



**5/12/2024**

***Mother's Day***

***Seventh Sunday of Easter***  
***"He has Risen!"***

**ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH-LCMS**

2045 LYNN RD | SANFORD, MI 48657

***Pastor Christopher P. Vossler***

***Organist: Christine Erkkila***

## Hymn: 789 Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -

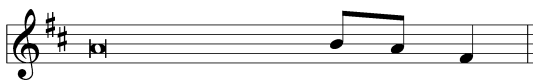


or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blos - som and wood.  
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

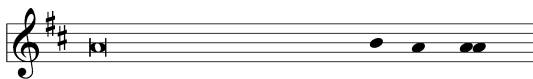
## Stand



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

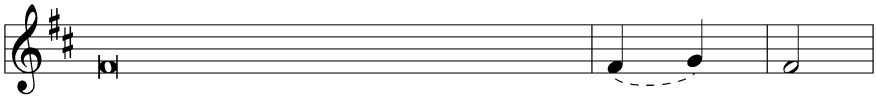
**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.  
 Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Psalmody

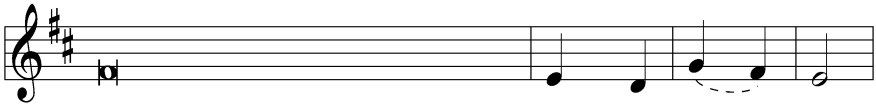
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.  
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

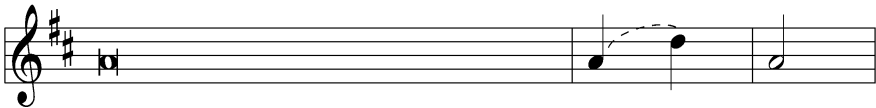
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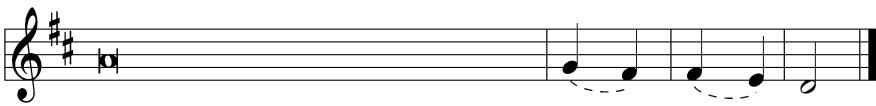
- 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,
  
- 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.
  
- 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,
- 4 For He . . . . . is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



O come, let us wor - ship Him.

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,\*  
**nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;**  
<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,\*  
**and on his law he meditates | day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not |  
wither.\*

**In all that he does, he | prospers.**

<sup>4</sup>The wicked | are not so,\*  
**but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,\*  
**nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;**

<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
**but the way of the wicked will | perish.**

**☩** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Hymn: 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
△ 4 Heav' - n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

Readings

Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 1*

**L** A reading from Genesis, chapter 1.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face

of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of

the heavens.”<sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.<sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so.<sup>25</sup> And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”<sup>29</sup> And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.”<sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.<sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Epistle Reading

*Colossians 1:15–23*

**L** A reading from Colossians, chapter 1.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand to Honor The Holy Gospel*

## Holy Gospel Reading

*Mark 4:35–41*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter

**C** Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other



Goal: That the hearers would “tend that endless treasure” in God’s Name.

I. Introduction

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II. The Command

- How did Creation come about? Who created everything?
- What command did God give to Adam and Eve?

III. The Confusion

- How have humans misunderstood God’s command?
- What problems have arisen from the confusion?

IV. The Care

- How are we to care for what God has created?

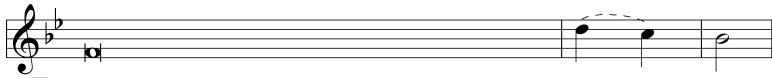
V. Conclusion

*Stand*

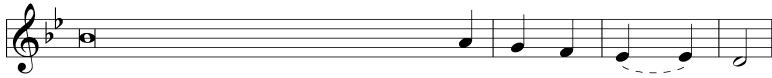
# Canticle

## Te Deum

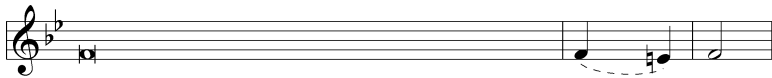
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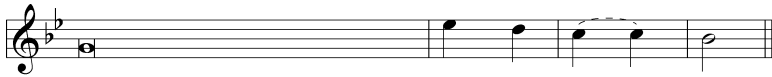
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



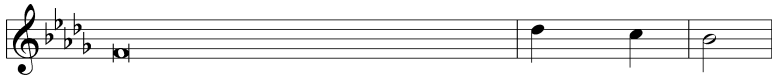
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



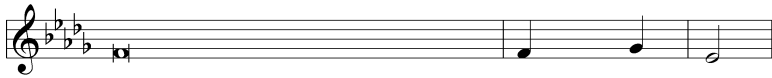
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



