

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting One

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

#469

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast”

COLLECT OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26 (ESV)

The disciples returned to Jerusalem after Jesus ascended into heaven. There, Matthias was chosen to be an apostle, taking the place of Judas who betrayed Jesus.

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SENIOR GRADUATES' SONG

“This I Believe”

EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:9-15 (ESV)

The life of Jesus, the apostles' message and the work of the Holy Spirit all testify that God has given us new, eternal life through His son.

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

“Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?”

GOSPEL READING

John 17:11b-19 (ESV)

Jesus prays to his Father that, after his departure, we would be kept safe from the evil one and remain in his word of truth.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St John the seventeenth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED
CHILDREN'S SERMON
HYMN OF THE DAY
SERMON
OFFERING
OFFERTORY
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

“The Day of Resurrection”

Jody Wiemer
#478

PREFACE
SANCTUS
LORD'S PRAYER
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
AGNUS DEI

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

#955

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE
SANCTUS
LORD'S PRAYER
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
AGNUS DEI

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

“Lamb of God”

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (*Gluten-free wafers, for those who need them, are available on the stand as you come forward*).

#633 “At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”

#475 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

#457 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

#464 “The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done”

DISMISSAL
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT
BENEDICTION
SENIOR RECOGNITION
ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank the Lord”

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Dan Barbey, St Peter Lutheran Church and School, Hampton

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:
Graduating Class of “2021”

Ewald Fehlhafer successful surgery

Al Koski successful surgery

Dealing with an illness: Rita Ritterling, Karen Stuart (Roy Richter's mother), LaVern Stuhr, Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Christal Fehlhafer, Roger Rhodes, Aaron DeWaard, Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother), Mitch Peeks, Hawley Family, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)

Recovering from surgery: Dennis Conell, Lois Richters, Collin Sansom, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Declining Health: Norma Ehlers

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Pastor: Rev. Jon Dunbar; 402-641-4813 **Visitation Pastor:** Pastor Terry Groth; 402-641-0991 **Principal:** Mr. Bob Brauer; 402-534-3406 **DCE:** Brittany Fulcer; 414-292-8069

In Response to God's Love

May 9: Total Attendance: 163 Sunday School: 13 Online: 109

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(05-16-21) Acolyte: Kobie Kosek **Lay Reader:** Sam Dunbar **Organist:** Dylan Teut

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (05-16)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person and Sunday School
	1:30 PM	Voter's Meeting <i>Agenda at the Welcome Center</i>
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group
MONDAY (05-17)	1:00 PM	Bible Study (last class until Fall)
TUESDAY (05-18)	1:30 PM	Nimble Thimbles
WEDNESDAY (05-19)	7:00 PM	Womens Bible Study @Jami Utter's home
THURSDAY (05-20)	10:30 AM	Closing Chapel St Paul Lutheran School
	12:00 PM	Hamburger and Hot Dog Lunch
FRIDAY (05-21)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (05-22)	8:00 AM	Church Spring Cleaning
SUNDAY (05-23)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person and Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Fundraiser for Shelley Scheele
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group

As of 05-05-21	Amount received 05-02-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$10,706.00		\$228,260.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$2,113.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$15,405.00		
Total	\$10,706.00	\$16,252.00	\$245,778.00	\$276,347.00	-\$30,569.00
Building Fund	\$50.00		\$300.00	Bldg Fund**	\$47,548.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$300.00	Teacherage Fund	\$525.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$16.00		\$1,573.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$100.00	\$106.00	\$3,205.00	\$3,365.00	-\$160.00

Current Operating Note: \$13,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

We are working on the church directory. If your address, phone number or email has changed please contact the church office 402-534-2200!!!!

Vote to Call Pastor Groth Pastor Terry Groth began serving under contract as our Visitation Pastor at the beginning of May. Today at our Voter's Meeting on May 16th at 1:30pm, the Board of Elders will bring a motion that we extend a divine call to Pastor Groth. This is an important decision, and so your prayers for him and for our congregation are requested.

Spring Cleaning

The trustees are coordinating some spring cleaning and sprucing up for the church on Saturday, May 22nd, starting at 8:00 AM. Hopefully many hands will make light work, and we can get it wrapped up by noon. If you can lend a hand for even an hour, it would be appreciated. If you are a CHS student and looking for volunteer service hours, please consider this opportunity? We will provide cleaning supplies and are keeping a list of tasks we want to get done.

Thank you! The St Paul Church Trustees

Ryan Scheele is asking the Ladies Aid and "friends" to please furnish a cake or pie for the "Fund Raiser for Shelley on Sunday, May 23, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Utica Auditorium, Utica, Nebraska 68456 If you are able would you please consider donating a cake or pie to the event; and, please just take it to the auditorium either on Saturday or Sunday? Thank-you for your time and help and concern with prayers for Shelley and family!!! Ryan also stated that the other churches in town have also been asked to help; yet, if you talk to a friend and she would like to donate - please let her; also, please let me know if you care to help with a cake or pie at land line 402-535-2672 or cell phone 402-641-3421 or e-mail at myron@clarks.net. Thank-you. Donneta

NO Sign-Up for Worship It is no longer necessary to sign up for worship! Also, due to the loosening restrictions, our sanctuary seating will no longer be distanced. Communion will be distributed in a continuous line for the time being, and using only individual cups. Communion assistants will be masked for your safety.

-St. Paul Board of Elders

The Wednesday evening women's Bible study that has been meeting at church is being moved to Jami Utter's house for the time being. We will still meet from 7:00-8:00 on Wednesday evenings. Please join us for some time in God's word and great discussion! Address is 705 E Street, Utica. See you there!

At the end of this school year Barb Erks will complete 25 years as cook at St. Paul Lutheran School and Church! We want to thank her for being such a wonderful servant and preparing so many tasty meals (over 400,000) for our students, staff, and the seniors of Utica. This "Thank You" will include a card shower, so please send or drop off your cards of thanks to the church or school office on or before May 20. Thank You.

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! Join us for VBS June 7th-11th 8:30-11:30am! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Open to kids age 4 through kids going into 7th grade. Mask are not required. If you have any questions please contact Brittany Fulcer at the church office! Register at this link:

vbspro.events/p/stpauluticavbs