



# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**June 6, 2021**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost- Divine Service III**

### **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

### **CHURCH BELLS/WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**HYMN #873:** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

**INVOCATION/CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION** (*pg. 184, 185*)

### **INTROIT**

P: Be my rock of refuge,

**C: a strong fortress to save me.**

P: How great is your goodness,

**C: which you have stored up for those who fear you,**

P: which you bestow in the sight of men

**C: on those who take refuge in you.**

P: Love the Lord, all his saints!

**C: The Lord preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.**

P: Be strong and take heart,

**C: all you who hope in the Lord.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**C: and to the Holy Spirit;**

P: as it was in the beginning,

**C: is now, and will be forever. Amen**

P: Be my rock of refuge,

**C: a strong fortress to save me.**

**GLORIA PATRI/KYRIE** (*pg.186*)

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS/ SALUTATION** (*pg.187-189*)

### **COLLECT**

O God, whose never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth, put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**.....Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup> They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said

to him, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."<sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"<sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

**EPISTLE.....2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

<sup>13</sup> Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup> knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup> For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup> For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**ALLELUIA (pg. 190)**

**GOSPEL LESSON.....Mark 3:20-35**

<sup>20</sup> Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

<sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons."

<sup>23</sup> And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup> "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup> for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup> And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." <sup>33</sup> And he answered

them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”<sup>34</sup> And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!”<sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

**THE NICENE CREED** (pg. 191)

**HYMN #748:** “I’m But a Stranger Here”

**SERMON:** “This Eternal House” (2 Corinthians 5:1)

**OFFERTORY** (pg.192-193)

**OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Lord in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**THE PREFACE** (pg.194)

**THE SANCTUS** (pg.195)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (pg. 196)

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION/PAX DOMINI** (pg. 197)

**AGNUS DEI** (pg.198)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**#618:** “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

**#732:** “All Depends on Our Possessing”

**COMMON DISMISSAL/NUNC DIMITTIS** (pg.199)

**THE THANKSGIVING** (pg.200)

**COLLECT/ BENEDICTION** (pg. 201-202)

**HYMN #484:** “Make Songs of Joy”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE**

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Communion Note:

The outer ring of each communion tray holds one colored cup with a very small amount of wine and a cup of white non-alcoholic wine.

**Attendance Last Week**

Sunday: 79 (1 Service)

**Memory Verse**

**Psalm 27:1** “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. CONGRATULATIONS** to Benjamin Christopher Banke, son of Justin and Dawn Banke, who will be baptized today. Sponsors are Marilyn Pikal and Amy Kotchevar.
- 2. UPDATED COVID POLICY-** Our COVID Policy has been updated, effective May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please see posted copies in the building or on our website for the most recent information.
- 3. COMMUNION-** We will be using Continuous Line Communion today.
- 4. SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING MINUTES** are available on the table near the Lower Narthex doors.
- 5. BIBLE STUDY-** Bible study will continue to be held on the parables of Jesus. Please join us on Wednesday evenings June 9, 23 and 30 at 7:00 p.m.
- 6. CALENDAR CORRECTION-** Administrative Assistant Amanda will be out of the office June 11-15. The church offices will be closed Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## YOUTH

- 7. VBS/CAMP OMEGA** will be held July 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am-NOON (Mon-Fri). VBS will be for children ages 3-5 (who are potty trained) and Camp Omega Day Camp will be for children going into grades 1-5. **EARLY REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO ST. PAUL FAMILIES UNTIL FRIDAY, JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>.** After that date, registration will be open to the public. Registration forms are on the church website or available at church. Watch for more information, and contact the church office if you have any questions!
- 8. VOLUNTEER NEEDED-** The Board of Ed. is looking for an adult volunteer to co-lead VBS. This would consist of helping plan and organize activities and snacks. Contact April Lee for more information 612-248-0304.
- 9. ACT MISSION TRIP YOUTH AND PARENT MEETING** will be held **TONIGHT** Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Any forms that you have not yet turned in, as well as your final payment, will need to be brought to this meeting.

## LWML

- 10. MEETING-** St. Paul LWML monthly meeting will be held June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will be doing blanket tying as well (no previous experience needed). Ladies, please join us for our mite in-gathering and monthly devotion. Donations for June are designated for McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Abuse.
- 11. LWML** - Greeting cards are available for Fathers Day and other events on the LWML table. There are more cards on the table downstairs by the kitchen.
- 12. LWML Mission Event** - We will be cutting and tying fleece blankets on Monday, June 7, before the meeting. If you would like to help, please come

anytime after 6 pm. Bring scissors if you have. This will be done in the church fellowship hall. Blankets will be donated to missions. Thank you.

**13. LWML MISSION INFO- McLeod Alliance:** Since 1992, the McLeod alliance has been providing assistance to those affected by domestic violence in McLeod County and the surrounding area. Their mission statement is: “To support and promote the elimination of relationship violence through education, Empowerment, protection, and advocacy.” You can donate to this organization by placing your cash or check (made out to St. Paul LWML noted “McLeod Alliance” in memo) in the box designated in the Upper Narthex or in the collection plate during the month of June. Thank you!

*Calendar of Events*

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| <b>Sun. June 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>8:00 a.m.</b><br><b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>6:30 p.m. | <b>WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION</b><br><b>WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION</b><br>ACT Mission Trip Youth and Parent Meeting |
| Mon. June 7 <sup>th</sup>        | 7:00 p.m.   | LWML Meeting  |
| Wed. June 9 <sup>th</sup>        | Noon<br>7:00 p.m.                                 | Deadline for Bulletin<br>Bible Study  |
| Fri. June 11 <sup>th</sup>       |   | Early VBS/Camp Omega Registration Ends<br>Church Offices Closed   |
| Sat. June 12 <sup>th</sup>       |   | VBS/Camp Omega Open Registration Begins   |
| <b>Sun. June 13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>8:00 a.m.</b><br><b>9:30 a.m.</b>              | <b>WORSHIP</b><br><b>WORSHIP</b><br>ACT Mission Trip Begins (Through June 18 <sup>th</sup> )                |

**May/June Worship Schedule**

**Sunday, June 13:** 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship Services  
**Sunday, June 20:** 8:00 am Worship Service (Indoors with Communion); 9:30 am Outdoor Polka Service with Communion  
**Sunday, June 27:** 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship Services