

*Because I live,
you also
will live.*

John 14:19



YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this morning, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. Following our worship service, we invite you to share in a time of fellowship over coffee, juice, and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation or Pastor Janis Sloka. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!

We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship, we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in the Bible; for more information see the back of the hymnal, ELW pp. 1154-1159. Furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR...

- Assistance with wheelchair seating
- Assisted listening devices
- Large print bulletins
- Directions to restrooms

SONG

“I Love You Lord”

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice,
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy my King, in what You hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.
(Sing 2 Times)

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

Please read responsively by whole verses.

⁸Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard,
⁹**who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.**
¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
¹¹**You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;**
¹²you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
¹³**I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows,**
¹⁴those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
¹⁵**I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**
¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
¹⁷**I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.**
¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the LORD would not have listened.
¹⁹**But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**
²⁰Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Only By the Blood of the Lamb”*

Only by the blood of the Lamb,

Only by the blood of the Lamb;

We've overcome, in His grace we now stand,

Only by the blood of the Lamb. *Repeat*

+GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

Children's Bible page # 450

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

21They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

SERMON Lisa Haugen

Blessing sung by Lisa and then with Sweet Sounds

SONG

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

Verse 1

Upon the mountain__ when my Lord spoke,
Out of His mouth came___ fire and smoke.
Looked all around me,_ it looked so fine,
Till I asked my Lord__ if all were mine. Refrain

Verse 2

Oh, I have sorrows__ and I have woe,
And I have heartache_ here below;
But while God leads me,_ I'll never fear,
For I am sheltered__ by His care. Refrain

Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933

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+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION –

Sing the song at the beginning, middle and end of the prayers, as directed by the leader.

“Be Still for the Presence”

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Prayers... ” Hear us, O God.” We sing

2.Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shing all around.
He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shing all around.

Prayers... ” Hear us, O God.” We sing

3.Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him,
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

+PEACE

The sharing of the peace is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian church. Far more than a sociable handshake, it is a ministry we do for each other that proclaims the promise of God's peace given to us and reconciles us to God and one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Every good and perfect gift is from God. In grateful response to all of God's gifts, we offer our time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of the church-bearing witness to the love of Christ in our community, country, and world. Your financial offerings may be placed in the plates by the sanctuary doors. You are also invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Special Moments" Sweet Sounds For Graduates & Moms*

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION – SUNG WITH “BROKEN FOR ME”

Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine. In the beginning you watered the earth that man and woman might have food and drink. You gave your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey, and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us as daughters and sons. Blessed is our brother Jesus, Who walks with us on the road of our world's suffering, And who is known to us in the breaking of the bread.

CONGREGATION SINGS

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

On the night of His arrest and betrayal, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to His disciples, saying “This is my body, given for you.”

CONGREGATION SINGS

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

***Verse:* This is my body given for you; Eat it, rememb’ring I died for you.**

In the same way He took wine, and having given thanks for it, He gave the cup to His disciples, saying, “This cup is the new covenant with God, sealed with my blood, Shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins.”

CONGREGATION SINGS

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

***Verse:* This is my blood I shed for you; For your forgiveness, making you new.**

Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the kingdom of God.

CONGREGATION SINGS

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

***Verse:* Come to my table and with me dine; Eat of my bread and drink of my wine.**

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

+LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION SONGS – “*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*” and “*Seed, Scattered and Sown*” by *Sweet Sounds*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+OUR MISSION

Our mission statement reminds us of our collective calling as St. Paul Lutheran Church in light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

What is the mission we share together?

Our mission is to GATHER as God’s people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.

+BLESSING

+SENDING SONG “*The Commission*”

Courtney Krzmarzick will be soloist with the rest of Sweet Sounds joining in.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

- **Lisa Haugen:** Thank you for bringing the message to us this morning!
- **Happy Mother’s Day!!!**
- **Lost and Found:** Please check out the cart outside of the worship area. Does the item belong to you or a family member. Items not claimed by May 21st will be donated to GARC’s thrift store.
- **May Calendar:** is on the table in the church entry.

