

the FOURTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

July 2, 2017

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

PRAYER cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

AS WE GATHER

"You are the light of the world." These are Christ's words to us today. It's important that we read that correctly. We are not the light *to* the world, rather the light *of* the world. The difference is significant, though small. By saying we are the light of the world demands we understand two things. First, Christ is the only true light of the world. However, we as His disciples partake of His nature and are a light in and through Him. Second, we receive illumination as well as power from Him **to give light to others from Him**. By saying we are the light of the world, it speaks to the calling to shine that light. He has set us up on a hill, elevated above our surroundings so that we unmistakably shine beyond our "limits." We are cautioned to not dismiss our calling by trying to hide it. You can't hide a city on a hill, so don't try to dim the light He has placed within you. Let it shine through the good things we do, so that no one can mistake the power that inspires and moves us. You have been given power and authority to do that which compels others to praise our Father in heaven! So let that light shine!

DIVINE SERVICE

Our Divine Service today follows what can be considered a “blended” order of worship. While it follows the order of a liturgical Divine Service, it contains a variety in the musical selections: from hymns to contemporary music. The ORDER *of* WORSHIP below points us to make use of the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* to follow along with the service. Keep it open for responsive elements.

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Praise Team

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE *of the* WORD

KYRIE and HYMN OF PRAISE “Kyrie Eleison”

Praise Team

1. **Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again**

CHORUS **For Your name is great and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign You alone can save**

Christe Eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on us now. *(repeat, then 2.)*

2. **Who is this God who pardons all our sin**
So ready to forgive
You delight to show Your mercy *(repeat, then CHORUS to end)*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live to shine Your light; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(Please be seated)*

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

"You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse

Leviticus 19:9–18

the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 67 *(found in LSB, read or sung responsively following Worship Leader)*

SECOND READING

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be

Philippians 2:3–16

grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of

Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA and VERSE *(Please stand)*

Congregational

Alleluia:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Leader: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. *(Matthew 5:14)*

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

Matthew 5:13–16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

APOSTLE'S CREED

(found on the inside back cover of the LSB)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

HYMN OF THE DAY "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

LSB 845

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

LSB 853

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

(begins on page 160 of the LSB)

We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship card, located in each pew rack.

DISTRIBUTION (*You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers*)

SONGS:

"Thrive"

Praise Team

1. **Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We will never run dry**

Pre-Chorus **So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
With one desire**

- Chorus* **Just to know You and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive**

2. **Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are**

Bridge **Joy unspeakable
Faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable
Anything is possible**

"We Are"

Praise Team

1. **Ev'ry secret ev'ry shame
Ev'ry fear ev'ry pain
Live inside the dark
But that's not who we are
We are children of the day**

Pre-Chorus **So wake up sleeper lift your head
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows conquer death
Make the most of the time we have left**

Chorus **We are the light of the world
We are the city on a hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta we gotta we gotta
Let the light shine
(REPEAT)
(Let the light shine, Let the light shine)**

**2. We are called to spread the news
To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through**

Bridge **We are the light we are the light we are the light
So let your light shine brighter
We are the light we are the light we are the light
Jesus You are the light You are the light
You are the light We will lift You high and
Shine, shine, shine**

Ending **Let the light shine let the light shine
Let the light shine let the light shine**

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

LSB 851

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank The Lord” (Please stand)

LSB p. 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB p. 166

BENEDICTION

LSB . 166

CLOSING SONG: “Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537



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SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Pastor	Rev. Aaron B. Chittick	Worship Coordinator	Larry Bruce
Church Secretary	Renee Taden	Admin. Assist.	Laura Oswood
Preschool Teachers	Lisa Dove Courtney Eaton	Praise Team	Larry Bruce Lisa Dove Karin Kennedy
Preschool Helper	Michele Broughman	Organist	Kay Kaepf
Banners	Sue Elkins	Sound	Paul Dove
Altar Guild	Bonnie Polzin		

Today - July 2

Acolyte	Lillian Gimenez
Assistant	Loren Green
Reader	Larry Bruce
Ushers	Chris Donbrock Bob Malcolm Patty Pipe Jason Moore
Greeters	Norma Meyer & Nickole Loomis
Cookies	Robin Lovelace & Donna Hobday
Counters	Osborn & Pascoe

Next Week - July 9

Maddie Garn
Mark Dalchow
Alice Conrad
Merle Donbrock
Paul Meyer
Chris Pavka
Dianne Pavka
Tim & Lupe Meyer
Insa Raymond & Tammy Johnson
Taden & Dayton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Cancer patients: Amy; Anne; Becky (Rumens) Boyd; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann (Bob's son); Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Dan Hemker; Ed James; Lisa; Lorraine; Josephine Lyndek; Marilyn Meyer; MaryJane; Alan Walters; Clarence Walters; Ward Yearling; Rusty Zimmerman.

Family & Friends: Lee Ballard; Beau; Paul Dove; Jake & Kayli; Kayla Hogan; Mark James; Brian Jenkins; Douglas Johnson; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Rose Shettler; Carol Yearling.

Shut-ins: Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Uhrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling.

