

*St. Paul Evangelical
Lutheran
Church & School*

But they that Wait
upon the **L**ord shall
Renew their strength;
they shall mount up
with wings as eagles;
they shall **r**un,
and not be weary; and they shall
walk, and not faint.



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*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4th & 5th, 2012*

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TUNE IN TO "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" TODAY

Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz ~ "God Is Faithful. Get Busy and Wait on the Lord"

We can wait on God – joyfully, expectantly, hopefully – because we can trust Him.
(Isaiah 40:28-31)

Sundays on: KSUM - 11 am • WCCO - 6 am • KJLY - 6 pm • KBEW - 8:30 am

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) large print copies with today's order of service and hymns are available on the ushers' cabinets (or ask an usher for assistance). Please return them after the service. If we do not have enough sets, please speak to a pastor.

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE REFERENCES are sponsored in thankfulness to God for His many blessings and for our family, by Chuck & Mary Williams.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST at 10:00 a.m. over KSUM is in thankfulness to God for all His blessings, sponsored by Darrel & Karen Leiding. **Sponsors needed!** Reserve your broadcast dates now. (Some 2012 dates available are: **Feb. 12, Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 15, 22 & 29.**) Please contact the church office to reserve. Cost is \$40, with check payable to St. Paul LWML.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is being celebrated in our service today. In love we ask anyone who is not a communicant member in good standing of a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod congregation to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord's Supper. **Also – attendance and communion registration** forms are available in the pews. Please complete the Member or Visitor side of the form and put it in the collection plate when it is passed by you; remember to check the box next to your name if you are communing. Thank you!

IN OUR PRAYERS: III–Floriene Nolte, Roy Maschoff, Dan Skow, Barb Malo, Theo Miller, Dave Garrison, Lorin Gellert, Bob Hall, Dennis Burmeister, Janice Johnson (Mary Williams' sister), Judy Carlson; having/recovering from surgery–Deloris Lutz, Merle Brinkman, Howard Simmering, Rosemary Lewis; recovering–Brian Mowery (son of Marj Mowery), Roscoe Stusse, Tom Westcott, Duane Mosloski, Jerry Quade, Tony Stadler, Abbiegail White; thanksgiving for the gift of a child, Abbygail Kitzerow, born to Belinda & Jesse; Pastor Jeff Geske, his surviving son, and his congregation as they grieve the loss of his wife and two of his children in a car accident; Rick Smith and family as he grieves the loss of his father; our area law enforcement, firefighters and other first responders; our military; for those single in Christ; the work of the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

February 4th & 5th, 2012
Divine Service Setting One

Confession and Absolution – Page 151

Hymn of Invocation: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609

The Rite of Holy Baptism: Page 268 (Sat. 5:30 p.m. & Sun. 10:30 a.m.)

Invocation, Confession and Absolution: Page 151

Service of the Word – Page 152

Introit:



Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse: Page 156

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.** (*sung*)

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

And immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*sung*)

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed: Page 158

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory (What Shall I Render to the Lord): Page 159

Distribution Hymns:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Thy Strong Word

LSB 790
LSB 578

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord): Page 164

Post-Communion Collect: Page 166

Benediction: Page 166

Preacher: Thomas E. Fast

Liturgist: Anthony T. Bertram

Organist: Elaine Lieder

Greeters: 8:00 a.m. – Hubert & Shirley Lemke, Arlan & Sharon Reiter
10:30 a.m. – Greg & Jill Denton, Duane & Shirley Roloff

NEXT WEEK'S FAITHFUL SERVANTS:

Worship Assistants: 5:30 p.m. Rob True
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Ken Simmering
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Scott Fuhrman

Greeters: 8:00 a.m. – Scott & Carol Fuhrman, David & Karen Garrison
10:30 a.m. – Scott & Carol Fuhrman, David & Karen Garrison

Altar Guild: Bonnie Taplin, Jodi Hackett, Tania Taplin

February Acolytes: Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Brian McFarland
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Nickolas Tonne, Dylan Kallemeyn

BAPTIZED THIS WEEKEND: **Olive Ann Kawecki**, daughter of Brian and Britney (Diersen) Kawecki, who was born January 3, 2012, will be baptized at our 5:30 p.m. Saturday, February 4, 2012 service. Sponsors are Denver & Tyler Diersen. **Nathan Daniel Skow**, son of Zachary and Debra (Ross) Skow, who was born November 30, 2011, will be baptized at our 10:30 a.m. Sunday, February 5th, 2012 service. Sponsors are Ryan & Kelly Ross.

BEING RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP this weekend at the Saturday service is Brian Kawecki by Profession of Faith. Welcome!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL is in the process of calling a principal to replace Mr. Gerald Bergt who will retire at the end of the school year. This person will have a Lutheran teacher's diploma from a synodical school or through colloquy has met the same requirements. The congregation may submit a nomination form to Roger Sanders, chairman of the call committee by the February 12th deadline. Nomination forms may be picked up in the church office or at the Welcome Center. A copy of the job description is available in the church office.

