

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

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Recorded services & materials can be found weekly at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com

May 28/30/31, 2020	Pentecost and Confirmation
Order of Service:	Service Folder
Sermon:	Acts 2:1-21
<u>The Holy Spirit Goes to Work!</u>	
Powerfully at Pentecost Powerfully still today	

Welcome back to St. Paul's!

- 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 in the entryway. 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 call 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. Visiting, with safe distancing, is best done outside.

We continue public worship with services on Thursday and Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am. For safety, we will limit attendance to approximately 60-70 worshipers per service for the time being. Please sign up for a specific service via *Sign-up Genius* at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com or call the office at 922-1080. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

God's Word this week: With the festival of Pentecost, the Christian Church begins its celebration of the non-festival half of the church year. During the very long season of Pentecost (which lasts until the middle of autumn), the lessons and Gospel for the day concentrate on our lives of Christian sanctification (sanctify means to make holy). As we will see today and over the next several weeks, our sanctification—like our salvation—depends entirely upon the working of our almighty God, through the good news of eternal salvation. This good news naturally moves Christians to bear good fruit in their lives. Yes, our new life as Christians depends on the power of the Holy Spirit.

May 28 - June 7, 2020

05/28	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
05/30	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
05/31	Sun	7:45am	Worship
		10:30am	Confirmation Service
06/04	Thu	6:30pm	Worship (Communion follows each service)
06/06	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
06/07	Sun	9:00am	Worship

Sunday School: Thank you to our Sunday School teachers, students, and parents at the completion of the school year. Our dedicated volunteer teachers were: *Jessica Miller, Marya Haegler, Theresa Bortner, Tammy Franklin, Kristin Kampman, Trish Pietrzyk, Lesley Preissner, Brian Haack, and Tony Surian.* Well done, faithful Christian educators!

We added an extra service at 10:30 this Sunday so we can finally confirm our 8th grade students! This was supposed to take place on April 26th -- which their professionally pre-printed certificates indicate. They will always be members of a special class not only because of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding them, but also because they are top-notch students who have taken God's Word to heart in their lives. Spiritually (and in many other ways), we can expect great things from them in the future! They are *Grace Abraham, Austen Grassel, Logan Gudex, Olivia Haack, Kaitlyn Kampman, Adelyn Kemnitz, Jenna Krupp, Ella Morenzen, Lara Mueller, Benson Nebl, Ethan Peterson, and Olivia Stettbacher.*

Radio and television worship: We know not everyone will be rejoining us for public worship at the present time. In the meantime, please know that *St. Peter's, Fond du Lac*, has services on KFIZ radio at 8:00am on Sundays. *St. Paul's Lutheran, Appleton*, also has a radio service Sundays at 8:00am on AM1280 WNAM. WELS affiliated television program *Time of Grace* is on Green Bay NBC-26 Sundays at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 Sundays at 10:30am. Our own services, as always, will continue to be found online each week at our congregation's website: www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com.

Adapting: At times in our lives when everything gets turned on its head, we wish we could just go back to having everything be normal -- at least if normal for us was an easier or happier way of life. This is true when a loved one passes away who is very close to us. The rhythm and structure of our days and hours completely change. We live in a fog and it can take years to adapt. This is also true during this pandemic. We just want things to be the way they were. Of course, we know it's not that simple. In our society, we're used to few restrictions and being able to do pretty much what we want when we want. These are new times. While we are still more free than most of the world, we also have an obligation of Christian love (Romans 13:8) sometimes to do things differently for the well-being of others. We may feel self-conscious or "odd" with new customs or standards. It's OK. Almost everyone does. As Christians, however, we understand that we live not for ourselves but for others, and not for today but for tomorrow. In fact, like the apostle Paul, we understand that flexing our personal comfort level is what the Lord often calls on us to do. He said, "To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings" (1 Cor. 9:22-23). May the Lord bless and be with us as we learn, with his help, to adapt to a new and different world.

Prayer: O Lord our God, we need your guidance in all we do. Let your wisdom counsel us, your hand lead us, and your arm support us. Conform us to your image and make us like our Savior so that, in some measure, we may live here on earth as he lived and may act in all things as he acted, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*There's a Prayer for That*, Northwestern Publishing House, ©2017, p. 136)

St. Paul's is part of the **Zion Cemetery Association**. The cemetery is located just north of Van Dyne near the corner of Highways Z and R. Volunteers are needed to help with mowing and trimming. A riding mower and trimmer will be stored on site for volunteer use. If you are interested in assisting, please contact member Howard Miller at 688-2814.

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

Our offerings: Current Fund-\$11,252.47; Missions-\$400; Improvement Fund-\$90; Mortgage Fund-\$1,710; Ascension-\$204; Christmas-\$200; *Meditations*-\$177.80; Organ/Piano-\$100. (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$2,028.27) Other receipts-Preschool-\$800; Extended Care-\$90; WLA Scrip-\$224.64. **Flowers** this week are presented in thanksgiving to the Lord by the Confirmation Class of 2020.

If unable to attend, you may still bring your offerings of thanksgiving to God by mail (1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937), drop them off into 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 at our website or in the narthex. You can also give using your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus" and follow the directions.

Stewardship Moment: "At the present time, we who live in the United States enjoy an abundance of God's earthly blessings. Today one of our biggest problems is finding a place to dump the trash that we throw away. Therefore, we need God's reminder not to waste what he has created. This was the sin of the lost son. He 'squandered his wealth in wild living' (Luke 15:13). The actions of our Lord stand in sharp contrast. After he had fed the five thousand, Jesus asked his disciples to gather up even the leftovers that remained (Matthew 14:20). God's children will follow the example and attitude of their Savior." (*Stewardship: What I Do with What God Gave Me*, Arno Wolfgramm, Northwestern Publishing House, ©2001, page 86)

WLA will resume selling scrip on site Wednesdays beginning June 10th, from 12:30-5:30pm. Please enter Door #1 (northeast). They will add extra precautions to keep this area clean.

Readings

Joel 2:28-29

I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Acts 2:1-21 (excerpts)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?...We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁵ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

John 16:5-11

"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. ⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.