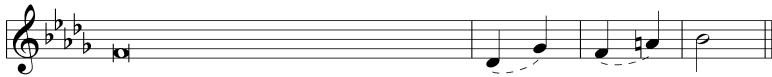
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



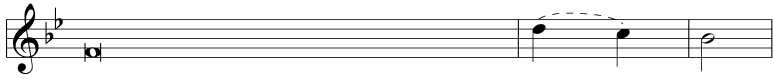
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



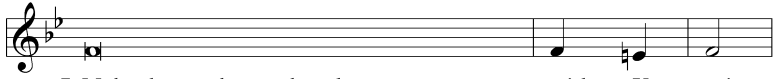
- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be — our — judge.



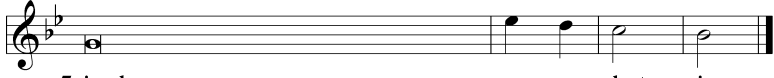
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out \_\_\_\_\_ sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

*Sit*

## Offering

Offerings given to St Paul Lutheran Church go to the furtherance of God's Mission, here and abroad. If you wish to designate offering for a specific cause, please write in the memo line of your check or envelope: "Parking Lot" (for refinishing the parking lot), "Flowers" (for Altar flowers) or "Youth/NYG" (for the 2025 youth trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering). All other offerings will go into the general fund. If you wish to give a memorial offering, please write "Memorial," along with your loved one's name.

# Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

## Kyrie

*LSB 227*



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Collects



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

## Collect of the Day

**C** O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

...after each petition...

**L** Through Jesus Christ our Lord

**C** Amen

### Collect for Grace

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

### Benedicamus

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**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 228



Hymn:

894 For the Fruits of His Creation



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our  
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,  
 world-wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,  
 won - ders that as-tound us, For the truths that still con-found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, Thanks be to God.  
 In the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.  
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

**P**: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C**: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude

Acknowledgments

Matins from Lutheran Service Book





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**WELCOME:**

We join in welcoming our visitor's this morning. If you would please be sure to sign the guest book (Elders can direct you to the location), Thank you!

**THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL**

**SUNDAY: *Mother's Day Sunday Worship Service***  
*9:30am/Fellowship 10:30am/Bible Study 11am*

**MONDAY: *RSVP's Due for Sanford Rising Bake Sale***

**TUESDAY: *5pm Confirmation Class/Lifelight 7pm***

**WEDNESDAY: *Ladies Aid 9am//Lifelight***  
*1pm/Washington Woods 10:30am/PrimRose*  
*1pm/Meridian Acres 2pm/Choir 7pm*

**THURSDAY: *Trustee Meeting 6pm***

**FRIDAY: *Please drop off baked goods for Sanford Rising bake Sale***

**SATURDAY: *Church Cleanup day 9am/Sanford Rising Bake Sale Downtown/Band Rehearsal 4pm/Game Night 7pm***

**SUNDAY : *Sunday Worship Service with Communion***  
*9:30am/Fellowship 10:30am/Voter's Meeting 11am*

**OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD 5/5**

<b>OFFERINGS</b>	<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>Mom</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
<b>Env / Plate</b>				
\$4916/281	181.70	61	\$5439.70	134

**No Sunday School or Youth Study** today as we spend time celebrating our Mother's☺

**Voter's Meeting** will be next Sunday, 5/19, instead of today

**Thank you** to *Organist: Christine Erkkila* for playing for us today 😊

**Baccalaureate Service** for our graduating students will be on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This year we celebrate the graduations of:

**Aaron and Brendan Holsinger**

**Caden Chubb**

**Jeffrey Finney**

**Kaitlin Eshleman**

**Jace Burns**

**Skye Fitak**

\*Please be sure to help us if you know of another congregation graduate we are missing 😊

**Please be sure to update** any changes to your Phone #, address, email with the church office. Drop a note in the plate, send an email, leave a message, etc. We would like to keep the directory as current as possible. Thank you 😊

**Fellowship**-Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship this morning for refreshments and conversation! Refreshments are provided each Sunday by members of the congregation. If you would like to provide snacks for fellowship, please sign up on the clipboard by the kitchen.

## **Coming in May: Stewardship Month : Financial Peace University**

Have you ever asked yourself how you can become a better steward of all the resources and abilities that God has given you? If so, you're not alone. In May, we will look at all aspects of our lives as stewards of God's gifts to us. All of our Bible Studies, all of our worship services, will highlight specific areas of Stewardship and how our role as Steward (or "manager") impacts our whole Christian life. Starting with Confirmation **Sunday**, when we usher five newly-confirmed members into the next step of the Christian life.

Building off of Stewardship Month, join us this summer for **Financial Peace University**. If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting **today**. Join our FPU class starting on **Tuesday, June 4, 2024**, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Sign up on the bulletin board downstairs!

### ***Ladies Aid Bake Sale for Sanford Rising***

Ladies Aid has been asked to sponsor a bake sale for Sanford Rising on **May 18, 2024**. This will be a great outreach for St Paul.

Proceeds from the sale of goods will be donated to Sanford Rising Festival.

We are asking for volunteers to donate baked goods. We need a dozens of items. All baked goods need to be packaged and dropped off at Church **May 17, 2024** by noon. They will be picked

up on the 17th by Sanford Rising admin JoEllen Billingsley and she will man the bake sale on the 18th.

We are setting the prices and our Public Relations Committee will provide stickers with St Paul service and VBS information to be included with each purchase.

Please see the sign up donation suggestions on the bulletin board downstairs:

We will happily work with what we receive. We would like RSVP's by [May 13th](#) so we have an idea of what and how much to expect.

We and Sanford Rising Thank you for your generosity

RSVP to Christy Martin [ckm57@me.com](mailto:ckm57@me.com) 817-757-9577 or Sign up sheet on board



Held every 3 years since 1980, **the LCMS Youth Gathering** provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. *We encourage*

*our Youth to share in the once in this lifetime opportunity to learn more about God's love attending "Endure" 2025. To be held July 19-23, 2025 in New Orleans*

***NYG Returnables Drive:*** *We have a collection at the fellowship hall entrance for returnable containers that will go toward helping to fund the youth trip to National Youth gathering.*



For more information about youth group, Sunday School, youth bible study and events, please use the QR code to get to the form.

Youth Picnic/Float Decoration Party-**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

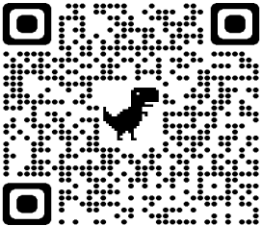
following church. We will decorate the float for the

parade on Memorial Day with Corn Hole Tournament with prizes, hot dogs, hamburgers picnic luncheon.



**Prayer Request:** *If you or someone you know are in need of prayers please call or email Edna Rottiers at 989-687-9687 / hughroottiers@gmail.com . Those with additional prayer request please complete a prayer slip and give to one of our Elders before the service or to one of the Ushers*

*during the offering. Your prayers are important and our Lord does promise to answer*



**Camp Ark Encounters**  
- Vacation Bible School;  
June 17<sup>th</sup> through June  
21<sup>st</sup>. Use this QR code  
to go to online  
registration or paper  
copies are available on  
the bulletin board 😊



## **Wanted: volunteers to help with Youth Activities**

Vacation Bible School is coming up on June 17th - 21st, and we are very excited for this opportunity to bless the youth of our congregation and community! Much of the ground work has already been accomplished, but there is more to be done over the coming months. The Youth Ministry Board is looking for volunteers to help with youth activities (including joining the Youth Ministry Board). If you are willing to serve in this valuable role, please talk to Andrea McDonald or Pastor Vossler.



**Mission of the Month:** *May*, we are receiving offerings for **LCMS Ministry to Armed Forces** which supports almost 200 chaplains. These “pastors in uniform” represent the church and provide Word and Sacrament ministry to military personnel and their families

Altar Guild representatives for May will be Kathy Englade 989.631.6447 and Sandy Hoogerhyde and Jeffrey Finney 231.282.0847



Flowers on the altar for our worship service this morning are provided by **Barbara Fauver** in celebration of her Birthday. *Happy Birthday, Barbara!!*  
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Would you like to beautify the altar with flowers for a worship service? The 2024 Altar Flower Sign-up is on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. Sign up now and pay for your flowers in the offering plate. After the service, you can enjoy your flowers at home for as long as they last. Just remember to bring back the vase to reuse!

**Blacktop Project**-We are accepting donations to the Blacktop project as we work toward future upgrades.

**Pastoral Care:** Please contact the Pastor @ cell 973-303-8252, office 989-687-2209, or email [stpaulrev@tds.net](mailto:stpaulrev@tds.net). The Church Office (989-687-2824) / cell (989 859-9300) email [stpauullutheran@tds.net](mailto:stpauullutheran@tds.net), or Deacon Don Barnard (989-751-7726) email: [stpauldeacon@tds.net](mailto:stpauldeacon@tds.net) or [esocidnator01@gmail.com](mailto:esocidnator01@gmail.com) if you or anyone you know are in need of a visit from the Pastor or Deacon whether it's an illness, hospitalization, nursing home or shut-in. It is important to us that we receive these communications to plan a call or visitation. May God's blessings be upon you today and every day!