IF YOU HAD A MAN'S COAT HANGING by Pastor Bertram's office last Sunday and you possibly put on a similar one by mistake, please contact the church secretary at 238-9491. One of our worshippers is missing his coat; his name is in the pocket if you accidentally got it by mistake. Thanks!

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK Pastors Bertram and Fast for their care and concern, prayers and visits while Dwayne was at our home, and later at the nursing home; also thank you to Pastor Bertram for the funeral service. Thank you also to the ladies for the lunch; and to everyone who sent such wonderful cards, and for your prayers and concern. God bless you all, *Nila Gilbertson*

SINCEREST THANKS on behalf of St. Paul Lutheran School and the Orphan Grain Train to those who have contributed to our second annual blanket collection. Because of your generosity, more than 150 people will be warmed and comforted. Please join us in continuing to pray that their souls as well as their bodies will be touched by Christ's love. Although our official "drive" is over, blankets may be left outside the third grade classroom at any time and will be sent as boxes are filled. In His service, *Elaine Lieder* (The next major service project is raising funds for their participation in the "Kids Against Hunger" food pack on March 6th at Martin Luther High School.)

A SINCERE THANK YOU to Pastor Fast and Pastor Bertram for their visits in November and December when we were hospitalized. *Bennie & Alice Blom*

TODAY THE GIANT LWML MITE BOX is at the Welcome Center where anyone may place their "mites" to help the mission of our district and international LWML projects.

OUTDOOR NATIVITY – We are looking for donations to purchase or build a new outdoor nativity set for our church. If you can help, please contact the church secretary.

JEFF STEWART BENEFIT – The MLHS Class of 2012 is sponsoring a benefit dinner and silent auction for 1993 alumni Jeff Stewart on Sunday, February 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Martin Luther High School. Menu: Hot pork sandwiches, chips, salads, and ice cream sundaes. Cost for the luncheon is a freewill offering. Jeff recently had a leg amputated. Proceeds will help purchase a power chair and other equipment he needs. For more information or to donate for the silent auction, call 436-5249. Online donations can be made at www.martinlutherhs.com, Jeff Stewart Benefit, "Give Now." (This is a servant project of the MLHS Class of 2012.)

THIS WEEK'S FEATURED church library book: *First We Have Coffee* by Margaret Jensen (4. Biography). A unique treasure trove of character-building stories of faith and humor from the life of Margaret Jensen's parents will bless and benefit you. Come browse the church library, located in the church basement, for this and many other interesting books!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 – St. Paul had the beautiful gift of showing such concern for others that he would refrain from doing what he was perfectly free to do so that the Gospel of Jesus would be better received by those to whom he was witnessing. One of the beautiful aspects of Christian stewardship is seeking and doing those things that are in the best interest and welfare of those around us!

5TH & 6TH STEP UP DAY will be held at Martin Luther High School on Thursday, February 23rd from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A free pizza lunch will be served, students will visit classrooms, and the MLHS students will present a “Spirit Week” talent show. All students are invited. Please RSVP to 436-5249.

FREE! SPL STICKERS/WINDOW CLINGS are still available in the school or church offices to anyone who will put one on their car or truck. Please put one on your vehicle to show support for St. Paul Lutheran School. Also, get your free Knights bumper stickers at the MLHS office, and show your MLHS pride!

CIRCLE MEETINGS

- KATIE Tuesday, Feb. 7th, 1:30 p.m. at Emmy Simmering’s
- NAOMI..... No February Meeting
- CLARA..... Wednesday, Feb. 8th, 2:00 p.m., Lounge. Bible study from Winter Quarterly, page 16 “The Blessings of Stress.” Hostesses: Betty Behrends & Norma Gronewold
- LEAH Thursday, Feb. 9th, 9:00 a.m., Holiday Inn
- ANNA Thursday, Feb. 9th, Kitchen cleaning at 1:15 p.m. followed by meeting and Bible study (from Winter Quarterly, page 16) in the Lounge; Hostess – Karen Norman
- EVE Monday, Feb. 13th, 7:00 p.m. at LaDonna Meyer’s (601 Shoreacres Dr., #210); Topic – Deb Ruschy

MVAC ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Many households are finding it difficult to pay their monthly energy bills. The fuel assistance grant may help ease the financial burden. MVAC’s Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is designed to help income-eligible households pay their energy bills. Households with heat included in the rent are also encouraged to apply. Applications may be obtained by calling MVAC at 800-767-7139, ext. 0433, or in Martin County by calling 238-1663. More info can be found on the Welcome Center bulletin board.

“WE NEED TO PROVIDE much more support for overburdened mothers – personal, financial, social, and medical support – both before and after their child is born. We need to ensure that children who may be unwanted and unloved by their parents will be welcomed and loved by others in society and especially by the Church.” *John Stott, English Christian leader and Anglican cleric.* A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.