Outreach

- **May 28 Worship at 1st Congregational, UCC:** St Paul was invited to worship with the Congregational Church on May 28th at 10:00 a.m., to celebrate the installation of their new Pastor. There will be fellowship following the service. This will be in place of worshipping at St. Paul. The worship service will be live-streamed. Please mark your calendars.
- **Camp of the Cross:** The Camp is having a ““Chair”ing is Caring!” fundraiser to buy new chairs for the fellowship hall. See the new chair, in the gathering space, that they are planning to purchase. Each chair is \$25. There are Camp envelopes for the donations on a table in the church entry.
- **Freewill Brunch Fundraiser:** for the McLean County Wrestling Club. **Today,** May 14th, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Garrison Auditorium. Serving pancakes and eggs with ham.
- **Baccalaureate:** The community will celebrate all our Garrison Graduates here at St. Paul this Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00PM. Fellowship will follow the service.
- **Equal Exchange:** a variety of coffee and chocolate are for sale, at cost, on a cart in the fellowship hall. This supports the small coffee farmers.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Fellowship Servers:** We need servers for May.
- **Readers:** are needed for May. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the readings is on a table in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary.
- **Acolytes:** We need Acolytes for May.

Upcoming

- **Newsletter:** Please get Loree any items that you want in our summer newsletter for June-July-August by *tomorrow, May 15.*

General

- **Office Hours:** are from 9a.m.-12 noon Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays. The church is open every day except Saturdays.
- **Update our Living Wall:** People are encouraged to send updated pictures to the church to put up on the Living Wall. Bring a picture to the office or email your picture to the church, stpaul@restel.com. Faye Seidler will then put them on the wall.
- **Directory:** We are updating the church directory. Please give updated info., cell phone #'s, etc. to Loree by May 15th. Please email, text, or write a note and leave it on Loree's desk. She will also be using the info. that is listed in Breeze.
- **Live Facebook:** each week at St. Paul's. The 4 Ministers are also on FB and Instagram each week.
- **Get your St. Paul Gear!** Spread our mission with custom shirts! Check them out in the Fellowship Hall.

NEW ADDRESS FOR MONA REINISCH:

Mona Reinisch
c/o Mike & Kim Reinisch
834 Fireside Dr.
Apple Valley, MN 55124

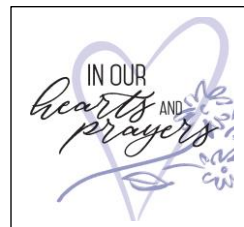
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*Thank you for being a part of what God
is doing at St. Paul!*



In Our Prayers...

Carrell Foss, Lorraine Seidler, Grayson Phillips, Matt Steinmetz, Kristi Devitt, Hayden Ogilvie, Clarence Behles, Glen Blanchard, Darrin Huston, Stuart Bennett, Mike Gackle, Mona Reinisch, Steve Seidler, Travis Kolden, Heidi Smith, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, Randy Mautz, Alton Krebsbach, Terry Metz. Judy Proffit and family at the death of Dennis, The Iglehart family at the death of Linda, Eleanor Mehlhoff, and family at the death of her great grandson, the Betz Family at the death of Corey, The Rustad family at the death of Edythe



Birthday Wishes This Week To:

Aaron Zimney	May 09
Judy Betz	May 14
Isabelle Rime	May 15
Jill Schlichting	May 15
Luanna Graeber	May 17
Jerry Slagg	May 17
Avery Sprenger	May 17
Cheryl Mehlhoff	May 19
Sarah Chase	May 20
Rickie Ouhl	May 20



WHEN: MON, MAY 22ND - THUR, MAY 25TH

WHERE: ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH GARRISON, ND

WHO: ANY CHILD KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE

PROGRAM IS OFFERED AS FREE-WILL DONATION

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 8TH

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS AND BLESSINGS IN YOUR NEW JOURNEYS!

Tyler “TJ” Syvertson

After graduating from Garrison High School, TJ will work this summer at The Agronomy Center in Turtle Lake and then will be attending BSC in the fall for Agronomy.

Ethan Betz

After graduating from Garrison High School, Ethan will work this summer at DQ and then will be attending BSC in the fall. He will be studying for his generals.

Rachel Hett

After graduating from Garrison High School, Rachel will be attending BSC in the fall. She will be studying for her generals.

William Lindvig

After graduating from Garrison High School, Will will be working this summer at Hot Stuff and then will be leaving for basic training in August with the Marines.

Alexis Hattlestad

After graduating from Max High School, Lexi will be working this summer and then will be leaving for basic training for the National Guard. After basic training she will be attending Minot State University to be an English teacher.



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SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Keith Thelen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Financial & Church Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Sunday School Coordinator</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Organist</i>	Kim Gehring
<i>Reader</i>	Stu Merry
<i>Ushers</i>	Chris Ferguson & Jan Norenberg
<i>Greeters</i>	Marlyn Zimmerman & Margie Nelson
<i>Acolyte</i>	Finley Hudgen & Nora Klemisch
<i>Door Attendant</i>	Barb & Anna Ferguson
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Aiden & Eli Ferguson
<i>Fellowship Hosts</i>	Loree Jeffers & Thelen's
<i>Technology</i>	Mark Torno

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