

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

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

*By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light*

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *"For his righteousness' sake,"* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *"the darkness before them into light"* (Is. 42:16) because He is *"the light of the world"* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *"while it is day,"* until that night *"when no one can work"* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *"at one time you were darkness,"* now *"you are light in the Lord"* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *"awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead"* (Eph. 5:14).

**Thanks to those who Served Today**

- Elder:** Bruce Mohr
- Ushers:** Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann
- Organist:** Lynette Thies
- Screen:** Audrey Gust
- Altar Care:** Linda Riddle, Deanna Sorensen
- Finance:** Becky Mordhorst, Denny Mordhorst, Elaine Vogt
- Acolytes:** Micah Peitsch, Landen Meseck

**Next Sunday:** Raylyn Kelm, Grace Schaffer

**Those Serving in April**

- Elder:** Gary McCall
- Ushers:** Bruce Mohr, Matt Kelm
- Organist:** Lynette Thies
- Screen:** Audrey Gust
- Altar Care:** Donna & Tanis Watke
- Finance:** Bruce Mohr, Terri Mohr

**ABOUT THE SERVICE**

**ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER:** By celebrating the Lord's Supper we care for Christ's people, Christ's Supper, and Christ's teachings. What Jesus gives us in the Lord's Supper is His true body and blood under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. God's Word also teaches that receiving the Lord's Supper together implies that we share the same beliefs. Therefore, we kindly ask that guests who desire to receive the Lord's Supper today speak to the Pastor prior to the beginning of the service.



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

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

- Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
- Tues: Pastor in Mapleton
- Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
- 4:30 p.m. – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism
- 5:30 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism
- 6:00 p.m. – Lenten Supper at St. Paul's
- 7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service at St. Paul's
- Fri: Pastors Family Day
- Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service
- LYF Meeting after Service

Attendance -		Sunday: 48	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Missions</b>
Projected for the Year	\$152,534.35	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
As of 1/31/2023	\$16,798.13	\$475.00	\$25.00
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$135,736.22</b>	<b>\$5,525.00</b>	<b>\$2,975.00</b>

**Divine Service 1—page 151**  
 (Δ indicates worshipers stand)  
 Prelude, Ringing of the Bell  
**Hymn**..... #873  
*"Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies"*  
 Δ**Confession & Absolution**.... p.151  
 Δ**Introit**..... Sheet  
 Δ**Kyrie**..... p.152  
 Δ**Salutation and Collect**..... p.156  
**Readings**..... Sheet  
**Old:** Isaiah 42:14-21  
**Epistle:** Ephesians 5:8-14  
 Δ**Gospel:** John 9:1-41  
**Hymn**..... #849  
*"Praise The One Who Breaks the Darkness"*  
**Sermon** Ephesians 5:8-14  
*"Out of the Darkness"*  
 Δ**Nicene Creed**..... p.158  
 Δ**Prayer of the Church**..... p.159  
**Offering**  
**Offertory**..... p.159  
 Δ**Preface**..... p.160  
 Δ**Sanctus**..... p.161  
 Δ**Lord's Prayer**..... p.162  
 Δ**The Words of our Lord**..... p.162  
 Δ**Agnus Dei**..... p.163  
**Distribution**  
 Δ**Post Communion Collect**.... p.166  
 Δ**Benediction**..... p.166  
 Δ**Hymn**..... #851  
*"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"*

**CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:**

- Sunday Adult Bible Class (Meets in the fellowship hall- 9am).
- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am).

**ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER MORNING:** There is a basket in the back of church for donations that will go to helping with the Sunday School Easter Sunday activities and egg hunt.

**PACK THE CHURCH:** We invite you to our "Pack the Church Sunday" on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. For this special day, we are challenging every member to attend. We will be taking a large group picture for our new church directory.

**DIRECTORY PICTURES:** We have begun taking pictures for the Church Directory. Please stop after the service to have your picture taken. If you need to schedule a different time, please call Bruce Mohr (712) 269-8771 or John Thies (712) 882-3379.

**READING:** There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for anyone that would like to help with the reading on Passion Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES** Mid-week Lenten Services schedule will be split between St. Paul's & St. Matthew. **Schedule:**

Wed, March 22 – St. Paul's – Supper 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.  
Service - 7:00 p.m.

Wed, March 29 - St. Matthew – Supper 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Service - 7:15 p.m.

**CATECHISM CLASS** During lent, Catechism class times will be different pre week.

March 22<sup>nd</sup>-4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - 5 & 6 Grades

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - 7 & 8 Grades

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. – Lenten Supper

March 29<sup>th</sup>-4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - 5 & 6 Grades

5:15 – 5:30 p.m. – catechism supper

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - 7 & 8 Grades

**HOLY WEEK:** On April 6<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be at 7:00 p.m. at St Paul's. On April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday service will be at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthew, Mapleton.

On April 9<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunrise service with Holy Communion will be held at 6:30 a.m. at St. Paul's, Easter breakfast after sunrise service, Sunday School will start at 9:00 a.m. There will be a 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service at St. Matthew, Mapleton.

**EASTER LILIES:** Members are invited to bring an Easter lily to church Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheets at either door by Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, so the names of those you wish to remember can be included in the Easter bulletin.

**NORTH PARKING LOT:** Be cautious of the north parking lot for ice, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing.

**Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023**



**John 9:1-41**

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