

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

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

***The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection***

*"The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything"* (Acts 17:24-25) wants all people to seek Him that they might *"feel their way toward him and find him"* (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols *"formed by the art and imagination of man"* (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and *"has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead"* (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us *"as orphans"* (John 14:18), but He gives *"another Helper,"* the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of *"Jesus and the resurrection"* (Acts 17:18). Because He *"suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous"* (1 Peter 3:18), we *"honor Christ the Lord as holy"* and are always *"prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks"* for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism *"now saves"* us *"as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ"* (1 Peter 3:21).

**Thanks to those who Served Today**

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

**Those Serving in June**

**Elder:** John Thies  
**Ushers:** Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst  
**Organist:** Lynette Thies  
**Screen:** Audrey Gust  
**Altar Care:** Teresa Mordhorst  
**Finance:** Dave Seieroe, Linda Seieroe  
**Altar Flowers:** Karen McCall

**ABOUT 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.

**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.

**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.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Last day of Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service  
 Short Special Voter’s Meeting after service  
 Tues: Pastor in Mapleton  
 Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class  
 Thurs: 5:00 p.m. – Ascension Service – Mission Central  
 Fri: Pastor’s Family Day  
 Sun: 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion  
 Potluck Dinner after Service

Attendance - 79				
	<b>2023</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>Special Mission</b>
	Projected for the Year	\$152,534.35	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
	As of 4/30/2023	\$37,031.15	\$1,320.00	\$25.00
	<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$115,503.20</b>	<b>\$4,680.00</b>	<b>\$2,975.00</b>

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(<sup>Δ</sup> indicates worshipers stand)  
 Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

**Hymn..... #821**  
*"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*  
<sup>Δ</sup>**Invocation..... p.151**  
<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 17:16-31  
**Gradual**  
**Epistle:** 1 Peter 3:13-22  
<sup>Δ</sup>**Gospel:** John 14:15-21  
**Children’s Message**  
**Hymn..... #556**  
 vs. 1, 3-4, 9-10 *"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"*  
**Sermon** *"Be Prepared"*  
 1 Peter 3:13-22  
<sup>Δ</sup>**Apostles’ Creed..... p.159**  
**Offering**  
**Offertory..... p.159**  
<sup>Δ</sup>**Prayer of the Church..... p.159**  
<sup>Δ</sup>**Lord’s Prayer..... p.166**  
<sup>Δ</sup>**Benediction..... p.166**  
<sup>Δ</sup>**Hymn..... #816**  
*"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"*

**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**

**SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING:** We will have a short Special Voter's Meeting after the service today to discuss the sidewalk improvements.

**125<sup>th</sup> EVENTS:** Please check out the insert for the upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> events.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today we had our last day of Sunday School for the 2022-2023 school year. It was a great year! Thank you to everyone that helped this Sunday School year. If you would like to help next school year, please talk to the Board of Education or pastor. Sunday School will start back up September 10<sup>th</sup> with Rally Sunday. Have a great summer.

**BACCALAUREATE:** The Blessing of our High School Graduates will be during the Service on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Graduates are Jenna Hanson, Brenner Jung, Gavin Purcell, Ethan Kuhlmann, Keenan Riddle & Emily Sorensen.

**ADDRESS UPDATES:** For the completion of the directory, we need everyone to provide updated addresses and contact information. An insert is provided in this bulletin that you can fill out and leave with an Elder or placed in the offering plate. You can also go to <https://www.stpaulsute.org/125th-anniversary-in-2023.html> or our Facebook page and click on the link to fill out the form.

**VBS:** Please mark your calendar for July 16-19, evenings for Vacation Bible School. Please talk to pastor or Board of Ed (Rick Knuth, Lois Greder, Angie Kroll) if you would like to help.

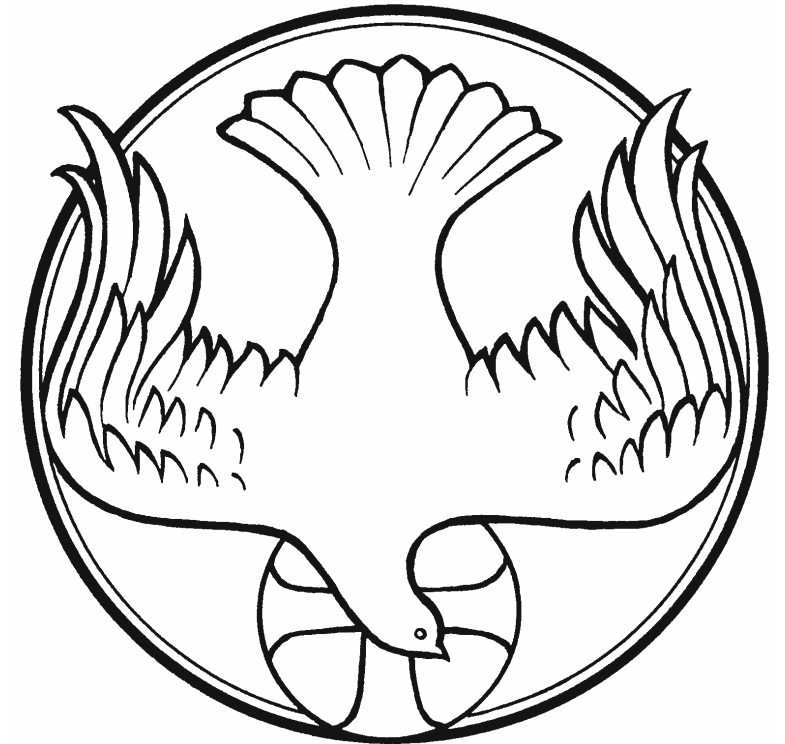
**141 GARAGE SALE:** The Board of Education is taking donations for the 141 Garage Sale they are planning. Any donation can be dropped off in the basement room in the back corner.

**ASCENSION DAY:** Ascension Day service will be Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Mission Central at 5:00 p.m. with supper and service beginning at 6:00 p.m. This year's guest preacher is Rev. Dr. Daniel McMiller, a former missionary to Latin America and former Director of International Missions for Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

**"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.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2023**



**John 14:15-21**

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