is \$3,000 to go to the Special Mission Project. As of July 31, we have \$1,265.00 in donations.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School will start September 10, 2023 with a KICK OFF and end May 19, 2024 with a BLOW OUT. Sign up sheet is on the back table.

**ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET:** Catechism students and parents the sign-up sheet for acolyting is in the back of church on the bulletin board.

**CATECHISM:** Catechism will start Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Class

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. - Memory Work / Meal

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

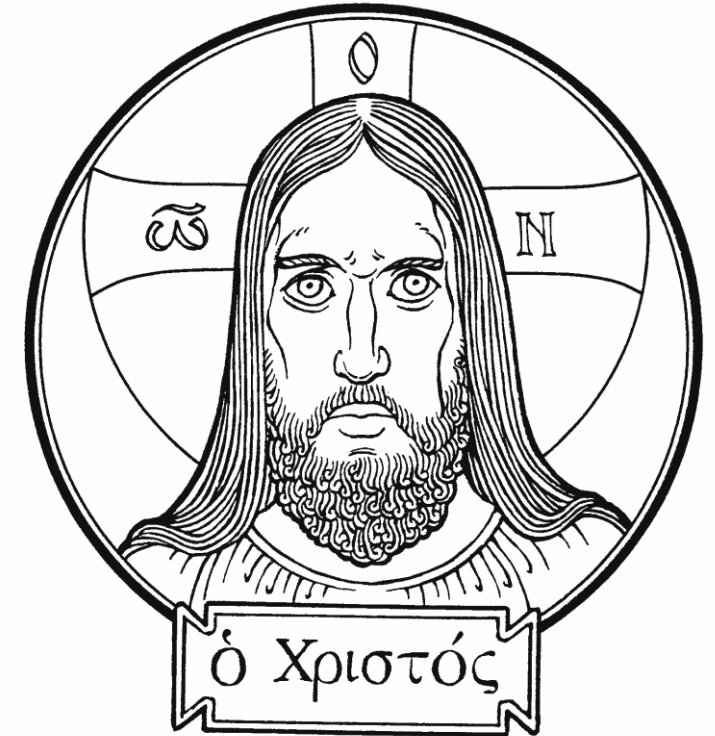
**SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES:** We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our Catechism students (about 18 students) from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING:** The 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Junior Youth Gathering will take place October 21-22 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines. The theme is "Teach Us to Pray". The cost is \$175. Registration needs to be turned in by September 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table or talk to pastor if you would like to go.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING:** The Senior Youth Gathering will take place November 17-19 at the Holiday Inn at the Airport - Des Moines. The theme is "Ready, Set, Go" The cost is \$250. Registration needs to be turned in by October 27<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table or talk to pastor if you would like to go.

**"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

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 27, 2023



**Matthew 16:13-20**

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