

*St. Paul Evangelical
Lutheran
Church & School*



“Lord,
teach us to
pray...”

Luke 11:1

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TUNE IN TO "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" TODAY

Speaker: Dr. Walther A. Maier ~ "The Changeless Christ for a Changing World"

We present a classic Lutheran Hour message from the program's founder and first speaker, Dr. Walter A. Maier. This message was originally broadcast the day after Christmas in 1937. (Hebrews 13:8)

Sundays on: KSUM - 11 am • WCCO - 6 am • KJLY - 6 pm • KBEW - 8:30 am

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) large print copies with today's order of service and hymns are available in the school corridor (or ask an usher for assistance). Please return them after the service. If we do not have enough sets, please speak to a pastor.

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE REFERENCES are sponsored in thankfulness for our pastors. Bible reference sponsors—reserve your 2011 spot now! Please call the church office to reserve. Cost is \$30.00, with checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST at 10:00 a.m. over KSUM is in thankfulness to God for His many blessings, sponsored by Bob & Odette Fast. **Sponsors needed! Reserve your broadcast dates now. Only one date left in 2010: Oct. 31; next year's dates are also filling up!** Please contact the church office to reserve. Cost is \$40, with check payable to St. Paul LWML.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is being celebrated in our service today. In love we ask anyone who is not a communicant member in good standing of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord's Supper.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS – ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION forms are available in the pews. **Please complete the Member or Visitor side of the form and put it in the collection plate when it is passed by you; remember to check the box next to your name if you are communing. Thank you!**

IN OUR PRAYERS: Hospitalized—Margarete Maschoff; recovering—LaDonna Baarson; ill—Gladys Spee, Lori (Hardt) Hyink, Don Fellersen, Tony Stadler, Rachel Norton (Russell & Norma Rosenau's granddaughter), Larry Hinz, Annette Larson, Bob Hall, Larry Crane, Janice Johnson (Mary Williams' sister), Viola Larsien, Judy Carlson, Abbiegail White; recovering—Mildred Larson, Charles Whitaker, Mervin Malo, Delores Plumhoff, Don Spee, Dwayne Gilbertson; thanksgiving for the work of the Lutheran Hour Ministries and safety for those traveling home from the convention.

city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse: Page 190

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (*sung*)

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (*sung*)

Apostles’ Creed: Page 192

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Our Father, Who from Heaven Above *LSB 766*

All: Sts. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 Pulpit side: Sts. 2, 6 Lecturn side: Sts. 4, 8

Sermon: “The *What, How, and Why* of Praying” (Luke 11:1-13)

Stand

Offertory: Page 192

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offering Hymn: We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781, sts. 1-2

Prayer of the Church

Distribution Hymns:

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head	LSB 647
I Walk in Danger All the Way	LSB 716
Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed	LSB 560

Stand

Nunc Dimittis: Page 199

Thanksgiving: Page 200

Salutation and Benedicamus: Page 201

Benediction: Page 202

Preacher & Liturgist: Anthony T. Bertram

Organist: Richard Eyerly

Greeters: 9:00 a.m. – Jim & Dolores Baarts, David & Lois Johnson

NEXT WEEK'S FAITHFUL SERVANTS:

Worship Assistants: 5:30 p.m. Scott Fuhrman and David Gratz
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Richard Behrens and Gerald Bergt

Greeters: 9:00 a.m. – Harold & Avis Wagner, Floriene Nolte, Mary Schmitt

Altar Guild: Charlotte Malecha, Jan Bremer, Kathy Eyerly

AUGUST USHERS: Bruce Peymann, Rich Wolf, Doug Closs, Terry Leiding, Mervin Malo, Martin Meixell, Jacob Peymann, Logan Peymann, Chuck Schaefer, Nathan Schmidtke, Don Wohlrabe, Dale Ruschy, Larry Behrens, Nathan Behrens, Roger Fritz, Jim Glienke, Branch Johnson, Trent Liljenquist, Jacob Liljenquist, Rob True, Mark Westcott, Tom Westcott.

MINUTES from the July Council of Deacons are available today in the school corridor.

IN THANKFULNESS TO GOD for Janet Behrens' 75th birthday on July 26th, \$500 has been given to the "Rock Picking" project by Omar & Janet Behrens.

CHARITY CLUB will meet Tuesday, July 27th at 2:00 p.m. in the lounge.

OUR GRACIOUS LORD and Savior has heard and answered our prayers for my pain relief. His promises to us are true. Thank you for your prayers, cards, and flowers of cheer. *In our beloved Savior, Marge Krugler*

NEXT SUNDAY, the GIANT LWML MITE BOX will be in the school corridor for the collecting of mites. Please empty your mite box into the giant mite box and continue saving your coins for the mission of our district and international projects.

