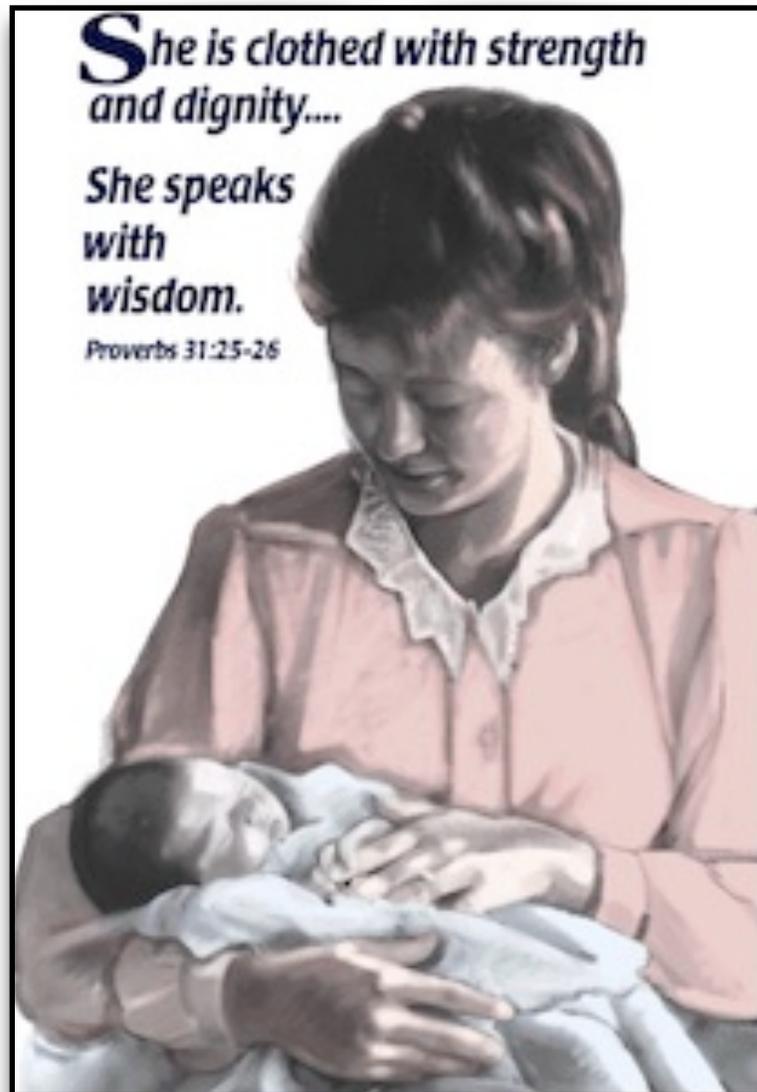


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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Proverbs 31:10-31 (pew bible, p.587)
- ◆ The Hymns: 895, 862, 855, 923
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: – Acts 11:19-26, John 15:9-16

Sermon Text – 2 Timothy 1:1-5

TWO PRAYERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

1. A thank you prayer: All praise to You, Lord,
for Your gift of Christian mothers!
2. An intercessory prayer: Bless all mothers with wisdom and
strength to fulfill the high calling You have given them!

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (923)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.
There will be no offering collection during the service.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Acts 11:19-26

19 Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. 20 Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. 21 The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. 22 News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. 24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Easter Acclamation

P The Lord is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P God's love was revealed among us in this way:

C God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

P Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

C Christ suffered for our sins once for all the Righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God.

P In Him we live and move and have our being.

C "Because I live, you will live also.

P "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

C Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

P In Him we live and move and have our being.

C Come and see what God has done, God's wonderful acts toward all people.

P "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you."

C "Because I live, you will live also."

Second Lesson – John 15:9-16

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

Sermon Text – 2 Timothy 1:1-5

1 Paul, and apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 to Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

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A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. We're glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist, Carly Meyer; Ushers, Wayne and Zachary Ruegge

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (5/9)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (5/16)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

Elders' Meeting: Thu, May 20, 6:30 pm (parsonage)
West Central Delegate Conf, Valentine NE: Tue-Thu, May 25-27
CLC Convention, Eau Claire WI: Thu-Sun, June 24-27

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY have been placed there by St. Paul's Mary & Martha Ladies group in thanks and praise to God for His blessing of our mothers and all our ladies!

NEW IN YOUR MAILBOX TODAY: St. Paul eMinistry/Website Questionnaire. The purpose is to solicit info from our membership regarding how many are utilizing the devotional materials emailed to our members on a weekly basis and how many are using our Website. Please return your completed questionnaire even if you are not currently using our Website. You may return it by giving it to Pastor, placing it in his church mailbox, or mailing it to the church. Thank you!

SPECIAL EVENT THIS SUMMER: 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the St. Paul church edifice (which took place on Feb 18, 2001). At the April 25 Voters' Meeting a resolution was passed to schedule a special service of praise to God to mark this important event in our history. The date chosen was August 29, 2021, at 3:00 in the afternoon. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar! Our brothers and sisters in Christ of Prince of Peace, Loveland, and Redeemer, Cheyenne, will be invited and there may be a guest speaker.

COPIES OF THE NEWLY-PUBLISHED 2021 ST. PAUL DIRECTORY were distributed last week. Extra copies are in the tract rack. Help yourself.

FYI: The Colfax Marathon, usually scheduled for the third Sunday in May, has been postponed till October. So there will be no traffic barriers set up north of the church next Sunday.

SYNOD NEWS & NOTES

Women's Retreat West: "Plans are being made for the 2021 Women's Retreat West. The dates are September 17-19, 2021, at Chadron State Park near Chadron NE. We will be sending out more information in the near future. If you have questions, feel free to contact Colleen Kalblinger (womensretreatwest@gmail.com) or Candy Ohlmann (ocandice@hotmail.com). We look forward to welcoming you back to Nebraska for a weekend of Christian inspiration, fun, and fellowship."

"**The Branches Magazine** is a publication designed and published by women of the CLC. It's time to renew, subscribe for the first time, or purchase gift subscriptions for others in your life who may benefit. Mother's Day, confirmations, and graduations are upon us! A subscription makes a great, year-long gift. \$15 for four 24-page issues each year."

CALL NEWS: Mrs. Beth Sandeen has returned the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. Mrs. April Sydow, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire has now received this call. <> Teacher Nathan Buck, Valley Bible Academy of St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston, WA has accepted the call to teach the 5th-6th grades at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire. <> Johnathan Schnose has accepted the call to serve as the pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Morris, MN.

The West Central Delegate Conference of the CLC will be held May 25-27, hosted by Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE. Representing St. Paul at the conference will be Fred Brethauer, Don Claeys, and Pastor Schuetze. Agenda items include:

- A comprehensive review of our calling processes (Pastor Mike Roehl)
- Study of the Biblical term "Lord of hosts" (Pastor Aaron Ude)
- A Biblical study of God's hand and control of earth's climate and weather (Sioux Falls layman)
- Devotional study of an Old Testament Minor Prophet (Lakewood layman, Mike Sprengeler)
- Revisiting and reviewing Pastor Norbert Reim's 1985 pastoral conference paper "Equipping the Saints for the Work of Ministry" (Pastor Tom Schuetze)
- The doctrinal difference between the ELS and WELS on Church and Ministry within one fellowship (Professor Mark Weis)
- Conference chaplain: Pastor Paul Krause
- Communion service speaker: Pastor Tim Daub

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

MAY 10-16

Mon Acts 11:19-26 This event is important because Jesus was turning the steering wheel one notch into the left lane—contrary to Jewish policy (19). When some Greek Christians reached out to their countrymen, Jesus blessed their work—which alerted the mother congregation. After investigating, they learned that Jesus was behind this turn of events, and that’s how His Church became prepped for the services of Saul, God’s special spokesman.

Tues John 15:9-17 is loaded with spiritual food; today let’s focus on the LOVE which moved Jesus to come down to Earth; it’s the oxygen of His life and of ours, too. Loving others more than self means serving others more than self; it’s where the rubber hits the road. God’s saving love has been encoded by Jesus in our hearts, and we are activated by His password: fGsltwHg*Jn3:16.

Wed 1 John 4:1-11 What are the ABC’s of Christianity? A is for Alpha (Rev. 1:8), our eternal, generative Jesus. B is for Beware of anyone and anything that diminishes or detracts from Jesus; our world is full of this garbage. C is for Continue in God’s love which carries us through adverse conditions and over rough terrain. Since Jesus has paid off humanity’s sin-debts, let’s continue living in His love – and sharing God’s saving love with others.

Thurs Psalm 98 The Old Testament Hymnary has many tunes in the section Songs of Praise, and though #98 is fairly new, it is based on good, old realities—especially God’s good qualities and accomplishments (1-3). A praise band is not new (4-6) if it echoes Nature (7-8). We are looking forward to the day when Jesus arrives, and we are ready for His test question: “What do you think of Me, and what have you done about it?”

Fri John 15:9-17 We already knew that Jesus is not The New Law-Giver, and we understand that *commandment* means directives, so we don’t cringe as He steers us away from bad behavior into behavior which reflects God’s love for sinners, behavior which builds friendships and produces positive results in the hearts and lives of others, behavior which Jesus appreciates and supports (15-16). God is keeping our world in orbit because it still needs His/our love.

Sat Acts 25 reads like an excerpt from a novel. After the stage was set, Paul stated his defense; when Festus proposed a change of venue that would put Paul in danger, Paul out-maneuvered his enemies by invoking his citizenship right to a fair trial in Rome. His case interested Herod Agrippa, the Jewish puppet king, so Festus rehearsed it for him (13-21), hoping that he had all the pertinent facts straight before he sent Paul to Rome. That long trip to Rome would be dangerous, and his court trial full of tension, but Jesus was still behind the steering wheel. Stay tuned for further developments.