



Thursday, May 7 at 6 pm in the Gym



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"And if I go  
and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again  
and will take you to myself,



so that where I am,  
there you may be also."

John 14:3, NRSV

10:45 a.m. May 3, 2026  
Sermon: Pastor Phillip Hannemann



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

(10:45 a.m. Sun., May 3, 2026)

**Servants of God's House Today:**

**Vacancy Pastor:** Rev. James Travis **Guest Pastor:** Pastor Phillip Hannemann

**Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill **Usher:** Tim Draube

**Missionaries:** Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf and Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

**Elder:** Frank Tenuta

**Reader:** Ralph Schroeder

**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**AS WE GATHER** Since 1986, voice actor Tom Bodett has had his career defined with a one-line promotion for the Motel 6 hotel chain. He always ends his commercials for the company with a simple line stating "we'll leave the light on for you." Having an assured place to be going to can be encouraging and comforting. As Jesus speaks with His disciples, we hear Him reassure them and us that He will be in His Father's house, the heavenly place where lights are not even necessary. In the Revelation to John, we have this insight about our God's eternal city: "And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb" (Revelation 21:23). In "Jerusalem the Golden," medieval monk Bernard of Cluny writes of the "radiancy of glory" and the "bliss beyond compare" that are in store for God's redeemed people there (LSB 672:1). As we share in the foretaste of the feast to come through our worship, we can only imagine what joys still await us.

**HOLY COMMUNION** The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, is the way, and the truth, and the life. We bless You for His saving work and for the comfort that He brings to troubled hearts. Help us to be faithful to Him to death and so to receive life eternal. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Mann memo "OK Mission Trip".**

### School Fundraising

**St. Paul's Apparel Shop Now Open!** You can now order your St. Paul's school apparel online at [www.rtithreads.com](http://www.rtithreads.com). Search under schools and select St. Paul's. There are t-shirts, polo shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts and more!

### IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

Your donations are more impactful than ever—every contribution qualifies for a generous 75% Iowa tax credit! For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. Check the website: [www.iowalutheransto.com](http://www.iowalutheransto.com).

**RaiseRight Gift Cards:** Stop in the office and pick up gift cards or place an order on [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com). With the app, you can download and pay directly at the stores. To set up your account contact the office.

**Scan your BOX TOPS:** after shopping, just scan your receipts on the Box Tops App and earn more money for the school. It is easy to participate. Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt **within 14 days** of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops

products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online.

**Casey's App:** Pick up a gift card in the office or on raiseright for Casey's, go purchase gas or other items, enter your Casey's rewards number and earn points. Cash in your rewards on their app for St. Paul's. Help St. Paul's make the most of this program and learn more at [www.caseys.com](http://www.caseys.com).

**Pastor Office Hours:** Pastor James Travis office hours Wednesday mornings (8:00 a.m.—noon). For an emergency he can be reached at 712-202-8516.

**History Facts:** Next year it will be our 150th anniversary and leading up to our big celebrations we will be putting out occasional historical facts in the bulletin announcements. Here is this weeks: **St. Paul's History - 100 years ago today - From the May 3, 1926 Voters Meeting:** •Pastor Matthaides reported that the total subscriptions to the church building fund (begun in August, 1925) had reached \$31,000.00. •Pastor and the Trustees were requested to formulate suggestions for the new church. •Resolved to grant the Lutheran Hospital use of our School hall for their graduation on May 26.

### Regular Scheduled Meetings

**Sunday Disciple Training Hour-**Sunday Bible Study will be at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement taught by Frank Tenuta.

**Sunday School:** will be at 9:30 a.m. in the basement classrooms.

**Elders Meeting:** will be **Tuesday, May 5** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference

**Lamplighters:** Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **May 6** at Calvary Lutheran Church.

**St. Paul's Women's League Meeting:** will be **Thursday, May 7** at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement.

**Board of Education:** will be **Tuesday May 12** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office Conference Rm.

**Youth Board meeting on Wednesday, May 13** at 5:30 p.m. in the church conference room.

**Anna Circle/Sewing Group** meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays on **May 11 & 25** in the church basement.

**Evangelism Committee Meeting:** Will meet at 4:30 p.m. on the **second and fourth Tuesdays on May 12 & 26** in Church office conference room.

**Mary Martha Circle:** will meet **Monday, May 18** at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Eastside.

**Friends of Christ:** will meet **Monday, May 25** at 8 am for the Annual Memorial Day Breakfast at St. Paul's. Bring your dinner ware and Hosts will provide Breakfast.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** Each **Thursday at 9:00 a.m.** in the office conference room.

