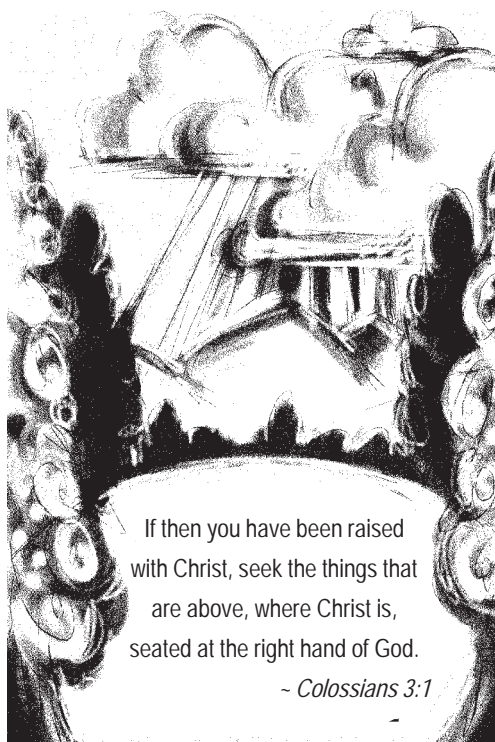


St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church & School



*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
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TUNE IN TO "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" TODAY

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus ~ "Fools"

Why would God call anyone a fool? God's Word gives us the answer:

"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Luke 12:19-21)

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 narthex (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 memory of Edwin B. Luckow and Roger J. Luckow by their family. 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 for 40 years of marriage on August 1st, sponsored by Tony & Jan Stadler. **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: Recovering—Margarete Maschoff; ill—Edith Fisher (Deb Bertram's aunt), Gladys Spee, Lori (Hardt) Hyink, 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; Gladys Spee and her family at the death of her brother, Melvin Rave; Jan & Tony Stadler as they celebrate their 40th anniversary on August 1st.

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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 12th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed: Page 191

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782

Sermon

Stand

Offertory: Page 192

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament – Page 194

Distribution Hymns:

What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

LSB 737

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

LSB 643

Stand

Nunc Dimittis: Page 199

Thanksgiving: Page 200

Salutation and Benedicamus: Page 201

Benediction: Page 202

Preacher & Liturgist: Thomas E. Fast

Organist: Elaine Lieder

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

NEXT WEEK'S FAITHFUL SERVANTS:

Worship Assistants: 5:30 p.m. Neal Breitbarth and Jeff Eversman
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Roger Fritz and Scott Fuhrman

Greeters: 9:00 a.m. – Linda Feely, Darlain Anacker, Richard & Kathy Schultz

Altar Guild: Joan Luedtke and Sylvia Willard

A GIFT OF \$90 has been given in recognition of the 90th birthday of Harold Bergt on August 1st.

IN THANKFULNESS TO GOD for 40 years of marriage on August 1, for the many blessings of family, friends, and above all our faithful pastors and the preaching of God's Word, \$100 has been given for our new narthex by Tony and Jan Stadler.

TODAY THE GIANT LWML MITE BOX is in the school corridor where anyone may place their "mites" to help the mission of our district and international LWML projects.

THE "ROCK PICKING" PROJECT is in the final six weeks (now through September 5th). The goal for the remaining time period is to remove \$20,000 in rocks. The rock-picking project was implemented to remove our budget deficit by the Stewardship Committee. 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.

SPL LABOR DAY POTLUCK PICNIC – You are invited to St. Paul Lutheran Potluck Picnic on Monday, September 6th (Labor Day, from noon to ?). Come early and visit; plans are to begin the meal at noon. Let's have a great turnout for what will hopefully become an annual event! *Stewardship Board*

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. T.E.S.S. Teapot will probably put in an appearance. Bring your 2010 LWML booklet along. C.U. there. While the cat's away (Pastor Bertram), the mice (LWML ladies) will play. You are invited to join the LWML group in Bible study, mission topics and fellowship.

AUGUST CIRCLE MEETINGS: Leah Circle will meet August 12th, 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. Circles not scheduled to meet in August are: Eve, Katie, Naomi, Clara, and Anna.

A BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels to the residents of Fairmont throughout the month of July. Your help was very much appreciated. *Pat Hall, Meals on Wheels Chairman*

PRAYER CHAIN—Anyone interested in becoming a member of a prayer chain group may contact Pauline Bergt at 238-4035 or Karen Garrison at 235-6449. If you have a prayer request, you may talk to a pastor, or call Pauline or Karen.

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!

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.

CHARITY CLUB ACTIVITY DAYS will be August 10th & 11th.

