

***The Mission and Ministry Statement for St. Paul's:*** We, the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in gratitude to The Triune God for His love for us in Jesus Christ, dedicate ourselves as individuals and as a congregation to learning, teaching and sharing God's Word, caring for others, and living in God's grace through Word and Sacrament.

***To our visitors:*** In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to our church with God's richest blessings. We invite you to make St. Paul's your new church home. If you are interested in church membership, or have questions, please contact Pastor Burns.

***Children and the Divine Service:*** Thank you for bringing your children with you to church. The Scriptures tenderly tell of Jesus' love for little children. Jesus wants your children in His Company, to hear His Word and receive His gifts given to all in the Divine Liturgy. If you feel your child would benefit by leaving the worship service for a short period of time, you are welcome to use the Narthex. There is a speaker and chairs so you may continue to hear and participate in the worship service. If you need any assistance, please let us know how we can help.

***The Holy Communion:*** The Lord's Supper reflects our unity of faith and doctrine. Therefore, we assume that all those attending Holy Communion with us are members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. In love and concern, we ask that all others speak with the pastor before communing.

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Office Hours: 9:00a-1:00p Mon.-Thur.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter**  
**April 18, 2021**



**ST. PAUL'S**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

OSSEO, MINNESOTA

***The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod***  
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***As We Gather:*** Please be respectful of those who are in the pews preparing their hearts and minds for worship.

***As you prepare for worship, you may pray the following prayer:***  
O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter; as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**1 John 3:2** – **“Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”**  
The essence of our sanctification is becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. In the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

### ***The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure***

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples *“that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead”* and *“that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations”* (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that *“God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets”* (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they *“delivered over and denied”* this Lord Jesus and *“killed the Author of life.”* Yet God *“glorified his servant Jesus”* and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their *“sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”* (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that *“we should be called children of God; and so we are”* (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even *“as he is pure,”* because *“he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin”* (1 John 3:3, 5).

**Those serving April 18 9:00a**

**Elder** Bill McKibbin  
**Usher** Brad Kitzman  
**Media** David Glauvitz, David Gamache  
& Jacob Andersen

**Those serving April 25 9:00a**

**Elder** Steve Gamache  
**Usher** Brad Kitzman  
**Media** David Glauvitz, David Gamache  
& Jacob Andersen

**Attendance and Offering**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	47
Confirmation Service	75
General Offering both services	\$2,597
General Offering Weekly Budget	\$5,000
Online Contributions for March 2021	\$2,585.49

Funds for Steel Roof Update



***Thank You*** to Lynette Jensen for making the Confirmation banners for our Confirmands this year. We are so happy we could keep this tradition going!

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort-** Vicki Johnson (sister of Judy Saldana) Lawrence Mendez (father of Sherry Glauvitz), Jane Tobias, Jim and Vince Feuerstein (brothers of Judy Opsal), Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble), Debbie Hanna, Judy Erickson, Doug Steere, and Melissa Lee. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform Pastor Burns.

**Our homebound members** are Clarice O'Gary, Jean Henderson, Vi Anderson, Rose Ebert, Terry Benson, Melissa Lee, Mae House, Doug Steere and Bertha Hannu (mother of Barb Gamache).

**All those serving in our Armed Forces.**

**This Week:** The Congregations in our circuit are praying for Rev. John Fehrmann and his work with Confessional Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF) in other nations.

**For those serving in the mission field:** Elliot and Serena Derricks, Johanna Heidorn and Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram.



Easter may be behind us, but let's remember to thank Bonnie Faue for beautifying the altar for our Easter celebration again this year! It takes planning, time and care to keep it so appealing!

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sun. April 18 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Communion 9:00a  
Virtual Sunday School

We are now **live streaming** the service on **youtube.com** and following the service posting it to our Facebook page and the sermon page on our church website.

[www.stpaulsosseo.org](http://www.stpaulsosseo.org)

Wed. April 21 Web Meeting 7:00p

Fri. April 23 Family Day for Staff

Sun. April 25 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**  
Worship 9:00a  
Congregational Meeting 10:00a  
Virtual Sunday School



We are looking for volunteers to join Bruce in mowing the lawn at church this spring/summer. If we get enough people, we can rotate the schedule and take turns.

Then it would not be on one person. Also, this would save the church a lot of money. Contact the church office if interested 763.425.2238 or email [office@stpaulsosseo.org](mailto:office@stpaulsosseo.org)

Laugh Break- A worm welcome to all who have come today.

## S.P.Y. NEWS

Through the month of April, S.P.Y. will be collecting these products for **Lutheran World Relief:**

bath towel(s)

bar soap

adult size toothbrush (in packaging)

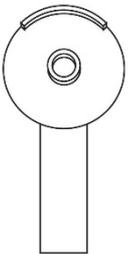
metal nail clipper

comb(s)

toothpaste

These items will be put together as personal care kits for people around the world. A large bin will be in the Narthex to collect items. Thank you in advance for your help. Items will be dedicated on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Eagle Scout Project for St. Paul's**



For my Eagle Scout Project, I will be redoing the fire pit for the church. Right now, I'm looking for donations for the materials needed to make the project happen. The project is estimated at around \$2,000. I'm looking to break ground in late April.

**There will be a door offering this week.**

-Elijah Slack



# “HERE I STAND”

The 500th Anniversary  
of Luther's Confession at  
the Diet of Worms  
**Sunday, April 18**



## Luther's Answer at the Diet of Worms:

It could have all ended the evening of April 18, 1521. The sun was beginning to set on the city of Worms. The heat was stifling in the packed room of the bishop's palace where emperor, electors and German princes all waited with anticipation to hear the answer Martin Luther would bring. Would Luther recant? Would he retract what he had written and said against abuses in the church and against papal tyranny? Most of all, would he give up on the Gospel he had preached and taught, giving comfort and certainty to consciences in Christ?

“Martin, answer clearly and without any double-talk: Do you or do you not recant your books and the errors in them?” If Luther were to recant and admit that he was wrong, all would be well before the emperor and the Roman Catholic Church. On the other hand, if he did not recant, his own life would be at risk. He could be burned as a heretic.

This was it: recant or stand firm. With beads of sweat on his face, Luther responded:

**“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe**

**nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen” (LW 32:112–13).**

At this bold confession, the room erupted in noise. Some rejoiced; some demanded fire! Yet, in the midst of such commotion, the truth of Jesus Christ rang forth. The gates of Hades had not prevailed over the confession of the Gospel. The proclamation of justification by grace through faith on account of Christ's work alone did not bend to spiritual tyranny.

## 500 Years Later:

Today, we stand in the footsteps of Martin Luther 500 years later. We stand boldly, proclaiming the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We stand boldly, renouncing the devil and all his works and all his ways. We stand, by the grace of God, steadfast and ready to suffer all rather than fall away. We do not stand on Luther, but we will gladly stand with him, firm on the testimony of the Holy Scriptures to confess the saving Gospel of Christ, our Good Shepherd, who died and rose, in whose name is forgiveness of sins for all people. Here we stand; we can do no other. God help us. Amen.

**Find more at [lcms.org/here-i-stand-sunday](https://lcms.org/here-i-stand-sunday), including giving opportunities for providing a thank offering.**