- **Eliza Gunn: Sunday, May 31st** from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym

**Steaks Sale:** Are you getting excited about your Mother's Day grill out? St. Paul's is here to help. The annual steak sale has begun. We have NY Strip Thick-cut steaks **2 for \$25** available for purchase. See Ralph Schroeder or stop in the office to get your steaks.

**Adult Confirmation Classes:** Pastor Travis is offering an ongoing adult confirmation classes **every Saturday** at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran and **Wednesdays** at 8:30 a.m. at St. Paul's. You can join anytime if you are interested in becoming a member or being confirmed. For more information you can talk to Pastor Travis. 712-202-8516

**Mission Central Trip:** Those wanting to carpool to Mission Central **Saturday, July 11** to meet Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump. Please contact Marlis Hilden. We formerly supported the Trumps through the missions here at St. Paul's.

**Now Enrolling at St. Paul's :** We are now taking applications for the 2026-27 school year. Tuition has been set for K-5th grade at \$8,500 and for Preschool at \$5,500. The ESA application window for the 2026-27 school year is now open until June 30. All Iowa families are eligible for ESA. You will still need to submit an online application. For the 2026-27 school year, the ESA amount will be \$8,148 to be used for tuition, fees, and other eligible qualified education expenses. You can apply at [www.iowa-households.withodyssey.com/login/](http://www.iowa-households.withodyssey.com/login/) Contact Pam Whightsil at the school office (712-258-6325) if you would like assistance completing the application process or if you have any questions.

**Tuition Assistance Available for the 2026-2027 School Year** for St Paul's Lutheran School (grades K-5). Members of St Paul's Lutheran Church may receive \$1,000 per student towards St Paul's Lutheran School tuition. This assistance is courtesy of a generous donation to the Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment and Legacy Fund. If

interested, please call the St Paul's Lutheran church office {712-252-0338} to provide your contact information or pick up a form. Please return the form to Redeemer Lutheran Church or St Paul's Lutheran Church. Deadline to apply is **Friday, July 31st, 2026**. Please note completion of this form does not take the place of a school enrollment application. Funds are limited and offered on a first come/first service basis.

**Camp Okoboji Scholarships:** The Auxiliary has TWO scholarships available yet for 2026. If you know of someone in need of financial assistance for Camp this year, please contact [camp@campokoboji.org](mailto:camp@campokoboji.org), and we will send the application.

**School Schedule and Events for May:**

- **May 4—7** Teacher Appreciation Week
- **Thursday, May 7—** “Bee-attitudes” Musical at 6:00 p.m. in the School Gym
- **Friday, May 15—**Paullina Field Day Bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. and returns around 3:15 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 19—**5th Grade Graduation at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary
- **Friday, May 22—**Preschool Graduation at 2:00 p.m. in the School Gym
- **Monday, May 25—** Memorial Day – No School
- **Thursday, May 28—**Last Day of School  
Final Chapel 12:30 p.m.  
Early Out 1:00pm  
End of year picnic at Riverside Park 6:00 – 8:00pm
- **Friday, May 29** Teacher Workday

**Redeemer Lutheran Youth Missions Trip:** An EF3 tornado ripped through Sulphur, OK the hometown of DCE Jonathon Bailey of Redeemer, Sioux City in April. Redeemer Lutheran will be taking a group on a mission trip, in June and needs to raise \$18,000 to cover travel expenses and materials. You can support this project by sending donations by **May 31st to the district office – c/o Julie**

**Worship Service**

(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

- **The Ringing of the Bells**
- **The Hand of Fellowship**
- **The Invocation**
- **Opening Sentences** *Psalm 27:1; 147:11; 104:24a, 31a; Isaiah 2:5b*
- **Confession and Absolution**
- **Opening Song** “Holy Spirit”
- **The First Reading** Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60 (Stephen is stoned and becomes a martyr for Christ.)
- **The Second Reading** 1 Peter 2:2–10 (An exhortation to live lives of Christian love)
- **The Holy Gospel** John 14:1–14 (Jesus says that He is the way, the truth, & the life.)
- **Children’s Message**
- **Song of Instruction** “Here I Am To Worship”
- **Sermon** Pastor Phillip Hannemann
- **The Nicene Creed**
- **The Prayer of the Church**
- **Offering of God’s People to their Beloved Savior**

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul’s members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the basket as it is passed by.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

- **Offertory Song** “Make Me A Servant”
- **The Lord’s Prayer**
- **Invitational Song (“Praise Team):**
- **Words of Institution**
- **Reading of the Announcement Card for Holy Communion**
- **Distribution** “As The Deer” and “Draw Me Close”
- **Prayer of Thanksgiving**
- **The Benediction**
- **The Going Out Song** “Mighty to Save”
- **Silent Prayer and Postlude**

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

**Week of May 3—10, 2026**

**Today:** Worship/Communion 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.  
 Disciple Training Hour 9:30 a.m.  
 Special Voters' Meeting 12:15 p.m.