THE LENTEN DEVOTIONS are now available at the Welcome Center and by the south door. These are provided by St. Paul's LLL. Stop and get your copy today!

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH – St. James Lutheran School Board of Education is hosting a Soup & Sandwich Lunch on Sunday, February 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Fraser Township. The SJL School children will sing during the 10:00 a.m. service. Funds will be used towards Technology Fund for a copier/scanner/printer to integrate with SmartBoard system. A variety of soups and chili will be served along with ham sandwiches, dessert and drink.

WORKSHOPS ON LUTHERAN LITURGY for Lay-People will be held March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MN. Registration forms are available online at www.gloryofchrist.org. More information may be found in your February newsletter.

JOIN LUTHERAN SINGLES on facebook. This group is for like-minded single confessional Lutherans: marriage-seeking, liturgical, Christ-centered, Cross-focused. <<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LutheranSingles?ap=1>>

IF THE WEATHER IS QUESTIONABLE, or if for some other reason you are wondering whether church services will be held or not, please call the church office (238-9491) before leaving home and listen to the answering machine. If services are cancelled, an announcement will be made in place of the standard message. If you do not hear a message cancelling services, then they will go on as scheduled.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!! More people are needed to add to the list of names that can help serve at funerals. Over the past five years we have averaged around eight funerals per year. You would not have to work every funeral, as with more names added to the list, the times you would be called would be less. Could you find it in your heart to volunteer to help maybe two or three times a year? Be part of a group that helps a fellow church member in a time of need. At this time we do have plenty of names for people to donate cakes or bars. Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate.

Thanks for your help! *Karen Norman, Funeral Committee Coordinator*

FUNERAL VOLUNTEER WORKER

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

7. **The Collect of the Week:** O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

8. **DAILY THEMES for PRAYER**

SUNDAY *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*

MONDAY *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*

TUESDAY *Pray for deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY *Pray for marriage and family, living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear their children alone; and godly schools, especially St. Paul Lutheran School and Martin Luther.*

THURSDAY *Pray for the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.*

FRIDAY *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.*

SATURDAY *Pray for faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

9. **Our PRAYERS at St. Paul's. (See bulletin.)**

10. **PRAY the Lord's Prayer.**

11. **PRAY Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Small Catechism.**

12. **SPEAK or sing the Hymn of the Week: LSB 629**

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break, This life we take,

Was crushed to pay for our release.

O taste and see – the Lord is peace.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Svc: 109

Last Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Svc: 144

Last Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Svc: 179

Offerings for December: \$67,405

July to Dec. giving vs. expenses: -\$3,580* (deficit)

*does not include Dec. 2011 payroll & taxes of \$53,200 paid on Jan. 2, 2012

Sunday School Attendance: 51

Sunday School Offering: \$25.82

MEMORIALS: Robert Baarts – \$20.00, Organ Repair Fund. **Dwayne Gilbertson** – \$10.00, Debt Reduction; \$20.00, Handicapped Bathroom Project; \$25.00, Undesignated; \$5.00, Church Endowment Fund. **Chuck Groth** – \$35.00, Debt Reduction; \$75.00, Undesignated; \$15.00, Church Endowment Fund; \$50.00, Handicapped Bathroom Project; **Perlon Engelby** – \$10.00, Mission Fund; \$25.00, Debt Reduction; \$55.00, Undesignated; \$20.00, Choir Fund; \$10.00, Church Endowment Fund; \$30.00, Handicapped Bathroom Project.

Handicapped Bathroom Project ...	\$500.00	MLHS	\$65.00
Human Care Fund	\$150.00	Facility Use Rental	\$25.00
Church Endowment Fund	\$40.00	School Endowment Fund	\$40.00
School Gifts & Memorials	\$85.00		

THIS WEEK IN OUR PART OF GOD'S KINGDOM

Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, AC
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball
Tuesday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	Katie Circle at Emmy Simmering's
Wednesday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel (No Naomi Circle)
	2:00 p.m.	Clara Circle, Lounge
	3:30 p.m.	Weekday Catechism
	6:00 p.m.	Evangelism, Church Basement
	6:00 p.m.	Trustees, Church Basement
	6:30 p.m.	Board of Ed-LS, School Library
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Budget & Finance, Church Basement
	8:00 p.m.	Board of Ed-PM, Lounge
Thursday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Leah, Holiday Inn
	10:00 a.m.	Messenger Deadline
	1:15 p.m.	Anna – Cleaning kitchen at 1:15 p.m., followed by Meeting & Bible Study, Lounge
Friday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel <i>SPL Basketball Tourney, B Boys & Girls</i>
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Saturday:	.	<i>SPL Basketball Tourney, B Boys & Girls</i>
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Next Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, AC
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Benefit Dinner/Silent Auc. for Jeff Stewart at MLHS</i>
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Night with Pastor Bertram