

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

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Organist: Mrs. LaMoine Fischer

Divine Service (summer) 9:00am

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"In this communion of saints we are all brothers and sisters so closely united that a closer relationship cannot be conceived. For here we have one Baptism, one Christ, one Sacrament, one food, one Gospel, one faith, one Spirit, one spiritual body; and each is a member of the other."

- Martin Luther -

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2015

Divine Service

(Adapted from Hymnal Supplement-CPH)

Hymn of Invocation p. 551 "When to Our World the Savior Came"

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. *(1 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, 1 John 2:12)

C: Amen.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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. 816 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

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 Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish My covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by

the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember My covenant that is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Gradual

All: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen. *Romans 11:33, 36*

Epistle Reading Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

(Rise)

Verse

All: Alleluia. Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Mark 6:45-56

Immediately He (Jesus) made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. And after He had taken leave of them, He went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and He was alone on the land. And He saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized Him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard He was. And wherever He came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored Him that they might touch even the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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. 754 "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

Sermon

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

P: May the blood of Christ, who through the eternal †Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience to serve the living God. *(Hebrews 9:14)*

C: Amen

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



St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today ☩ 9:00 AM Communion Worship (individual cup)
 Fellowship Coffee following
 3:00-5:00 PM LLL Ice Cream Social
Mon. 7:00 PM "Summer in the Psalms" Bible Study

Russian Mission Trip Presentation Today! Michael Duffy will be reporting on his recent mission trip to Russia and the Baltics with Orphan Grain Train. Come to the Fellowship Hall after church and enjoy some refreshments as Michael reveals how God is continuing to use and direct his life to spread the Gospel and the love of Jesus.

LLL Ice Cream Social, Sun., July 26th, 3 - 5 PM - Fellowship Hall Come and eat homemade ice cream and goodies!!! Free-will donation proceeds go to mission projects. Ice cream social sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Laymen's League.



Summer in the Psalms this week will meet **Monday** at 7:00 p.m. instead of our normal Wednesday evening.

Fellowship Coffee Hosts needed for August 2nd and Sept. 6th. Person(s), family or organization can pick either Sunday. Sign up sheet is on the table by Pastor's office. If questions, contact Rosie Schroeder.

August Newsletter is in your mailbox.

Help us get the word out. It's not too late to register for St. Paul's Preschool for the 2015-2016 school year! We are a Christian preschool licensed through the state of Nebraska and associated with the Lutheran School System. Our curriculum offers developmentally appropriate activities meeting the individual needs of each student in a Christian setting. We meet 3 days a week. To qualify, the child must be 4 by December 31st. For more information contact Michelle Hagemeister at 308-325-5768 or Sharon Duffy at 402-752-3536. Financial aid available upon request. The time is now to register! Tell your family & friends!

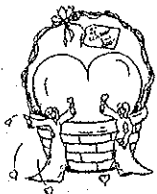
A "Life Quote" . . .

"Are you 'pro-life' or 'life-affirming'? Undoubtedly your answer is 'YES!' However, I believe we will have a greater impact on our congregations and culture if we see ourselves as 'life-affirming.' But this must be more than changing an adjective. It must also reflect a change in perspective--affirming life because that is precisely what the Gospel of Jesus Christ does!" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans for Life*
www.lutheransforlife.org

Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) Book Fair is coming next month, beginning Sunday, August 30th after the worship service. We're bringing the bookstore to you! A variety of books will be available for your selection to peruse and order.

✞ Romans 8:16 "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God". Children are called to grow up into the image of their Father. That's the basis not only of our generosity, but of our entire life in Christ. God sets the pattern and we follow. God is kind to us in Christ, and so we desire to be kind. God is loving to us in Christ, and so we desire to love. God is generous and open-handed to us in Christ, and so we desire to be generous and open-handed.

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LWML Nebraska South District Retreat
Sept. 18 - 20, 2015
Midtown Holiday Inn - Grand Island

All women are invited to participate in a variety of workshops, Bible studies, singing, and worship. It's a time for rest, relaxation, and reflection. It's an opportunity to share the love of Christ and to have your cup filled. For more information see the display by Pastor's office or on line at www.lwmlnesouth.org. Registration deadline September 1st.

Our Expression of Love

July 19, 2015	Attendance 97	
Current Envelope		\$1,565.00
Current Plate		206.00
Russian Orphanage		28.00
Mission Envelope		<u>75.00</u>
Total		\$1,874.00

Please remember these people in your prayers -

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

- July 26 Dan Beal; Dixie Jackson
- 28 Daniel Duffy; Stephen Duffy
- Aug. 1 Rhett Augustin
- 2 Paul Iden

In the Service: Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr, Darren Woodside

Missionaries: Sharon Owens, Macau, China
 Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics

About the Cover: "Your way was through the sea, Your path through the great waters; yet Your footprints were unseen" (Psalm 77:19). Did this passage occur to the terrified disciples in the boat after Jesus had calmed their fears with His "Take heart; it is I"? There is no barrier that can keep the Lord Jesus from His own in their time of need and fear. He literally will walk on water to rescue us.

