

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

"The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel" (Is. 5:7), which He planted "on a very fertile hill" (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with "choice vines," but also building the "watchtower" of His prophets and hewing out the "wine vat" of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when "he looked for it to yield grapes," there were only "wild grapes" of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth "the fruits in their seasons" (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he "suffered the loss of all things" in order to "gain Christ and be found in him," to "know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:8–10).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: John Thies
Ushers: John Greder, Matt Kelm
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Linda Seieroe
Finance: Bruce Mohr & Terri Mohr
Altar Flowers: Sharon Gosch
Acolytes: Kellen Anderson, Michael Sorensen

Next Sunday Acolytes: Daxton Leitz, Carter Leitz

Those Serving in November

Elder: Bruce Mohr
Ushers: Don Petersen, Deryl Hennings, Duane Mordhorst, Richard Hageman
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Linda Riddle, Elaine Vogt
Altar Flowers: Gloria Barnett

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 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 & Bible Class
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service
 Tues: 6:00 p.m. – Budget Meeting
 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
 Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
 4:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
 5:30 p.m. - Memory Work / Meal
 6:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class
 Fri: Pastor Family Day
 Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
 Voters Meeting after service in fellowship hall
 7:00 p.m. – LYF Bible Study

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	\$152,534.35	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
As of 8/31/2023	\$79,719.43	\$2,065.00	\$1,300.00
Still Needed	\$72,814.92	\$3,935.00	\$1,700.00
Attendance: 83			

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(^ indicates worshipers stand)

Prelude
 Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #571
 "God Loved The World So That He Gave"

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^**Confession & Absolution.... p.184**

^**Introit..... Sheet**

^**Kyrie..... p.186**

^**Gloria in Excelsis..... p.189**

^**Salutation and Collect..... p.187**

Readings..... Sheet

Old: Isaiah 5:1-7

Epistle: Philippians 3:4B-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Apostles' Creed..... p.192

Children's Message

Hymn..... #912

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

Sermon: "Living Focused On the Goal-Heaven!"

Philippians 3:4b-14

Offertory..... p.192

Offering

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^**Lord's Prayer..... p.196**

^**Benediction..... p.202**

^**Hymn..... #680**

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

125th COMMEMORATIVE

T-SHIRTS: Get your

125th commemorative T-shirt to

celebrate our congregation's

anniversary. Basic shirt is \$20.00 Order here:

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

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

Orders can be placed until December 29th.



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.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 10th, Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 15th, Voter's Meeting after church.

Here's a few items on the Voter's Agenda:

- Budget
- Nomination Committee

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

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

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF Bible Study is Sunday, October 15 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the LYF room. We'll be diving deep into God's Word, so make sure to bring a Bible if you have one. If you don't or forget, we have some on hand for you to use. Bring a snack to share! We'll also provide some if you forget or run out of time. Inviting friends is encouraged, even if they can only come once.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN: We will be collecting clothing for Orphan Grain Train during the month of October. 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.

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 27th. Please 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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2023



Matthew 21:33-46

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