CALENDARS AND NEWSLETTERS for August are available in the school corridor. Please check to see if you are greeting, etc. during the month.

THE AUGUST ST. PAUL LUTHERAN LWML get-together will be held in the church basement on Thursday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. Members-at-Large will be hosting. You are invited to join the LWML group in Bible study, mission topics and fellowship.

ATTENTION, COMMITTEE TREASURERS – Financial reports for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 will be due to the church office by Friday, August 6th so that the annual reports can be compiled. If you have any questions, please contact the church secretary.

THE EVANGELISM BOARD is looking for new pictures to consider for use on a new church brochure. If you have any you would like to share, please email them to stpault@frontiernet.net or submit to the church secretary's office or Evangelism mailbox.

THE HARVEST TABLE is back! It is located in the front upstairs hallway (between the church and school). If you have surplus vegetables, fruits, etc. to share with others in our congregation, please bring them to the "HARVEST TABLE." Thanks!

RHUBARB NEEDED! We are looking for cleaned, cubed rhubarb with six cups in a bag to make pies for the fair. There is freezer room available in the school kitchen if needed. Your help is greatly appreciated! Call Stephanie at 235-5872 or Sue at 238-1982 for more information. Thank you!

LISTENING OPPORTUNITIES: Woman to Woman – Broadcast Sundays at 8:00 a.m. on KSUM, or go to womantowomanradio.com. **Issues, Etc.** – Listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org. Also broadcast Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. on KSUM. And don't forget our own **St. Paul Lutheran Church weekly church services**, which are broadcast Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on KSUM.

ISSUES, ETC. UPCOMING PROGRAMS: July 25th – "The Hymn 'Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart'" with Pastor Wil Weedon; August 1st – "Glenn Beck, Mormonism and American History" with Dr. John Warwick Montgomery.

VOLUNTEER(S) SOUGHT to help keep the nursery (located in one of the side rooms in the church basement) picked up, organized and child-friendly. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call or email the church secretary at 238-9491 or stpault@frontiernet.net.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURED church library book: *Returning To The Father* by Dr. William Gaultiere (5. Devotional). *Returning To The Father* is a devotional book that follows the story line of the parable of the prodigal son. It is broken down into twelve steps of spiritual and emotional growth. From the author of *A Walk With Your Shepherd* comes the compelling story of the Father's love for you and the restoration he offers you. Come browse the church library, located in the church basement, for this and many other interesting books!

FLOWERS BY THE ALTAR are from Kathryn Roper's funeral which was held Monday, July 19th.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE recently packed 30 school bags for Haiti, to be taken to the LLL Convention. (Value was \$250.) If you would like more information about the committee, contact Stephanie Langhofer, 235-5872.

"ALONG WITH THE FACTS about abstinence, parenting, adoption, and abortion, it is important for parents to talk with their teens before a crisis. Teens need to know there is nothing they could ever do that could not be handled with God's help." *Grace Kern, director of Word of Hope (888-217-8679)*. **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Colossians 2:6-15: We became God's stewards when the Holy Spirit called us to be God's children through the washing of Holy Baptism and the word of salvation in Christ Jesus. In Christ God made us alive and gives us the power to use all that we are and have (time, life, relationships, skills and money) for His purposes.

HELP US "PICK ROCKS" and remove our budget deficit! The Stewardship Committee has implemented a "rock-picking" program. Donations over and above your regular giving can be put in an envelope marked "Rock Picking" and placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church secretary's office. Rocks will be removed from the wheelbarrow (located near the elevator entrance) as gifts are received. Then watch as the seeds planted in the soil below them begin to grow!

THE FAIRMONT CHAPTER of Thrivent for Lutherans now has access to 55 additional tickets to the TWINS game for Thrivent members on Wednesday, August 18th. A bus from Pioneer Travel has been reserved. We have to act quickly in order to purchase the tickets. The tickets are for right field bleacher seats at the Target Field, Minneapolis, MN. Sign up and pay \$25 per person at the Thrivent Financial Office, Fairmont on MONDAY, JULY 26TH at 10:00 a.m. If you have questions, please call Doris Rosener at 235-9073, or Pam Carlson at 236-5347.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN in the church office to start preparing the contribution envelopes for next year. If you did not receive a physical box of envelopes in 2010 and wish to have a box for 2011, please inform the church secretary. Likewise, if you received a box of envelopes but contribute electronically or through grain, etc., and prefer to have only a contribution number without the physical box of envelopes, contact the church secretary. This will help in getting a more accurate count before placing the final order. (There is no need to contact the office if you do not want any changes from 2010.) Thank you!

