



# **St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point**

## **4th Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2017**

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

### **Prayer before the Service-**

**The Order of Divine Service 1.....pg 151**  
**Opening Hymn.....965**

**Psalm 119:153-160 (read responsively, whole verse by whole verse)**

### **Old Testament Lesson-Jeremiah 28:5-9**

“Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! The LORD do so; the LORD perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the LORD’S house and all who were carried away captive, from Babylon to this place. Nevertheless hear now this

word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms—of war and disaster and pestilence. As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent.”

### **Epistle Lesson-Romans 7:1-13**

Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

### **Gospel Lesson-Matthew 10:34-42**

“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to “set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her

mother-in-law’; and “a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

**Sermon Hymn .....716**

**Sermon**

**Text: Matthew 10:34-42**

**Theme: The Lord sends a Sword?**

- I. The Lord’s warnings get progressively worse and so...**
- II. The Lord does not send peace, but a Sword, and that seems to make sense to our human nature**
- III. The Lord calls upon us trust that His is the only way to overcome sin, death, and all evil**

**Offering**

**Prayers**

**Communion Liturgy.....pg 160**

**Communion Hymns.....696, 623, 661**

**Benediction**

**Closing**

**Hymn.....865**

**Church council meeting** will take place on Monday, July 3rd at 7:30 PM to prepare for the **July Voter’s Meeting**, which will take place on Sunday, July 9th at 1:30 PM.

**Pastor Speers is seeking members** who would like to take some time to read through and discuss some of the material from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, both National and District, on challenges facing Lutheran churches in particular and all Christian churches in the west. Something that has come to the attention of many is that there has been a decrease in the number of young people, ages 17-36, involved in church life throughout the US. (They have recently been designated Nones. Pastor Speers attended a Doxology conference about this group 1-2 years ago). The number has grown from a longstanding average of 15% missing from the churches they attended, to an average of 35%

today, in the US. As of right now we have 4 individuals who have indicated interest. Please talk to Pastor Speers (618-367-2697 or 618-483-6993) if you are interested, as we prepare to meet and begin discussing these matters.

**Please return** your baby bottles for the Family Life center as soon as possible.

**Faith Lutheran Ice Cream Social**-Sunday, July 9, 2017 from 4 PM to 7:30 PM. Menu: Homemade Ice Cream, BBQ and Hot Dogs, Pie, Cake and Drink. Free will offering.

**Pastor Speers** will be on the radio program Thy Strong Word on KFYO-850 AM on Tuesday, July 11th at 11 AM to discuss John 2.

**The Kolb Family** will be coming to visit on Sunday, July 16. Pastor Kolb will be preaching and leading bible class, talking about their experiences over the last two years.

**ALIS Registration** will be held on Wednesday, July 19 from 10AM-6PM.

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**The Family of Dale Wachtel** would like to express their deepest gratitude for the love, kindness, and thoughtfulness given by the pastor, congregation ladies aid, and those who helped with the visitation and funeral service. Your prayers were of great comfort and support through this difficult time—The Dale Wachtel Family

**Prayers**-For Pastor Josh Frazee and his fiance Anna who were married Saturday; For Faith Wendte and Matt Kemme, as they are married this coming Saturday; For Cheryl Burks who has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, as she continues testing and begins treatment; For Rosten Heimgartner who was recently hospitalized; For the family of Myron Myers, grandfather of Chelsey Stuckemeyer, who died in an accident this past week; For our country!

**This Week at St Paul**

Sunday: Catechism 11 AM	Exodus 19-21
Monday: Council Meeting 7:30 PM	Exodus 22-24
Tuesday:	Exodus 25-27
Wednesday: Bible Study 10 AM	Exodus 28-30
Thursday:	Exodus 31-33
Friday:	Exodus 34-36
Saturday:	Exodus 37-40

**Those participating-**

**Pastor**-David Speers  
**Organist**-Faith Wendte

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