



**St. Paul Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

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Reach Out and Share the Love of Christ through Word & Service

**Summer Polka Service
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021**

*All hymns are
printed on
song sheet
enclosed*

PRE-SERVICE HYMNS “From the City, From the Country”
“The People of God Come Rejoicing In”
“We Welcome You All Today”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 100*)

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

C: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

P: Know that the Lord is God. It is He Who made us, and we are His, we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

C: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His Name.

P: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

C: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

P: We begin in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

OPENING HYMN: “It’s Time to Praise Our Savior”

CONFESSION

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.

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.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

COLLECT

Grant us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are pleasing in your sight that we, who without you cannot do anything that is good, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS.....Genesis 9:8-17, Ephesians 3:14-21

LESSON HYMN “You Give Us Sunshine (You Are my Sunshine)”

GOSPEL LESSON.....Mark 6:45-56

SERMON HYMN “Amazing Grace”

SERMON “Without Cost” (*2 Kings 5:14-17 ESV*)

¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. ¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, “Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.” ¹⁶ But he said, “As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.” And he urged him to take it, but he refused. ¹⁷ Then Naaman said, “If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN "Count Your Many Blessings"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

THE 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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Do Lord"

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- We will resume our use of Scripture readers during the services soon. The Elders are looking for someone to help coordinate/recruit readers as well as those that would like to be Scripture readers. If you are interested, please contact the church office or one of the Elders (Jeff Engen, Chris Schultz, Maurice Dammann, Randy Rehmann, Gary Loontjer, Wayne Mathews). We thank Shirley Dibb for her many years of sharing her time and talent in coordinating our Readers!

2. CALL UPDATE- The Call Committee is moving forward with plans to fill our vacant DCE Position. If any members of the congregation have names of potential candidates that they would like to submit, please contact the church office.

3. THANK YOU- The Stewardship committee would like to thank the following two people for their help with the Church float in the Prairie Days parade: Darian Litzau for the use of this generator and Paul Logelin for driving our Church float and the use of his 4 wheeler, trailer and stereo equipment.

YOUTH

4. SUNDAY SCHOOL-Rotation Sunday School is back! We are excited to offer regular Sunday School this year from 9:15-10:15am. Volunteers are needed to make this program possible! Teachers, Shepherds (helpers-adults or high school students), music leaders are needed. Classes to choose from are Nursery 3, Nursery 4, Kindergarten, Savior's Stage, Lord's Lab, Christ's Cafe, Creator's Craft, Mission Central, 6 grade, 7 grade, 8th grade. Sign up or ask questions at stpauldce@gmail.com or speak with a Board of Ed. member: Angela Christen, April Lee, Jen Schauer

5. RELEASE TIME TEACHER NEEDED-The Board of Ed. is seeking a substitute 2nd-6th grade Release Time Teacher. Classes begin in September. Each grade level meets for approximately 1 hour. This is a paid position. For more details please contact a Board of Ed. member: Angela Christen, April Lee, Jen Schauer or email stpauldce@gmail.com

6. CONFIRMATION TEACHER NEEDED- The Board of Ed is seeking a 7th Grade Confirmation Teacher. Classes start in September on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm. This is a paid position. For more details please contact a Board of Ed. member: Angela Christen, April Lee, Jen Schauer or email stpauldce@gmail.com

7. VBS/CAMP OMEGA THANK YOU- The Board of Ed would like to thank all those that helped to make our Camp Omega and Vacation Bible School programs a success this past week. We had 18 youth join us at VBS and 32 at Camp Omega! Thank you to: Our Youth Helpers- Ayla Bebo, Ella Bebo, Brielle Christen, Kalley Christen, Josh Hecksel, Zach Jackson, Anah Lee, Kara Lee, Anna Litzau, Amelia Meyer, Mitchell Peterson, Abby Schauer, Emily Schrupp, Zoe Rolf; our Adult Volunteers- Joyce Burandt, Sue Debner, Beth Foust, LaJean Hoof, Gary & Sue Loontjer, Shirley Minnick, Sue Rolf, Patsy Schauer, April Lee, Amanda Streufert, Jen Schauer; Organizer/Teacher- Jane Holasek; Sound System- James Bettcher; Building Needs-Dale Klaustermeier; Hosting ACT night- Chris Schultz.

LWML

8. LWML members: Our annual outdoor meeting will be held at the home of Jane Holasek at 7:00 p.m. August 2nd rain or shine! Please bring a lawn chair and take part in monthly devotion, and meeting followed by campfire and s'mores. (Please note: there will NOT be a picnic meal served this year.) The mission donations for July were to Lutherans for Life and August mission

donations are for Lutheran Bible Translators. ALL women of St. Paul congregation are invited to attend.

9. IT'S TIME TO COLLECT ITEMS FOR SCHOOL KITS If you wish to donate new/slightly used backpacks, please bring them to church and place them in the bin in the Lower Narthex.

MISC

10. ICE CREAM SOCIAL- St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lester Prairie will be hosting an Ice Cream Social and Country Store TODAY, July 25th from 3:30-6:30 pm. Serving begins at 3:30 om with a “mouth-watering menu of Hamburgers, Pork Burgers, Hot dogs, BBQ’s, Baked Beans, Potato Salad. Enjoy dessert with Homemade Pie, Ice Cream and Ice Cream Floats! The Country Store includes fresh garden vegetables, homemade baked goodies and jams!” Take outs available. Supplemented by Thrivent.

11. ANNIVERSARY- You are cordially invited to our 150th Anniversary, Sunday, August 22nd. Divine Service at 9:00 am, Buffet Lunch starting at 11:30 am. The Anniversary Service will be at 2:00 p.m. – St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lester Prairie, MN

12. LOCAL EVENTS- Please see the bulletin board in the Upper Narthex for information about other local events.

Calendar of Events

Sun. July 25th	9:00 a.m.	OUTDOOR POLKA SERVICE (One Service only)
Wed. July 28 th	Noon 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin Bible Study
Sun. Aug. 1st	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Acknowledgement:
+ Memorials for Jake Bandemer were received in the total amounts of \$20.00 for the Parking Lot Fund and \$60.00 for the Organ Fund.

MEMORY VERSE:
Romans 11:6 ~ “But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.”