Those in military service: Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepf; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Devan Paugh; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of 38 years of marriage between Chris & Dianne Pavka. May their love continue to flourish with the blessing of God.

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Offerings—Sunday 6/25-\$3,377.69 (Includes Direct Payment); Youth-\$6; Neighborfest-\$100; Endowment-\$100; Total-\$3,583.69.

Worshippers— Sunday 6/25: 9am-93; 11:30am-22; Bible Study-17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please have all announcements to the office by 12noon on Wednesdays.*

NEIGHBORFEST: Hark the voice of Jesus calling! Thank you to all who have already responded "Send Me!" We are two weeks away from Neighborfest. Check the sign-up sheets for jobs that still need to be filled. We are very excited to serve our Lord on July 8th. Please spread the word: take some flyers, share on Facebook, put a sign in your yard, and invite your friends and family to participate..

Deaf Ministry Interpreters TODAY at 11:30 worship we will be joined by trainees from the deaf-ministry Church Interpreter Training workshop at Concordia Theological Seminary. Our Mary Smith is not able to be here, but the trainees and their teacher will be interpreting for us. They will get to see how we do things, and we will get to see how they do things. This is an exciting opportunity; don't miss it.

Vacation Bible School Free games, crafts, snacks, and FUN! **July 31 - August 3, 9-11:30am** Register by July 25. Registration cards are on the bulletin board. Return them to the Ingathering Station. All potty-trained 3 year olds - 5th graders are welcome at VBS.

Another photo opportunity: Thursday, July 13, 1-8pm. Schedule your session for the Family Directory through the church office, or by going to: <https://goo.gl/4VFCYb>

Special Voters' Meeting Sunday, July 9, immediately following 9:00 worship, we will have a brief meeting of the Voters to discuss and decide on 1 item. Please attend to make your voice heard and to be informed on what's happening at St. Paul.

Office Closed July 4th. Happy Independence Day!

Gifted for Worship Seminar will be Wednesday, July 12, 6-8pm. Please attend if you haven't yet.

Pizza Fundraiser Come enjoy all of the salad, pizza, and breadsticks you can eat for just \$7 and help us raise money for Vacation Bible School. Tuesday, July 18. Sponsored by Cottage Inn of Coldwater.

Special Invitation to a great Family summer event. Get Excited! This years Vacation Bible Camp hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Colon will be at En Gedi Campground July 13-15. Children ages 5 to 12 will meet for this special Bible Camp Thursday through Saturday evenings from 4-8pm. A simpler program for three and four year-olds will be held from 4-5:30pm. As part of the camp experience, your children can expect crafts, Bible stories, songs, and games. As Camp En Gedi is located on the banks of the St. Joe River swimming, playground and bounce house activities are added. We will talk about the Baptism of Jesus, Ezekiel's River of Life and Joshua leading God's people across the Jordan as the Bible is brought to life for each child. Registration, meals, craft materials and all supplies are included at no cost to participants. To register fill out an online registration at www.engediresort.com. Families interested in combining the Bible Camp with a camp site rental for the weekend can also visit www.engediresort.com to check availability. Register by July 8th to receive one free baby ice-cream cone!

Newsletter: *The Connection* If you hate to use paper or just put your newsletter in a pile to “read later” then maybe you want to receive our monthly newsletter via email instead. Just email lauraoswood@stpaulcoldwater.com from the email address you want us to use and each month you will get an email with a pdf attachment instead of a paper in your mailbox. If you like to have the paper calendar to write on, it’s easy to then print just that page for your use.

Correction in *The Connection*. Please note the following correction of a phone number. Church Rummage Sale: If you have any large items that you would like to donate to the sale but don’t want to store until August, call Elaine Walters [517-462-8823](tel:517-462-8823) and we will arrange a pick up and will store them for you until the sale.

Reformation Education Sunday Morning Bible Study starting July 23 will begin a 4 week viewing and study on “Luther”, the movie. There will be ½ hour of watching the movie and ½ hour of discussion every week. Join us as we take a look at the first Lutheran.

Reformation Event Reformation 500 Road Rally Race Remember when we asked you to save boxes to make our cardboard cars for the rally race? Can you keep an eye out for shipping boxes that have minimal writing or pictures on the sides, rectangular would look more like a car. Save them for our Road Rally Race. We’ll need a variety of size boxes for a variety of size kids. We hope to need about 30 cars. Of course, friends joining the race would be *wonderful!* You may bring your boxes to the second Sunday School room; down the stairs and to the right.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/2	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study
	11:30am	Worship - Guest Deaf Interpreters
Tuesday 7/4		Independance Day - office closed
Wednesday 7/5	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	4:40pm	Family Promise
	7:30pm	Elders Meeting
Thursday 7/6	8:45am	Pastor Aaron on WTVB
	12:00pm	Beautification Team meeting
	4:30pm	Family Promise
Friday 7/7	4:30pm	Family Promise
	6:00pm	Neighborfest Set Up
Saturday 7/8	8:00am	Neighborfest Set Up
	9:00am	Men’s Bible Study
	10am-3pm	Neighborfest
Sunday 7/9	9:00am	Worship
	10:10am	Special Voters’ meeting
	10:30am	Bible Study
	11:30am	Worship

