

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**

USHERS: Greg & Lorna Steenbock  
ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM: Kaydee

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00PM**

USHERS:  
ACOLYTE: Ushers

**Second Sunday after Easter**

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards are available on the Welcome Center or in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.**

**OUR VISION STATEMENT** *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT** *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.*

“**THE WHOLE STORY**” reading the Bible in a year for 2025 – get your monthly calendar for daily readings, **April Reading Calendars available on the Welcome Center.**

**FLAT JESUS** We encourage everyone (all ages) who got a Flat Jesus to carry the Flat Jesus with you, keep him in your car, or at work, etc.. We also encourage you to share Flat Jesus with someone you know, grand kids, other adults. Send in your pictures we would love to post them or share them on the screens, with our announcement slides [stpaulidagrove@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulidagrove@gmail.com)

**If you post on your own Facebook page use #thewholestory25 and #stpaulidagrove**

**PLASTIC EASTER EGGS** – if you supported the LYF Easter Egg fundraiser and would like to return them to the church

**BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items for the Easter Breakfast, to those who helped set up and to those who helped the morning of Easter Breakfast, your help was very much appreciated. We also appreciate all those who attended the Easter Breakfast!

**WE WELCOME INTO MEMBERSHIP** through Baptism: Halle Montgomery, Gabbie Brookbank, Brynn Ernst, Clayton Ernst; New Member Class: Myrna Uhl, and Transfer: Clinton Bieret, Chris & Debbie Ritsch, and Michael & Judy Bieret

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**, today is the last day of Sunday School til fall.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Please see the insert for Vacation Bible School for completed grades 4 year old preschool -5<sup>th</sup> grades. We also can you use helpers of 6<sup>th</sup> graders up to any age adults! Sign up sheets for Volunteers/helpers for VBS is on the table in the Narthex. We have 3 areas Pastor Neil does story time, Tracy does music and we have our games outside, a leader is in charge of each age group listed and then has helpers within the group. We would appreciate your help and look forward to a great VBS! Paper registrations on table as well and will be in upcoming weekly bulletins also online registration which is on the insert.

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

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| <b>Sunday</b><br>4/27/2025 | Reading for today Acts 13-14 and Psalm 113<br><b>WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed</b><br>Last Sunday School, high school<br><b>VOTERS’ MEETING</b><br><b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>                    | <b>6:30AM</b><br><b>7:30AM</b><br><b>9:00AM</b><br><b>10:15AM</b><br><b>5:00PM</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>              | Reading for today: Acts 15-16 and Psalm 114<br>Bells   | <b>6:30PM</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>             | Reading for today: Acts 17-18 and Psalm 115  |  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>           | Reading for today: Acts 19-20 and Psalm 116<br>Bible Study at Jimmy’s<br>Bible Study in the Conference Room<br>Daily Chapel<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Sharing - everyone invited          | <b>7:00AM</b><br><b>9:30AM</b><br><b>12:15-12:45PM</b><br><b>6:00PM</b>            |
| <b>Thursday</b>            | Reading for today: Acts 21-22 and Psalm 117  |  |
| <b>Friday</b>              | Reading for today: Acts 23-24 and Psalm 118  |  |
| <b>Saturday</b>            | Reading for today: Psalm 119   |  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>5/4/2025  | Reading for today: Acts 25-26 and Psalm 120<br><b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed</b><br>Graduate Fellowship with recognizing graduating seniors of 2025<br><b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> | <b>9:00AM</b><br><b>10:15AM</b><br><b>5:00PM</b>                                   |

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Maundy Thursday: 140 Good Friday:126  
Easter Vigil: 60 Easter Sunrise: 156 Easter Resurrection 9:00AM: 146

**VOTERS MEETING** today, Sunday, April 27 at 10:15AM, election of church board members, we are still in need of volunteers to be on boards so please prayerfully consider being on a board and a proposal for updating our audio / video equipment will be presented, as we consider this proposal, please know we have only one “good” camera currently for our online Facebook live streams.