YOU ARE INVITED to St. Paul Lutheran of Fairmont 28th Annual Golf Outing: Sunday, September 12th, 1:00 p.m. at Country Greens in Armstrong. Green fees \$15.00 for 18 holes. We will be playing best ball so we can have fun! Dinner after golf at Tami's On The Ave in Fairmont. Please come out and join the fun. There is a sign-up sheet outside of Pastor Bertram's office, or call Neal Breitbarth at 236-6233 or email neal@fairmontrv.com for more details. Everyone welcome for a day of fun and fellowship.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURED church library book: *My Book of Bible Rhymes* by John Knapp II (C41. Child Stories). These Bible rhymes from both the Old and New Testament teach, appeal, and entertain. Come browse the church library, located in the church basement, for this and many other interesting books!

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.

THE 64TH REGULAR CONVENTION of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod was held in Houston, TX from July 10-17. Your Blue Earth Circuit was represented by pastoral delegate Rev. Nathan J. Rusert (St. Paul’s, Truman) and Lay Delegate Neal Breitbarth (St. Paul, Fairmont). The convention theme was “One People: Forgiven.” After a day of presentation by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Restructuring, the delegates voted to begin debate and voting on the proposals. Restructuring was passed by a 51% majority and will eliminate program boards and place them either under the jurisdiction of the Board of National Missions or the Board for International Missions. Many of the other restructuring proposals were voted down or tabled. The Lord saw fit to elect a new president for the LCMS on the first ballot. Rev. Matthew Harrison was elected to serve the congregations of our synod. Rev. Harrison was the head of LCMS World Relief and will be installed after September 11th. Elected as a new first vice president was Rev. Herbert Mueller. The convention voted to support Project Wittenberg to proclaim the Gospel in Wittenberg, Germany through an interactive visitors’ center. It also voted to continue supporting our military chaplains, children, youth, adult and family ministries. It heard the good news that the LCMS has been approved to open the first Christian international school in Hanoi, Vietnam. It voted to speak out against domestic violence and encourage families to have daily family devotions in their homes. These are just some of the highlights of the 64th regular convention of the LCMS. A more detailed report will be forthcoming from your delegates. Continue to pray, “Father, Thy Kingdom Come!”

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 GOOD NEWS of a crucified and living Savior does not trivialize human struggles – the struggles of women, of problem pregnancies, of difficult situations. It speaks to them! The Good News defeated death and brings real love and compassion and neighborliness to bear in dealing with human struggles in very personal and practical ways. Life, not death, is our source of help and hope.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life. This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.*

IF YOU DESIRE to be included in the prayers of the church for your birthday, anniversary, or any other special occasion, please notify one of the pastors or the church office. (To be included in the *Messenger*, please notify before the Thursday, 10:00 a.m. deadline.)

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Colossians 3:1-11: Since we have been raised to new life in Christ, we are encouraged to set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. Our real life in Christ may seem like a hidden mystery to others, but we know that it is the only life really worth living. May the Holy Spirit empower us to live boldly as good stewards and to encourage others to do the same.

A Reminder When Filling Out Attendance Cards

(Located in the Pew Holders by the Hymn Racks)

Please fill out the **Member** or **Visitor** side
as appropriate, including your

- Last Name
- First Name(s)
and then
- **Check boxes next to
first name(s) of those communing**
- Plus, any other notations that pertain to you

PLEASE PLACE CARD IN COLLECTION PLATE
WHEN IT IS PASSED BY YOU.

Thank you!

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
August 1 to 7, 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 100

4. **READ from the Small Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer**
Pre+ **Our Father who art in heaven.**
What does this mean?
1st+ With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

5. **READ from God’s Word:**

M: Take Up the Cross and Follow Me	Matthew 16:24-28
T: The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Matthew 17:1-13
W: A Boy Is Healed	Matthew 17:14-21
Th: Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection	Matthew 17:22-27
F: Who Is the Greatest in the Kingdom?	Matthew 18:1-14
S: This Week’s Old Testament Reading	Eccl. 1:2, 12-14:2:18-26
S: This Week’s Gospel Reading	Luke 12:13-21

6. **The Collect of the Week:** O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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 782

Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise.
Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:
Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Service: 140
Last Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Service: 278

Income for June: \$81,697.94
Yr-to-date giving vs. expenses: -\$2,022.22

MEMORIALS: Kathryn Roper – \$40.00, Narthex Fund; \$5.00, V.H.H. Scholarship Fund;
Verlaine Schock – \$10.00, SPL Undesignated.

MLHS	\$25.00	Facility Use Rental	\$25.00
School Endowment Fund	\$25.00	School Gifts & Memorials	\$90.00

THIS WEEK IN OUR PART OF GOD'S KINGDOM

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: *NOTE!! B&F mtg. has been rescheduled for Wed., Aug. 11*

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Messenger Deadline
7:00 p.m. LWML, Church Basement

Friday:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service

Next Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. "Clean Up the Fairstand" Meeting & Potluck



"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.