GIVE AWAY—Large rectangular table and round table in the lounge. (They are sitting against the wall with give away signs taped on them.) If you have any questions, contact Trustee Terry Leiding.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ON KSUM

Now a local project of the Zone

Payment for the broadcast must be made from local contributors – \$50.00 weekly

Sponsors are encouraged

Names and locality will be addressed on each Sunday program

Memorials encouraged

Send to: Lutheran Hour KSUM Broadcast, Box 621, Fairmont, MN 56031

Sponsors: Fairmont & Truman LLL Zones

COMING SOON: a new way to help St. Paul Lutheran Church – As you may know, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is launching a new charitable grant program and benefit of membership called Thrivent ChoiceSM. Our congregation is enrolled to receive gifts from Thrivent ChoiceSM. We appreciate your consideration and hope you choose to help direct Choice DollarsSM to bless our ministry. Thrivent Financial will mail letters to eligible members this summer regarding the opportunity to help direct Choice DollarsSM. If you have any questions about Thrivent ChoiceSM or the benefits of working with Thrivent Financial, please contact Scott Fuhrman, Financial Consultant at 507-235-9877.

New Book from Concordia Publishing House

“Law & Gospel: How to Read and Apply the Bible”

(A Reader’s Edition)

By C. F. W. Walther

This new edition of Walther’s classic (translated from German into modern English) has over 60 pages of introductory material to put the book into context and help in understanding the man and the evening lectures he presented to his students studying to become pastors in the Missouri Synod. In addition to the 465 pages of the lectures themselves, the book includes in 40 more pages: four appendices, glossary, index of persons and groups, scripture index, and subject index.

The retail price of this book is \$29.99 each. If ordered in quantities of five or more, the price becomes \$19.99 each. A sample portion of the book is available in the church office, where you can pay for your copy as part of a bulk order. Or, you can order directly from CPH at www.cph.org/walther, or call CPH at 1-800-325-3040.

If you have any questions, you can speak with Pastor Bertram.

Deadline to order: August 1st

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
July 26 to 31, 2010

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation
and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.*
Learn by heart the catechism and Hymn of the Week.

1. **INVOCATION:** “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Let all say, “AMEN!”
2. **CONFESS the Apostles’ Creed.**
3. **PRAY the Psalm of the Week:** Psalm 138

4. **READ from the Small Catechism: The Creed (The Third Article)**

Pre+ **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

What does this mean?

- 1st+ 1. I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.
2. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
- 2nd+ 3. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.
4. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

5. **READ from God’s Word:**

M: Out of Man’s Heart Proceeds Evil	Matthew 15:1-20
T: A Canaanite Woman Trusts Jesus’ Word	Matthew 15:21-31
W: The Feeding of the 4,000	Matthew 15:32-39
Th: The Pharisees and Saducees Seek a Sign	Matthew 16:1-12
F: The Confession of Peter and His Rebuke	Matthew 16:13-23
S: This Week’s Old Testament Reading	Genesis 18:20-33
S: This Week’s Gospel Reading	Luke 11:1-13

6. The Collect of the Week: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

7. DAILY THEMES for PRAYER

SUNDAY *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*

MONDAY *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*

TUESDAY *Pray for deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY *Pray for marriage and family, living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear their children alone; and godly schools, especially St. Paul Lutheran School and Martin Luther.*

THURSDAY *Pray for the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.*

FRIDAY *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.*

SATURDAY *Pray for faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

8. Our PRAYERS at St. Paul's. (See bulletin.)

9. PRAY the Lord's Prayer.

10. PRAY Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Small Catechism.

11. SPEAK or sing the Hymn of the Week: LSB 766

Our Father, who from heav'n above
Bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family
And pray to You in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say
But from our inmost hearts to pray.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Service: 127

Last Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Service: 280

Income for June: \$81,697.94

Yr-to-date giving vs. expenses: -\$2,022.22

MEMORIALS: Otto & Lucille Goedel and Edward & Irma Bremer – \$100.00, Narthex Fund; **Marjorie Barvels** – \$30.00, Narthex Fund.

“Rock Picking” Project \$2,600.00 **Narthex Fund** \$1,000.00

H.S. Youth Group (given direct) \$262.00

THIS WEEK IN OUR PART OF GOD'S KINGDOM

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 After Worship Svc. New Member Reception

Monday:

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. Charity Club, Lounge

Wednesday:

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Messenger Deadline

Friday: 3:00 p.m. LMHCC

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service

Next Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 8:00 a.m. Evangelism, Church Office
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service



“CLEAN UP THE FAIRSTAND” MEETING, Sunday, August 8th, starting at 4:00 p.m. (for shift chairpersons and anyone else who can help us with getting the SPL Fairstand ready). Bring a dish to pass, utensils, and beverage for potluck supper after the clean-up.