**FAITH SHARING FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** will be on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:00PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

**SENIOR RECOGNITION** will be Sunday, May 4 during the Worship Service with reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Reception will be served by the junior class & parents, everyone is invited.

## FIRST READING

Acts 6

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. <sup>10</sup>But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. <sup>11</sup>Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." <sup>12</sup>And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, <sup>13</sup>and they set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, <sup>14</sup>for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us." <sup>15</sup>And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

## SECOND READING

Acts 7:1-2, 44-60

<sup>1</sup>And the high priest said, "Are these things so?" <sup>2</sup>And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, <sup>44</sup>"Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen. <sup>45</sup>Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, <sup>46</sup>who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. <sup>47</sup>But it was Solomon who built a house for him. <sup>48</sup>Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says, <sup>49</sup>"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? <sup>50</sup>Did not my hand make all these things?" <sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." <sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

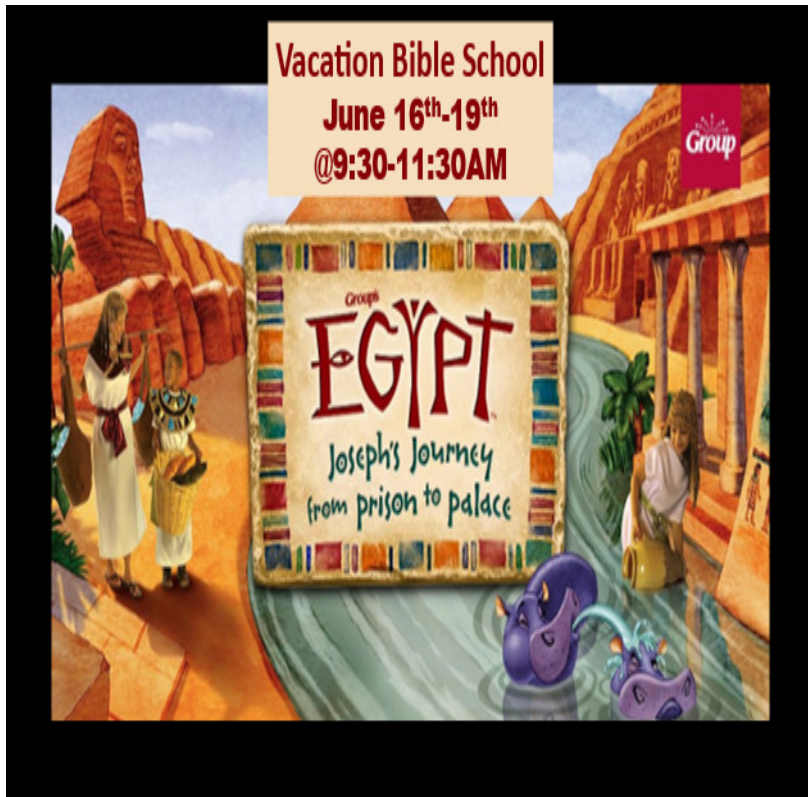
## HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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**Online Registration for VBS**

<https://vbsmate.com/StPaulldaGrove>

**Please see table with sign up sheets for volunteers for VBS**

**Paper Registrations for VBS will be by Volunteer Sign up sheets**

**2025 VBS REGISTRATION**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade camper completed as of May 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, notify: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Health Information: Allergies: Yes No

If yes, to what? \_\_\_\_\_

Any restrictions to physical activity? Yes No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Any behavior issues we should know about \_\_\_\_\_

List who is authorized to pick up your child? \_\_\_\_\_

May photos be taken of your child? Yes No

Authorization for Participation:

*I hereby give permission for my child to participate in any activity or trips planned by the Camp VBS staff and congregation. I also authorize delivery of necessary emergency care by available medical personnel.*

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Signature of Parent or Guardian