

# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, & Preschool (WELS)

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Online services & materials can be found weekly at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com)

June 18/20/21, 2020

Pentecost 3

**Order of Service:** Service Folder

**Sermon:** Romans 4:18-25

## Are You Saved? Bank on It.

Your debt was fully paid by Jesus.

Your God-given faith in him was credited to your account.

## Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Seating:** Please sit on the end of the pew where the **blue tape** is located. If you have a larger group, please sit in a longer pew. For the benefit of all, please observe proper spacing.
- **A t-coil hearing loop system** for those with hearing aids is available. We also have headsets to use without hearing aids. An usher can help if you have questions.
- **Service folders** are on stands near the sanctuary doors. These folders contain the entire service. Please take it and the bulletin home with you. We will not reuse them.
- A **child training room** for parents to calm or feed small children is available.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **The offering** will be gathered in baskets on stands.
- **After worship** ushers will dismiss us back to front. Visiting, with safe distancing, is best done outside.

**Ushers** this weekend are teams 2 (L. Ziemer) and 3 (M. Peachy). Next weekend (June 27/28) will be teams 4 (C. Hintz) and 5 (J. Weigand). The greeter schedule will resume soon.

**We continue** public worship with services on Thursday and Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am. For safety, we are limiting attendance to approximately 80 worshipers per service for the time being. Please sign up for a specific service via *Sign-up Genius* at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com) or call the office at 922-1080. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

**God's Word this week:** Trusting people isn't always easy, because people tend to let us down when we're depending on them. It's also hard to confess our sinfulness to others because we're afraid that those people will use our sins and mistakes against us and hold a grudge. We shouldn't have the same concerns with our Savior. Jesus is totally reliable, entirely trustworthy. He keeps his promises. Most of all, he keeps his promise of forgiveness through the gospel. We can confidently confess our sin to him, knowing that in him we have certain forgiveness and eternal life.

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### June 18 - 28, 2020

06/18	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship (Communion follows each service)
06/20	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship
06/21	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship
06/24	<b>Wed</b>	7:00pm	WLA Plenary Board
06/25	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship
06/27	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship
06/28	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship

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**Radio and television worship:** If you aren't able to attend in-person services yet, here are some options: Radio broadcasts: *St. Peter's, Fond du Lac*, on KFIZ radio at 8:00am Sundays; *St. Paul's, Appleton*, Sundays at 8:00am on AM1280 WNAM; *St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam* at 9:30am Sundays on AM1430 WBEV. Television broadcasts: *Time of Grace* is on Green Bay NBC-26 Sundays at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 Sundays at 10:30am. Our own services continue to be found online each week at our congregation's website: [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com).

**Volunteer opportunities:** St. Paul's has **two sign-up lists** in the narthex to consider: (1) *lawn mowing* and (2) *cleaning* the church. Please call the office at 922-1080 or speak with the pastors if you have questions. Thank you!

**St. Paul's** is part of the **Zion Cemetery Association** (near the corner of Highways Z and R). Volunteers are needed to help with mowing and trimming. Equipment is stored on site for volunteer use. If you would like to assist, please contact St. Paul's members David Babler at 539-4571 or Howard Miller at 688-2814.

**Father's Day:** "Dad, do you remember the thrill of reeling in that six-pound bass; or putting for that eagle; or owning that first car; or getting that unexpected promotion? Well, such joys are nothing to be compared with the deep satisfaction of teaching your child about the Lord" (*The Upper Room*). Happy Father's Day to all, and may the Lord bless our dads with growing wisdom, patience, and Christ-like love!

**Growth:** "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). That well-known passage is on the wall near the office/school entrance. It is a reminder to all who enter that spiritual growth is encouraged by the Lord for his children no matter what age we might be. Here is a question for each of us to consider: Has my faith grown, stagnated, or shrunk during these past troubled months? If we are willing to listen and learn, God uses trials in life to move us to rely on him more and ourselves less. He uses earthly struggles, in the light of his Word, to strengthen our faith like an athlete strengthens his muscles and stamina and sharpens his skills as he diligently trains to meet the next challenge. Paul wrote, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Phil 4:13).

**Prayer:** Almighty and unchanging God, by our baptisms into the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have redeemed us from spiritual blindness, selfishness, and all dead works. Raise us up in the grace of our baptisms day by day so that we may see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, through Christ our Savior, who makes all things new. Amen. (*There's a Prayer for That*, NPH, ©2017, p. 89)

**We bid** farewell to Mrs. Hill, Mr. Lehman, and Mrs. Liepert and their families and wish them God's blessings in their new teaching ministries! We also wish a warm welcome to Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Abby Loescher who plan to move to our area next weekend from New Ulm to bring God's Word to our school and congregation!

**Last week:** Current Fund-\$8,542.67; Missions-\$1,199; Improvement Fund-\$225; Mortgage Fund-\$1,229; Easter-\$70; WLA Building-\$100; Organ/Piano-\$70. (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$2,213.11.) We averaged about 75 at our three services last week. **Flowers** this week are in loving memory of Todd Rupert on Father's Day from the Rupert family and Bob and Mary Lou England. Also, a gift for the Piano Fund was given by Sharon Adams in thankfulness for blessings received from the Lord.

**Offering options:** If you are unable to attend worship in person, you may still bring your offerings for the Lord's work by mail (1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937), drop them off in the secure lock box post near the office entrance (bird house), or use Vanco electronic options. An authorization form for electronic funds transfers can be found on our website or the information center. You can also give using your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus" and follow the directions. Thank you to all!

**Stewardship Moment:** "Paul commanded the young pastor Timothy to talk about money. *'Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth....Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share'* (1 Tm. 6:17,18). A fine church member once said, 'Pastor, don't preach about money. Just preach the gospel and we will bring offerings to support the church.' The man meant well. But if a pastor never teaches his people what God says about money and property, he is not proclaiming "the whole will of God (Acts 20:27)." (*Stewardship: What I Do with What God Gave Me*, Arno Wolfgramm, Northwestern Publishing House, ©2001, page 143)

**Communion:** Those who are confirmed members of the WELS or ELS are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. It will take place immediately following the service. When you have communed, please feel free to say your thanksgiving prayer and depart if you'd like, or you may wait until all have finished. The pastors will wear gloves and will place the wafer and cup in your hand. Please stand in front of the blue piece of tape so we are properly spaced. Seven people may commune at a time. Thank you for understanding the precautions the church is taking to help protect all members.

"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Ps. 90:12).

### **Hosea 5:15-6:6**

Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me." <sup>6:1</sup> "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. <sup>3</sup> Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." <sup>4</sup> "What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth; my judgments flashed like lightning upon you. <sup>6</sup> For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

### **Romans 4:18-25**

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did

not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

### **Matthew 9:9-13**

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" <sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."