**Monday –Friday Teacher Appreciation Week**

**Tuesday:** Elders' Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** School Chapel 9:00 a.m.  
 Lamplighters—Calvary 9:30 p.m.  
 Confirmation –Church Basement 5:15 p.m.

**Thursday:** Bible Study— Church Office 9:00 a.m.  
 School Musical—"Beeatitudes" 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** Adult Confirmation—Calvary 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday: Mother's Day**  
 Worship 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.  
 Disciple Training Hour 9:30 a.m.

Reader Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
May 2-3	Marlis Hilden	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder
May 10		Dallas Schulz	Jami Langholdt

Acolyte Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
May 2-3	Ryder Huff	Maxwell Knowles	Abby & Haden
May 10		Adelyn Zediker	Jackson Haller

**Financial Report 2026**

**Love Offering/We Care Ministry Report**

Last Week	Received To Date	Amount Distributed	Balance
\$5	\$19,164.43	\$8,525.88	\$10,638.55

Church Weekly Offerings Report			Church Yearly Budget \$389,072.00		
Received (04/26/2026)	Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received	Up-To-Date Budget	%
\$2,392.32	\$7,483.00	32%	\$115,178.70	\$127,211.00	91%

**FAMILY MATTERS**

**Last Week's Attendance:** Apr. 26: 147

**Pray for Each Other** We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Lonnie Stuhr, Linda Arndt, Jeannette Amble, Jennifer Monk, Kenny Sherman, Coleen Reich, Philip Hageman, Alan Seymour, Connie Spahn, Janice Hinrichsen, Carolyn Stuhr, Ron & Karen Sherrill, Bernie Attema, Pat Berger-Conlon, Deb Wolfe, Judy Seaman, Vickie Johnson, and Kim and Sharon Sparr. We also pray for continued comfort and peace Jeannie Heimgartner and family with the passing of Daryl.

**Welcome Cards/Attendance Cards:** Can be found in the pew holders next to the communion cards. Please fill out the brown cards and place them in the offering baskets.

**Special Voters' Meeting:** There will be a special voters' meeting on **Today, Sunday, May 3** at 12:15 p.m. to call a new teacher.

**Boards and Committees:** We are coming up upon the time when we will elect new officers and select new board and committee members in May. Anyone can be on a board or committee if they are interested. The voters will vote on the new Chairperson for each board and the Church Officers in May. Please consider stepping up and filling the positions that will becoming open. This is a great way to get involved in the local church. There is a sign up sheet and a description flyer of the boards and duties in the foyer or contact Dallas Schulz for more information.

**Voters' Meeting:** There will be a Voters' meeting on **Sunday, May 17** at 2:00 p.m. for elections to vote for New Officers and Chairmen.

**Old Church Pew Cushions:** The Church pews have been replace and the old cushions are available to anyone who would like to have them. Contact the church office if you would be interested in them. Please have them picked up by **Friday, May 15**. Any cushions left after that date will be thrown away.

**Pastoral Nomination Forms:** The pastoral

nomination forms that are needed to begin the process of calling for the pastoral vacancy here at St. Paul are available either from Dallas Schulz, in the Narthex or you may pick one up in the church office if you are wanting to nominate someone for the Pastor position.

**Church lights and doors:** If you unlock a door at the church, you are responsible to make sure it is locked when you leave. Also please make sure all lights are off when you leave. In the last few weeks lights have been left on and doors have ben left unlocked. Lets keep the House of God protected as well as we can.

**St. Paul's Summer Camp:** St. Paul's School is having Summer Camp again this year. Camp will be held here at St. Paul's for 9 weeks during the summer, June 8 to August 7. The cost is \$180 per week This covers all fees for activities, art projects, fieldtrips and lunch. Child care assistance HHS is also accepted. All payments must be cleared the week prior to camp for your child to attend. Each week will center around a different theme and activities will correspond to each theme. Mrs. Trobaugh and Mrs. Graves will be the teachers for the summer. For questions, call Pam Whightsil at 712-258-6325.

**"The Bumble Beeatitudes"** You are invited to come to a fun and inspirational performance of "The Bumble Beeatitudes" by the St. Paul's school children on **Thursday, May 7** at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym.

**Farewell Reception:** Paulette Schmidt, one of our organist and Chaplain Schmidt's wife is moving to Ames, IA, to be near family. Redeemer Lutheran is hosting a cake and coffee farewell from 9:15-10:45 am on **Sunday, May 10**. You are invited!

**Finance Committee Meeting:** There will be a Finance Committee meeting on **Tuesday, May 19** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference room.

**Graduation Parties:** You are invited to celebrate these graduates.

- **Justice Sherman: Sunday, May 24th** from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym.