

✠ **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** ✠  
**Kenesaw, NE**

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Divine Service (summer) 9:30am

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**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 26, 2018**

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**As We Gather**

The foundation upon which anything is built must be strong, sure, and lasting. The one true foundation of our faith is Jesus Christ. Peter, along with the other apostles, was brought to this realization by God the Father when he made the great confession that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This confession is our foundation of faith - strong, sure, and everlasting!

**Divine Service**

*(Adapted from Hymnal Supplement-CPH)*

**Hymn of Invocation** p. 644 "The Church's One Foundation"

**Confession and Absolution**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,

**C: that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.**

**P:** If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

**C: we lie and do not practice the truth.**

**P:** But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,

**C: We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.** *(I John 1:5-7)*

**All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love, according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.** *(Psalm 51:1-2)*

**P:** God has spoken to you, His people, in this way: "Your guilt is taken away; your sins are forgiven for Christ's name's sake."  
*(Isaiah 6:7, I John 2:12)*

**C: Amen.**

**Psalm 138**

I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
**before the gods I sing Your praise;**

I bow down toward Your holy temple  
**and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,**

for You have exalted above all things  
**Your name and Your word.**

On the day I called, You answered me;  
**my strength of soul You increased.**

All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O Lord,  
**for they have heard the words of Your mouth,**  
and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
**for great is the glory of the Lord.**

For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly,  
**but the haughty He knows from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
**You preserve my life;**

You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
**and Your right hand delivers me.**

The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me;

**Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.**

Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

**Kyrie**

**P:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Hymn of Praise** p. 795 (vv. 1-3) "Voices Raised to You We Offer"

**Salutation and Collect**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

**P:** Let us pray...one God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Old Testament Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the Lord comforts Zion; He comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

"Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, My salvation has gone out, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for Me, and for My arm they wait.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.

## Gradual

*Ps. 34:9, 19*

**All: Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle Romans 11:33-12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?"

"Or who has given a gift to Him that he might be repaid?"

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to

the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

*(Rise)*

## Verse

*Ephesians 2:19b-20*

**All: Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed *(Back of Hymnal)*

Hymn of the Day p. 650 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Sermon "The Invincible Church" (Matthew 16:13-18)

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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**Blessing**

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ ☩, to whom be glory forever and ever. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn p. 651 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"



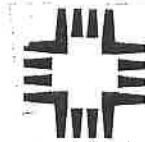
**St. Paul's Mission Calendar**

**Today 9:30 AM**    † Divine Worship †  
Following the service -  
Fellowship Coffee for Educational Scholarships  
**Wed. 7:00 PM**    Sunday School & Midweek Teachers Meet  
**Tues. -Thurs.**    St. Paul's Preschool  
8:30 -11:00 AM

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**Church Scholarship Fundraiser Today:** We have six members of St. Paul's that will be attending Concordia University at Seward and one that will be in the Seminary. That amounts to a lot of money every semester. There will be a fund-raiser coffee after church today. You can, however, donate to the Educational Scholarship Fund any time, or times, of the year. You can use donation envelopes and write title on the check or current side. A blank envelope could also be used and ask for a receipt.

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**Sunday School, Midweek Teachers and Helpers Meeting** is scheduled for **Wed., August 29 at 7:00 PM.**

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**Church Council Meeting:** Wed., Sept. 5th at 7:00 PM. All council members plan to attend this meeting.



Concordia University Nebraska

Presents 2nd Annual

**Faith & Family Night**

**Wed., August 29, 2018 6:45 PM**

Cleburne Railroaders vs. Lincoln Saltdogs

**\$10.00/Ticket Sections 104 & 106**

\$1 of ticket will go to support local families through Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska

5:30-6:30 pm join us pre-game for Christ Lutheran Church's Room 211 Praise Band!  
saltdogs.com/faith

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**Fellowship Coffee Hosts Needed** - Any group, organization, person(s) or family may host a coffee. Only one open date remains, Sept. 2. Sign-up sheet Education wing entry. Thanks!

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**Registration Deadline Approaching** for the LWML Nebraska South District Convention Sept. 14-15, 2018 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. **Registration deadline is Sept. 5th** Pick up a registration form by the mailboxes or register on-line at [www.lwmlnesouth.org](http://www.lwmlnesouth.org) do it today!

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**℣ Luke 10:25** "And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?'"  
That's just not a good question! Doing and inheriting just don't go together: what can you do to inherit the English throne? Nothing. Inheriting is about birthright; doing is about merit. We receive eternal life by birthright in our Baptism into Christ. All of our doing in the Kingdom of God flows from who we are by our new birth. It can never be the other way around. [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

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**✠ Fall Schedule Begins Sunday Sept 9th ✠**

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Joshua Code Discussion

10:00 AM Worship Service with installation of teachers

Annual All-Church Picnic (following the service)

Food, Drinks and Games Provided

**YOU add the FUN and FELLOWSHIP!**

**Please remember these people in your prayers . . .**

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

**Birthdays:**

**Aug. 26** Mike Quakenbush

**27** Jessica Kuehn

**31** Jacob Morrow; Aeden Schutte

**Sept. 1** Cortlen Klusman; Savannah Williams

**In the Service:** Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate; Trevor Sticks;  
Julian Tucker; Hannah Panwitz; Danielle Burr;  
Darren Woodside; Dustin Woodside

**Missionaries:** Rev. Brian and Amanda Gauthier - Panama  
Johanna Heidorn - Macau, China

**Others:** Pray for St. Paul's Preschool. Pray for students, teachers and administrators as they begin a new school year. Pray for those in our church family that have suffered injuries, illnesses or deaths. Rejoice with those celebrating special events. Let Pastor know if there are any special prayer requests.

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*Thank You to Pastor Duffy for his visits and prayers and to all our church family for the food, flowers and comforting prayers and cards we received after Mark's fatal accident. God's blessings to you all. Becky & Allen Jacobitz and family*

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**Our Expression of Love**

**Sun., August 19, 2018**

**Attendance 93**

Current Envelope \$745.00

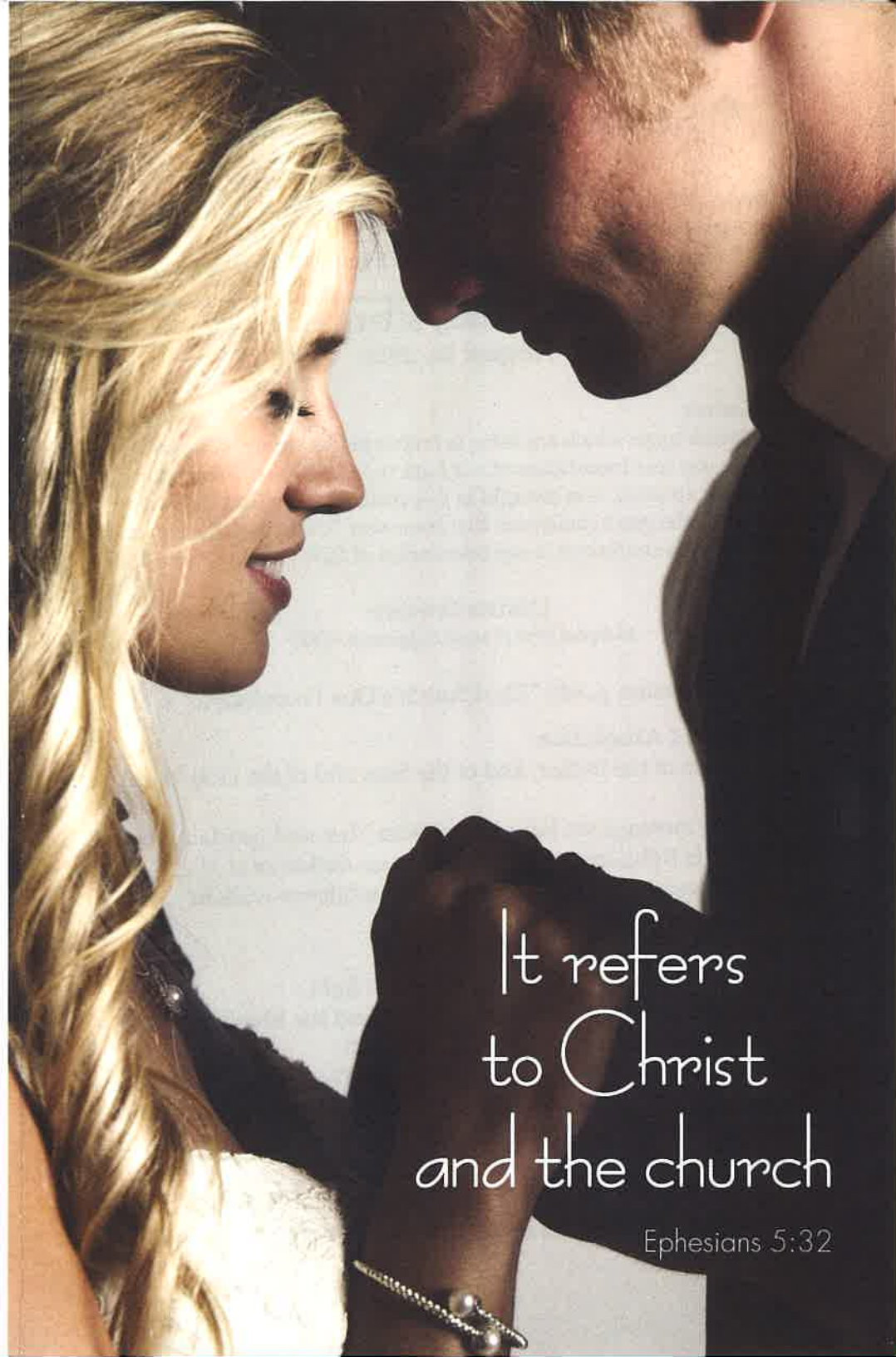
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Russian Orphanage 28.00

**Total** \$879.00



**About the Cover:** God seeks order in all things, spiritual and earthly. The relationship between husband and wife is a picture of the relationship between God and His people. It is a relationship of service and respect, a relationship of love and order. God desires to restore His creation to His perfect order. God's order is always good for His creation.



It refers  
to Christ  
and the church

Ephesians 5:32