

**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 Way, the Truth and the Life***

The risen Lord Jesus alone is *"the way, and the truth, and the life,"* and we come *"to the Father"* only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus *"glorified in the Son,"* and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12-14). Stephen, *"a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit"* (Acts 6:5) and *"doing great wonders and signs among the people"* (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he *"gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God"* (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was *"rejected by men"* in the sight of God, He is *"chosen and precious"* (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father's *"spiritual house,"* and we are built upon Him as *"living stones"* (1 Peter 2:5).

**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:** Carter Leitz

**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**

**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.

**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: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion  
 Tues: Pastor in Mapleton  
 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting  
 Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class  
 Fri: Pastor's Family Day  
 Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Last day of Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service

Attendance - 93			
<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 3/31/2023	\$23,831.68	\$1,110.00	\$25.00
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$128,702.67</b>	<b>\$4,890.00</b>	<b>\$2,975.00</b>

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(^ indicates worshipers stand)  
 Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

**Hymn..... #912**  
*"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"*

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**Readings..... Sheet**  
**First:** Acts 6:1-9;7:2A, 51-60  
**Epistle:** 1 Peter 2:2-10  
**^Gospel:** John 14:1-14

**Hymn..... #645**  
*"Built on the Rock"*

**Sermon** 1 Peter 2:2-10  
*"Living Stones"*

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**^Hymn..... #687**  
*"Thine Forever, God of Love"*

### 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

**CONGRATS:** Congratulations to Landen Meseck, Micah Peitsch & Grace Schaffer for the confession of faith and reception of the Lord's Supper today.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Last day of Sunday School is next Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**MONTHLY MEETING:** Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

**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.

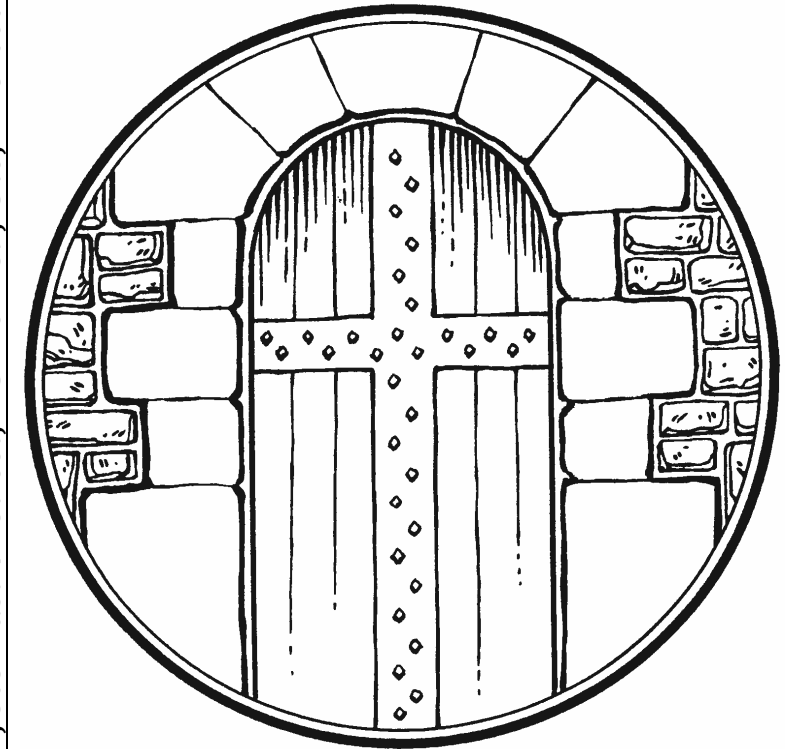
**ASCENSION DAY:** Ascension Day service will be Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Mission Central at 5:00 p.m. with supper and service beginning at 6:00 p.m. This year's guest preacher is Rev. Dr. Daniel McMiller, a former missionary to Latin America and former Director of International Missions for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

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN:** Thank you for all the donations to Orphan Grain Train in April. The next month will be October.

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:** Sum, sum, summertime – it's coming! What's your plan for summer free time for you and your family? Wait - what, no plan?? Without a plan, we're more likely to migrate to our favorite individual activities or spot in front of the television or computer screen. Consider engaging your family this week to make a "summer bucket list", brainstorming a list of interesting things to do, perhaps with a set of parameters, like "it can't include screen time and it must be within a 2-hour drive of our home." Make up your own rules and let the brainstorming ideas begin! Be sure to add a Bible story or Scripture reading plan for the summer to your list. Reading the Bible with mom and dad instead of endless days of playing computer games alone or with friends – what great memories you will be making for your children, what an impact you will have on their life! Lutheran Family Service [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**"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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023



**John 14:1-14**

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