Online giving is now available! Follow this QR code to our giving page or click on the donate button on our website.



**We need you!!** Volunteers are needed for the Memorial Day Parade Hot Dog cook off for community outreach from our parking lot. Please be to the church by 10-10:30am time range to set up for this time of sharing with our neighbors.

### **Sanford Food Pantry:**

Current needs for the food pantry: **Cake mixes and Canned Frosting.** There are refillable canvas bags from the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry available on the food pantry table in the fellowship hall. The bags have a suggested list of items and instructions. You may take these bags home and place the purchased items in the bag and return it to the church.



The bags will be delivered to the Sanford Food Pantry the last week of the month. The empty bags will be returned to the church to be used again. *Thank you for all of the items and monetary donations. Please remember that the food pantry does not accept expired or dietary food*

## **#Up Coming Events#**

***Sanford Rising Bake Sale-May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Porte Park***

***Spring Clean up work bee-May  
18<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm-Please sign up on  
bulletin board***

**May 19<sup>th</sup>-Voter's Meeting**

Youth Picnic/Float Decoration Party-  
**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

***Memorial Day Parade-Monday,***

**May 27th- Parade will begin from our parking lot at  
1pm. We are sure people will be lining up well  
before that time...Interested in helping with Hot**

**Dogs and other refreshments. Please get here in the 10-10:30am time range to start setting up.**

***Baccalaureate Service for our graduating St. Paul Students will be on-June 2nd***

***Youth Movie Night- Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm-***

<b>SERVING</b>	This Week 5/12 Mother's Day	Next Week 5/19
<b>Flowers:</b>	Barbara Fauver	Open
<b>Music:</b>	Chris Erkkila	Sara Glynn-Dishaw
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	Pastor Christopher Vossler	Pastor Christopher Vossler
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Ladies Tea Goodies (Thank you; Patty & Christy)	Jan & Wade O'Dell
<b>Ushers</b>	Curt Bowland and Bill Draves	Curt Bowland and Bill Draves
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lucas & Natalie	Deklan
<b>Greeters</b>	Diana Kausch	AJ & Cindy Brock

***Thank you to Julie VanKuiken and Randy Engblade for all you do around the Church 😊***

# Read the Bible in a Year!

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

For Christians – and especially for Lutherans – nothing is more important than God’s Word. God speaks to us

through His Word, and we do well to listen to what He has to say to us. That is why regular devotions and prayer and Scripture reading are so important for our spiritual life.

It’s always a good time to start a plan to read the Bible! And in fact, you can read through the entire Bible in a year, with only 15-20 minutes per day. Are you worried that the Bible might be too much for you to read in a single year? There are resources that can help. One option that is available is on your smartphone: Download the YouVersion Bible App and look up the “Reformation Reading Plan,” which was developed by the Michigan District to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

If you don’t have a smartphone, you can follow this reading plan in the bulletin every week, along with suggested readings from Luther’s Small Catechism. Note that whatever day you start the reading plan in the app will be “Day 1,” so you may find yourself on a different day than what is in the bulletin.

## Daily Readings:

Days 197-203	Reading	Catechism
Monday	Matthew 11, 1 Kings 18, 19	A Short Form of Confession
Tuesday	Matthew 12: 1-21, 1 Kings 20, 21, 22	The Office of the Keys
Wednesday	Matthew 12:22-50, 2 Kings 1, 2	The Sacrament of the Altar
Thursday	Matthew 13: 1-35, 2 Kings 3,4	The Nature of the Sacrament of the Altar
Friday	Matthew 13: 36-58, 2 Kings 5, 6, 7	The Benefit of the Sacrament of the Altar
Saturday	Proverbs 14: 1-19, Psalms 90,91	The Power of the Sacrament of the Altar
Sunday	Ezek 37: 1-14, Psalm 139: 1-16, Acts 2: 1-21, John 15: 26-27, 16: 4-15	How to Receive this Sacrament Worthily

## Daily Devotion Resources:

Daily Prayers for Morning, Noon, Evening, Close of Day (LSB 294-298)/*Treasury of Daily Prayer*/Portals of Prayer

Prayer Requests:

- Youth in the Church, **especially our Confirmands**
- Our Shut-ins
- Pastors of our congregation and Synod, and for increase in the numbers of Seminary students for future Pastors