

**Welcome!**

**Christ Beatrice – 8AM**

**St. Paul's Plymouth – 10AM**

**August 7, 2022**

**Pentecost 9**



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# Welcome

**THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!**

**We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and Sacrament.**

- † If you do not want to use a paper bulletin this morning, you can access the bulletin on our website – [www.stpaulsplymouth.org](http://www.stpaulsplymouth.org). The entire worship service is printed out so that you do not need to use the hymnal.
- † Offering plates can be found at the entrances. After the sermon, the offering plates will be brought to the altar during the singing of a hymn. This is a reminder that giving offerings for gospel ministry is an act of worship.
- † May the Lord bless the time we spend together around His Word this morning! If you are looking for a church to call home, please contact Pastor Berger ([pastorberger@gmail.com](mailto:pastorberger@gmail.com); call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Dauck ([justin.dauck@gmail.com](mailto:justin.dauck@gmail.com); call/text 402-806-9082) or stop by the church office. They would love to serve you with God's Word!
- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † **Listening assist devices are available at St. Paul's. Please speak to one of the elders if you would like one for this morning's service.**
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at [www.stpaulsplymouth.org](http://www.stpaulsplymouth.org). Please share this information with those who are not able to attend worship.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship: Hymnal*, pp. 255-258.
- † If you would like the musical notation for hymn harmony, please refer to the *Christian Worship Hymnal*.

## Focus for Our Worship

True treasure is faith in the promises of God—no matter how difficult they seem to believe.

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# The Service, Setting 1

## (page 154 in *Christian Worship 21*)

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### Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

CW 444



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er  
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne high o'er heav'n and  
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to  
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well noth - ing me from  
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death but the gate to



can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
earth is giv - en. I shall go where he is gone,  
Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart and act a - bide,  
him shall sev - er. Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell  
life im - mor - tal; this shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave Christ will re - call me. Bright - er  
live and reign with him in heav - en. God is  
praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
when I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
need God will dis - pense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
be a sure de - fense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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*Please stand*

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved You with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve Your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with His innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in Him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

## Glory Be to God



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;  
 have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.  
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
 For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## The Word

### Salutation

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

*Hoping beyond hope, Abraham believed the Lord's promise of a son and the Lord "credited it to him as righteousness."*

<sup>1</sup>After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." <sup>2</sup>Abram said, "LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>Abram also said, "Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup>Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, "This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir." <sup>5</sup>The LORD then brought him outside and said, "Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." He said to Abram, "This is what your descendants will be like." <sup>6</sup>Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Psalm 121

## Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

## Tone



I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—  
where does my help / come from?  
My help comes / from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- / en and earth.  
He will not let your / foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not / slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over / Israel  
will neither slum- / ber nor sleep. *Refrain*

The LORD watches / over you—  
the LORD is your shade at / your right hand;  
the sun will not harm / you by day,  
nor the / moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you / from all harm—  
he will watch o- / ver your life;  
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going  
both now and for- / evermore.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

## Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1–3,8–16

*Faith grasps that which we do not see. True faith will raise our sights to life eternal and heaven as our true home.*

<sup>1</sup>Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see.

<sup>2</sup>For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we know that the universe was created by God's word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going.

<sup>9</sup>By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

<sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

<sup>11</sup>By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age, because he considered him faithful who made the promise. <sup>12</sup>And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. <sup>15</sup>And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better land—a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

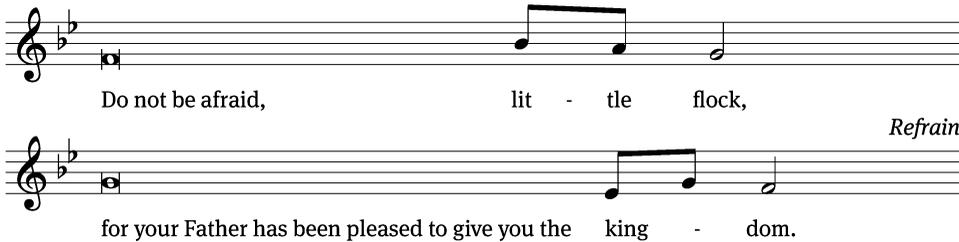
Luke 12:32



### Refrain



### Tone



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## Gospel

Luke 12:22–34

*Our Savior tells us "do not be afraid" for the kingdom of heaven is ours." We set our hearts on this promise as we prepare and patiently wait for our Lord's return.*

<sup>22</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup>Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup>Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup>"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

<sup>28</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup>For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.



<sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.  
<sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.  
<sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

## Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

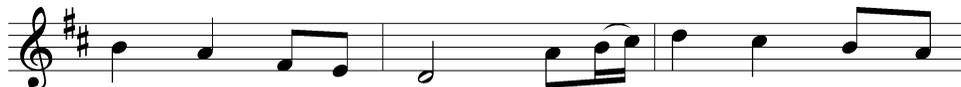
CW 748



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our  
 2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a  
 Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high  
 Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the



liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our  
 mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,  
 right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and



striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,  
 free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful  
 guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in



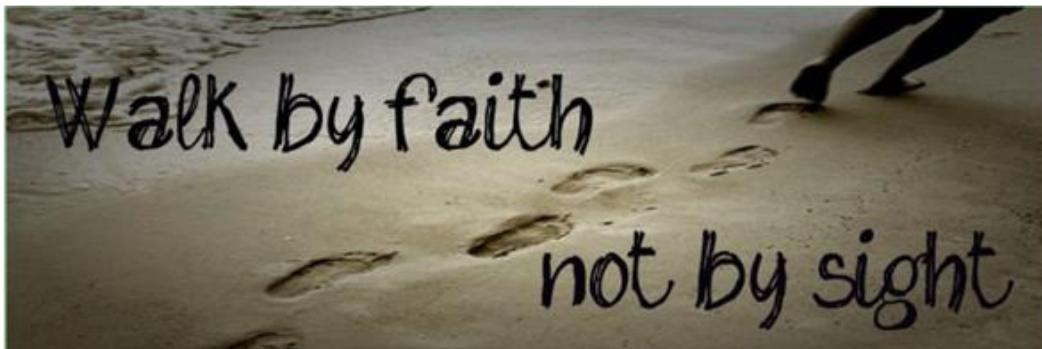
then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.  
 that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.  
 heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–1872

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## Sermon - Hebrews 11:1 – 3,8–16



*Please stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# Prayer of the Church

The offering is brought forward during the hymn

## Seek Where You May to Find a Way

CW 698



1 Seek where you may to find a way that leads to  
2 Seek whom you may to be your stay, none can re -  
3 Seek him a - lone who did a - tone, who did your  
4 My heart's de - light, my crown most bright, O Christ, you



your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled, on Christ I build,  
deem an - oth - er. All help - ers failed; this man pre - vailed,  
souls de - liv - er. O seek him first, all you who thirst  
are for - ev - er. Not wealth or pride or for - tune's tide



he is the one foun - da - tion. His Word is  
the God - man, Christ our broth - er. This Ser - vant -  
for grace that fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry  
our bond of love shall sev - er. You are my



sure, his works en - dure; he o - ver - throws all  
Lord our life re - stored; we're jus - ti - fied, for  
need seek him in - deed; to ev - 'ry heart he  
Lord; your pre - cious Word shall light my way each



e - vil foes; through him I more than con - quer.  
he has died, the guilt - less for the guilt - y.  
will im - part his bless - ings with - out mea - sure.  
daunt - ing day. O teach me, Lord, to trust you!

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Please stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us Your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by Your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

CW 816



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust - ing on - ly you;  
2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; at your feet I bow,  
3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing in the crim - son flood;  
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.  
for your grace and ten - der mer - cy trust - ing now.  
trust - ing you to make me ho - ly by your blood.  
ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.

5 I am trusting you for power;  
you can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me  
must prevail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
and for all.

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**Greeters:** Sue Roberts, Lisa Scheele

**Broadcast Sponsor:** Our broadcast today is sponsored by Marge Schmidt in loving memory of her husband Bob. They would have celebrated their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary August 8<sup>th</sup>.

## St. Paul's Church Family

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Today** – M/M Ryan Birkett

**Monday** – Hattie Gronemeyer, Whitney Hoffmann, Jenni Krueger, Kim Milius

**Wednesday** – Vernelle Hueske, Steph Scheele, Jay Schroeder, Dustin Schwab, Dave Upchurch

**Friday** – Suzie Grummert, Ken Meints

**Saturday** – Paige Adams, Matt Strein, Deb (Chad) Weichel,  
M/M Wade deKoning, M/M Nic Gronemeyer

**Sunday** – MacKenna Bergmeier, M/M David Hummel, M/M David Schmidt

### JULY 31<sup>st</sup> OFFERINGS

“We Give Thee but Thine Own!”

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Gifts Received</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Gifts Received</u>
Home Fund	\$5,810.33	NELHS Operating	\$447.25
Missions	\$652.25	NELHS Debt	\$352.25
Building Fund	\$20.00	Cemetery Fund	\$40.00

### LET US ENOURAGE ONE ANOTHER (HEBREWS 10:25)

**175** were present to receive God’s grace in worship last week: Sunday-168; Monday -7  
**19** were present to learn God’s Word in Bible Study at the Homestead House the last week

## Christ Lutheran's Church Family

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Today** – M/M Paul Fanning

**Wednesday** – Joshua Maschmeier

**Sunday** – Jeff Hoadley

**Organist:** Janice Pieper

**JULY 31<sup>st</sup> OFFERINGS**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own!”

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Gifts Received</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Gifts Received</u>
Home Fund	\$962.00	NELHS Operating	\$45.00
Missions	\$35.00	NELHS Debt	\$15.00
Ed. Fund	\$15.00		

**LET US ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER (HEBREWS 10:25)**

**46** were present to receive God’s grace in worship last Sunday.

**THIS WEEK, BY GOD’S GRACE (August 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>)**

Today	Worship at Beatrice Worship at Plymouth	8:00am 10:00am
Monday	Teacher In-service at St. Paul’s	
Sun. - Fri.	NELHS VB/FB Registration and Conditioning Camp Week	
Tuesday	St. Paul’s PreK Orientation Night	6:00pm
Wednesday	Homestead House Bible Study St. Paul’s K-8 Orientation Night	10:30am 6:00pm
Thursday	Ladies Aid	2:30pm
Sunday	Worship with Communion at Beatrice Worship with Communion at Plymouth (Greeters: Joel & Karen Schroeder) NELHS Opening Service	8:00am 10:00am 4:00pm

**In Our Prayers**

- † **Paul & DeAnna Fanning** are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today.
- † **Mary Nitz** was hospitalized this past week at Beatrice Community Hospital due to an infection.

**Prayer Updates**

- † **Marlene Dorn** is a resident at Gold Crest in Adams as she recovers from her fall, with hopes to return home in the future.



If you would be willing/interested in helping provide rides to doctor appointments and other necessary activities for those who find themselves in a position where there is no relative or friend able to take them, please call the church office or contact one of our pastors. We will put your name on a list of volunteers willing to share their time and serve their brothers and sisters in Christ in this special way.



**Panther Volleyball** – According to the state of Nebraska, our school sports teams are actually congregational teams. Therefore, any of our church member children are eligible to participate on our teams. Volleyball is our first coed sport of the school year, taking place in September and October. Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to participate. Practices take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Games are played on Thursdays. If you are interested in having your child participate in St. Paul's Panther volleyball this season, please speak with either Mr. Danner, Mrs. Danner, or Mrs.

Schroeder by Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Teacher Housing** – We have been told we will be getting two student teachers this fall (Sept. 6 – Nov. 11). If anyone is interested in providing housing for them while they are here, please contact Mr. Danner.

**Pill Bottles for NELHS** – NELHS is collecting empty pill bottles for medical missions in Africa that reuse the medicine containers to distribute needed medication to their patients. The containers are a blessing, as those who require medicine will have a safe way to store and transport any prescribed medicine. They accept any type of container, ranging from pill bottles to vitamin containers. Size and color are not of importance. The bottles do not need to be cleaned, as NELHS will wash them in bulk, but please consider your privacy when bringing in the bottles. There is a box in the front entrance of church where you can place your pill bottles.



**St. Paul's Golf Outing** – The date for this year's golf outing has been set for the afternoon of September 25<sup>th</sup> at Hidden Acres in Beatrice. More information and a sign-up sheet will follow in the future.

**School Help** – It is that time of the year again – time to begin compiling the various schedules for school volunteers (bus drivers, before school care, hot lunch helpers, after school care). If you would be willing to serve in any of these areas, please contact Mr. Danner or Deb and let them know what days work for you and how many times per month you would be willing to help out.



**Broadcast Sponsors** – Anyone interested in sponsoring a broadcast of one of our worship services is asked to note that the following Sundays in 2022 are still available.:

August 28                      September 25                      December 4, 11, 18

If you would like to reserve any of these dates, please contact the church office or talk with Craig Scheele.

Please note that the cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$150.

**Greeters/Sunday Morning Childcare** – The new schedules for Greeters and Sunday Morning Childcare Volunteers will be compiled soon. If you have not served in the past but would like to do so, or if you have served but no longer plan to do so, please contact Deb at the church office. Thank you!!



## **NEBRASKA LUTHERAN KNIGHTLY NEWS**

**August 2022**

From the School Administrator...

Happy New Year! Happy Birthday!

Ecclesiastes 3:1,9-14 <sup>9</sup>“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...” <sup>9</sup>What do workers gain from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. <sup>13</sup>That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>14</sup>I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.”

August 28, 1979 - In a sense, the birthdate for NELHS...the first day of classes ever at Nebraska Lutheran. The 2022-2023 school year also starts in August - so Happy Birthday and Happy New Year! As we enter our 44<sup>th</sup> year, what has our association gained from their toil? Blessing too numerous to count! At the end of this past year, our school has had 113 teachers sharing the good news of salvation with our students. We have had 844 graduates from 1982 through 2022. This year we welcome our newest teacher, Mr. Paul Kanzenbach - music. We also welcome our 18 new freshmen and two more international students, Rabea from Germany and Kanako from Japan (both juniors). We have had students from 26 different states and 22 different countries (which includes our new one, Germany, this year)! Our students have gone on from NELHS as pastors, teachers, military, leaders in their industry, leaders in their community, leaders in their church, leaders in their family, and most importantly as Christian men and women serving their Savior Jesus Christ.

“Everything God does will endure forever, nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it” - the faith our students gain through the Holy Spirit and their zeal to serve Christ with their lives can never be taken away, nor should it ever be taken for granted.

Let our NELHS Association continue to find “satisfaction in all their toil - this is the gift of God.” I would like to personally thank our entire association churches and individuals who support us with their prayers, service, and offerings. It’s no secret that it takes money to operate a school. Church and individual offerings are needed and greatly appreciated. Financial support years ago made it possible for NELHS to start - giving me a Christian high school to go to as far back as August 28, 1979. These gifts have continued, allowing me to see my youngest become one of the most recent alumnus members of NELHS...thank you! The importance of this help continues. Please pray for NELHS and our students. Please help support us with your talents and abilities. Please continue (or begin) helping us financially.

If you have any questions about how to support NELHS, please do not hesitate to contact me (or anyone on staff or on the Board of Directors).

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” It’s time for a new school year. It’s time for many student activities to begin. It’s time to pray, support, and give to NELHS - your area Lutheran high school!

## **MEET MR. PAUL KAZENBACH**

### **Music Director**

Greetings! My name is Paul Kanzenbach and I am excited to be serving as the new music director at Nebraska Lutheran this coming year! After growing up in Watertown, South Dakota, I graduated from Martin Luther College in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary and secondary education. In 2020, I completed my Masters of Church Music degree with a choral emphasis through Concordia University - Wisconsin. I bring with me a passion for music education and 14 years of experience in WELS teaching ministry spent in both very small and very large school settings. At NELHS, my role will involve teaching Freshman Music, Concert Choir, KRT, and band, as well as teaming up to produce the musical/drama each spring.

My wife Sarah grew up near Madison, Wisconsin, and is also an MLC grad. (We met running cross country at MLC!) She and our four children are looking forward to experiencing all that Nebraska has to offer. Sarah currently works at home managing the busy schedules of Walter (4th grade), Henry (2nd grade), Lucy (Kindergarten), Elaine (18 months), cats, dog, and me. Walter, Henry, and Lucy will be attending Trinity in Waco this fall and will commute with dad most days.

We were blessed to find a property just outside of Stromsburg with space to grow into. We hope to prepare a large garden for next spring and enjoy spending plenty of time outdoors. Come spring, we even hope to add some chickens to our flock!

We look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks and months, and appreciate the warm welcome we’ve already received. Please keep our family, NELHS, and the ministry as a whole in your prayers as we humbly share God’s promises with the next generation!

In Him,  
Paul Kanzenbach

## 15th Annual NELHS Golf Classic



On July 30<sup>th</sup>, Nebraska Lutheran hosted the NELHS 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic and WHAT a success it was! We had 19 teams sign up for the tournament, that's 76 total players. It was a BEAUTIFUL warm day. Thank you so much to all of our golfers, our volunteers, and to John Costin and Vickie Himmelberg for all of the work and planning that went into making the day so much fun and so successful. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!

Keep your eye out for our September newsletter that will provide more details, pictures, and information about the success of the golf event and, most importantly, for the SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR!! Stay tuned!!

### UPCOMING SPORTS

#### Volleyball Games

August 23 - Osceola Jamboree at Home 6/7:00 p.m.

August 30 - Wilber-Clatonia at Home 6/7:00 p.m.

September 1 - McCool Triangular AT McCool 5:30 p.m.

#### Football Games

August 26- East Butler at Home 7:00 p.m.

September 2- Silver Lake (Roseland) AT Roseland 7:00 p.m.

## CONGREGATION HIGHLIGHT



Each month NELHS highlights one of the 47 congregations in our monthly newsletter. The highlight touches on the wonderful congregation and how it helps support the Christian Ministry and Education provided by Nebraska Lutheran.

### **THIS MONTH: IMMANUEL, HADAR, NEBRASKA**

**\*What is the number of communicants in your congregation? 125**

**\*What is the number of souls in your congregation? 155**

**\*Please list the names of all pastors in your congregations. Austin Ziche**

**\*Please list the number of teachers if you have an LES: 3**

**\*Please name of the church secretary or main contact person at the church. Austin Ziche**

**\*What is the uniqueness of your congregation? We are a small country church and school, but we are open to change!**

**\*What has been your congregation's connection to NELHS over the years (any stories, people, or items you could share)?**

A lot of the great leadership in our congregations comes from NEHLS graduates. They have great perspective and an awesome foundation of faith.

**\*What are some ways your congregation is nurturing your members and reaching out to your communities?** We canvass and offer community events like Trunk-or-Treat and VBS.

## **NELHS WORK DAY THANK YOU!!**

We had a great turn out for our last NELHS workday on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. A big shout out to all the volunteers that spent their Saturday organizing, cleaning out and, hopefully, finally getting the dryer vents in the boys' dorm secured. These cleanup days are the only time we can go beyond the everyday cleaning, and only volunteers can help make this happen. Thank you is not even enough, to say the least. We are so blessed and grateful to everyone who has helped at the NELHS Workdays.

### **\*\*\*2023 KNIGHT OUT GALA\*\*\***

We just wanted to put a little bug in people's ears about the 2023 Knight Out Gala. Next year's event is scheduled to be held at Stone Creek in McCool Junction, Nebraska, on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. We are so excited to host the event in close proximity to NELHS, with the hopes of having more people attend. This is one of three big events NELHS hosts during the year to raise money for our school.

We would LOVE for you to mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend the event next Spring!!

If you would like more information about St. Paul's or Christ Lutheran Church, feel free to speak with Pastor Fred Berger ([pastorberger@gmail.com](mailto:pastorberger@gmail.com); call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Justin Dauck ([justin.dauck@gmail.com](mailto:justin.dauck@gmail.com); call/text 402-806-9082) after the service or anytime during the week! If you think you might be interested in joining the St. Paul's or Christ Lutheran church family, either pastor would be more than happy to take you through some Bible studies at whatever time or location is most convenient for you to learn more about what we teach.

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran School, feel free to speak with Mr. Andrew Danner! ([danner@stpaulsplymouth.org](mailto:danner@stpaulsplymouth.org); call/text 402-433-5349). He would love to give you a tour of the school and answer any questions you might have about the excellent Christ-centered education we offer students of our church and community.

**Please contact us! We would love to serve you!**

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