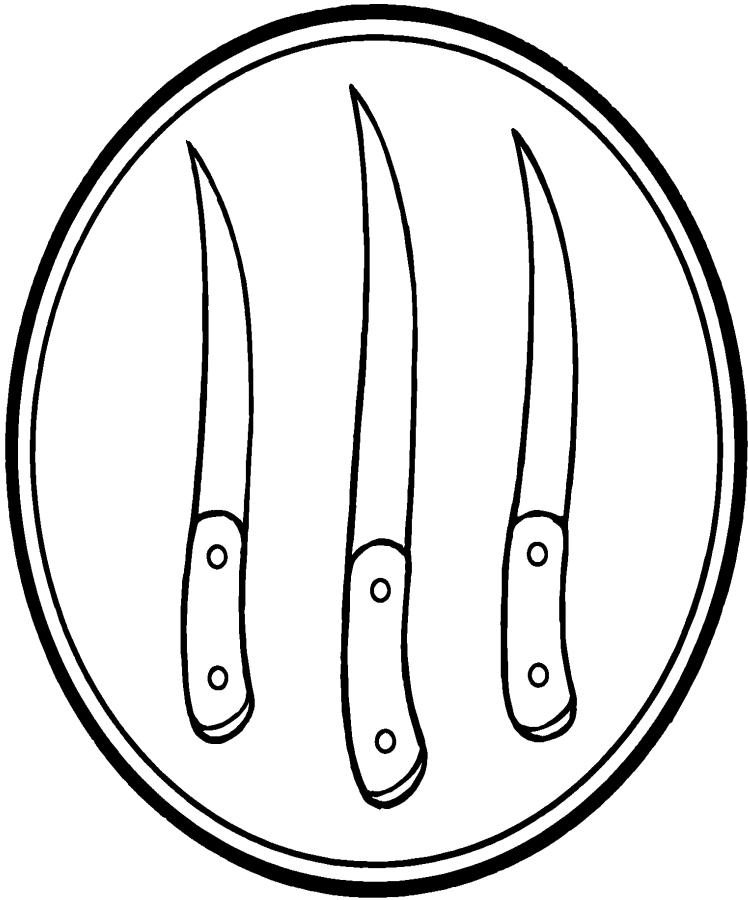


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ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE- Skinned alive! That, according to tradition, is how Bartholomew (called Nathanael in John) was martyred. Christ's preachers are not to be great lords, but servants who faithfully stay with Christ in His trials (Luke 22:24-30). They are "jars of clay"; the Savior they preach is the "surpassing power" (2 Cor. 4:7). Christ's servants are "afflicted in every way," "always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested" there (2 Cor. 4:8-10). On the foundation of their prophetic and apostolic confession, the Church is built, "joined together" by Christ, "the cornerstone" (Eph. 2:20-21). As an apostle (Luke 6:13-14), Bartholomew manifested "the Son of God" in his preaching and his death. Christ is the "Son of Man" — the King who opens heaven to us by His wounds (John 1:49-51). We bear sufferings not leaning "on [our] own understanding," but trusting in the Lord (Prov. 3:5-7). Life will be manifested in our bodies, too, when the Lord brings "healing to [our] flesh and refreshment to [our] bones" in the resurrection (Prov. 3:8). For this reason, Bartholomew is often depicted holding his flayed skin. He will have need of it on the Last Day — at least for sizing

OPENING HYMN "COME, FOLLOW ME,' THE SAVIOR SPAKE" 688

✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠ P. 184-185

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT PSALM 89:1,5,15-16 ANTIPHON: PSALM 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

**I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to
all generations.**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.**

GLORIA PATRI

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G Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE, GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, chose Bartholomew to be an apostle to preach the blessed Gospel. Grant that Your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

PROVERBS 3:1-8

¹My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, ²for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. ³Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. ⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ⁷Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. ⁸It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

ROMANS 10:15B, 18B; ISAIAH 52:7B, ALT.

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation. Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-10

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

[A] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 22:24-30

[P] The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twenty second chapter.

[C] Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴A dispute also arose among [the disciples], as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵And [Jesus] said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. ²⁸"You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ

APOSTLES' CREED

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HYMN OF THE DAY "BY ALL YOUR SAINTS IN WARFARE" VS. 1,23,3 518
SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

<u>In Our Prayers:</u>	
+ Darian Litzau	+ Pam Barlau
+ Dan Gueningsmann	+ Chad Feltmann
+ Jeremy Radtke	+ Family and friends of Jan
Rudloff (wife of Dean Rudloff, former DCE)	

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ p. 194-199

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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CLOSING HYMN "GOD HAS SPOKEN BY HIS PROPHETS"

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 87

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 7TH AND 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETINGS will take place on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:30 pm! These meetings are for all incoming 7th and 8th grade students and their parents.

2. RELEASE TIME Release time will start the week of September 8. Ellie will have a table at the Lester Prairie school open house on Tuesday, September 26th from 4:00-7:00 PM. with more information about registering your child. If you're unable to attend, email stpauldce@gmail.com or call her at 712-299-4656

3. JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE on Sunday, August 31st will be at St. Peter Lutheran, Lester Prairie at 9:00 AM. There will be NO service at St. Paul that day.

4. ACT: All high school students are welcome to come to Big Stone Mini Golf on Sunday, September 28. Big Stone has mini golf, a sculpture garden, yard games, and a few animals grazing. There will be a cost of \$5, so please bring cash. We will leave from church at 3:00. Email Ellie, text her at 712-299-4656, or sign up on the youth bulletin board if you want to come!

5. NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: Photo appointment slots in the church building will be available on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd from 2pm to 8:30pm and on October 4th from 10am to 4pm. Each sitting will receive one FREE church directory; one 8x10 photo and have the opportunity to purchase additional photos (no pressure sales). All photos will be shipped directly to your home. Please make sure the church office has your current phone number, street address AND PO Box number (if applicable).

6. CHURCH DIRECTORY ONLINE SCHEDULING: The photo appointment scheduling process has begun for our church directory project. Simply go to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, click on the box that says "**photography appointment scheduling login**", enter **MN592** in the church code

field and enter the word **photos** (in lowercase letters) in the church password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you choose to use your cellphone; simply access the website using the QR code on the back page and follow the same steps on your phone. If you need further assistance we will have a sign-up table before and after each Sunday morning church service. Remember, this is a terrific opportunity for a FREE professional portrait.

7. SERVANTS NEEDED: Host/Hostess servants are needed to assist with checking families in during the church directory photo sessions on Oct 1st thru Oct 4th. You will be required to attend one simple training meeting, at the church, prior to the directory photo event. (Training Meeting: Monday, September 22nd at 6:30pm in the church basement). If interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the desk in the narthex, or contact a stewardship member or the church office at 320.395.2573. We appreciate your service. Darlene Schmidt 320.583.3022; Julie Dial 952.484.4436; Kimberly Reed 612.281.4759

8. SANDWICH MINISTRY IS BACK! We have finally gotten in touch with the Marie Sandvick Center, and they want our sandwiches again! Praise the Lord! We will be operating on the same schedule, making the same sandwiches as we did prior to April. So, our first event will be the third Thursday in September, the 18th, at 8:30 a.m. Please come back and serve our Lord as we feed the homeless!

9. RALLY SUNDAY-Save the Date! Rally Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 7! Kids from ages 3 - high school will meet to celebrate the start of the Sunday school year! Watch the website, Facebook page, and your email for registration information.

10. LWML-The LWML will meet on Monday, September 8 at 6:30pm in the Ed. Wing. Donations will go to Lutheran Hour Ministries KDUZ Broadcast Sponsorship and Adopt a Seminary Student (Alex Nelson). All women are invited to come and experience the joy of fellowship and the fulfillment of serving the Lord with gladness!

11. LWML - It's School Kit time. We'll be collecting school supplies for Orphan Grain Train all of August. They include spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, construction paper, 24 count crayons, ruler, glue sticks, scissors, eraser, 12 count colored pencils, pencil sharpener. Place items in bin under the LWML table. Monetary donations are also welcome. There is a list of items needed on

the LWML table. Pick one up or take a picture of it to take with you when you shop. Thank you.

12. HELP NEEDED-The crew that runs the cameras for the livestream of our services needs your help! If you feel comfortable using a computer for easy tasks, you have skills that the Lord can use! Please consider serving our congregation by joining our group of servants. We will train you, and you don't work alone. Very flexible scheduling. Contact Jane Holasek or Ellie Schulteis if you want to find out more!

13. SCHEDULE- For *August 31*: No service at St. Paul; *September 7*: Ushers: 1st Service- Adam Birkholz, Todd Ruschmeyer, Jacob Ross, Fred Holasek; 2nd Service: Mike Lee, Gary Kosek, Ben Schulteis, Mavrik Kosek; Acolytes: 1st Service- A. Kosek, B. Herrmann; 2nd Service: B. Bebo, L. Brueggemeier; Greeters- 1st Service: Mike & April Lee Family; 2nd Service: Shadd & Julie Dial; Scripture Reader: Dave Wroge; Flowers: Patsy Schauer; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. Aug. 24	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP
Tues. Aug 26	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Lester Prairie School Open House (Release Time Registration)
Wed. Aug. 27	Noon 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin 7 th Grade Confirmation meeting 8 th Grade Confirmation meeting
Fri. Aug. 29		Pastor Circuit meeting and meal Admin. Assist Amanda out of office
Sun. Aug. 31	9:00 a.m.	JOINT WORSHIP AT ST. PETER (No worship at St. Paul)
Mon. Sept. 1		Church offices closed
Sun. Sept. 7 <i>Rally Sunday</i>	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Sunday School Rally Sunday WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION



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Directory Session