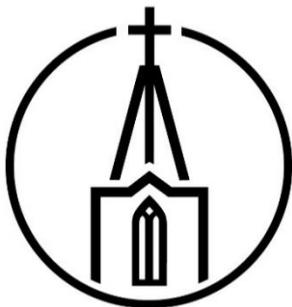


Saturday & Sunday, July 31 & Sunday August 1, 2021  
The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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*We welcome you all to our worship service! We are gathered for the purpose of worshipping our God who showed His love for all people by sending His Son to die for our sins on the cross of Calvary. We're also gathered to strengthen our faith through using His means of Grace, the Gospel in Word and Sacrament!*

*There are LARGE PRINT copies of this bulletin on the counter in the narthex, please feel free to take one. Bathroom facilities are available both upstairs (across from the west car-port entrance) and in the basement.*

*If you have any questions about the school or the teachings of St. Paul's, which is part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please don't be afraid to contact Principal Aaron Markgraf about the school, or Pastor Paul Hirsch, whose numbers are listed on the back cover of this folder.*

*We invite our guests to come again and worship with us again. You are always welcome here in God's house!*

## **Our Holy Communion Practice**

Dear visitors and guests: You may be relieved to know that we do not want to impose our practice of Holy Communion on you. In fact, God's Word teaches that Communion is intended only for those who have been taught the Biblical truths and meaning of the Sacrament, and for those who have previously expressed their doctrinal unity (communion...common-union) with the congregation. This is what is meant by the scriptural practice of "close communion."

It wasn't too long ago that most Lutheran church bodies held to this practice, but now many have now abandoned it in the age of political correctness. We still appreciate it and retain it, and extend fellowship at the Lord's Table to the communicant members of our Wisconsin Synod and also those of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), with whom we are presently in doctrinal fellowship. If, as our guest today, you have not had the opportunity to explore or express your fellowship with us, please observe our Communion service today, and speak with our pastor later if you have questions. We'd be happy to spend time over an open Bible and explain why we do what we do as we try to faithfully follow Scripture.

## Jesus Gives the Bread of Life To Unify Us in Faith, Love and Purpose

*It's easy to become distracted as members of a Christian congregation, considering personal circumstances and differences of opinions. Only Jesus can overcome such distractions. He gives us His Word, the Bread of Life, to unify us in faith, love and purpose.*

### **A PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*Dearest Lord, just as my life has its "ups and downs," so also my worship life has its days when I am confident and strong in faith, and other days when I am so weak. Please forgive me when my worship is less than it ought to be. Through Your Word, fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that I turn to You in difficult times, and praise You when times are good, never forgetting Your love for me! Amen.*

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**Opening Hymn** #87 "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

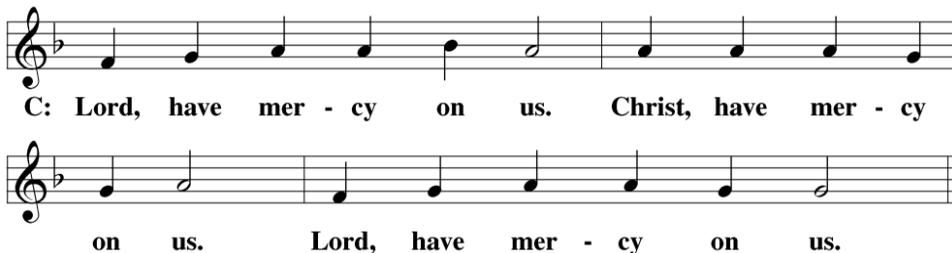
**The Order of Worship** Based on CW, p. 15 "The Common Service"

*P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*



*P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

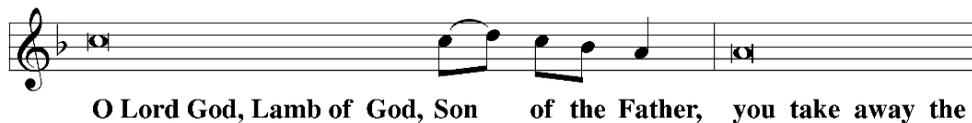
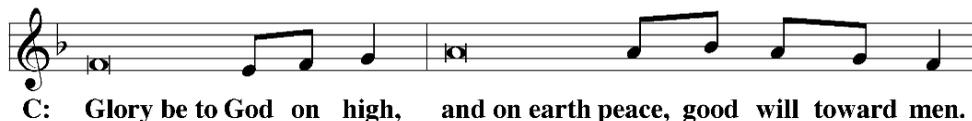
**ALL: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



*P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.*



*P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!*





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 Prayer of the Day

*P: The Lord be with you.*



C: And al - so with you.

*P: Let us pray.*

**ALL: O gracious Lord, You always hear and answer the prayers of Your humble servants who come to You in Jesus' name. Teach us to always ask for things that agree with Your holy will, so that we may continue to receive both the earthly and the spiritual blessings You have promised; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



C: A - men.

### The First Lesson Exodus 24:1-11

*Moses served as the mediator between God and the children of Israel. Through Moses, God instructed His people how they were to worship Him.*

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, <sup>2</sup> but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

<sup>3</sup> When Moses went and told the people all the LORD’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the LORD has said we will do.” <sup>4</sup> Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. <sup>6</sup> Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.”

<sup>8</sup> Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup> Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup> and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup> But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

**The Verse of the Day**      Colossians 3:15      *Let’s speak the verse together.*

Alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Alleluia!



**The Second Lesson**      John 6:1-15

*Notice the humility in which Jesus displays both His compassion and His almighty power. He richly feeds us with His Word and sacraments and then gives us also daily bread.*

<sup>1</sup> Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), <sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

<sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages<sup>[a]</sup> to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

<sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup> “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

<sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

<sup>14</sup> After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” <sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

## **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn**      #536      “Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head”



**E PLURIBUS UNUM**

**I. Unity in the Church, leads to . . . II. Unity in the church.**

<sup>1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**Sermon Response** *All sing!*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

**The Offering**

*If you haven't already, please place your thank-offering in the plate located in the back of church. Scanning this QR code works too. Thanks for your generous gifts! God blesses a cheerful giver!*

***Malachi 3:10*** *Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.*



**Offering Hymn** #612 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that  
4 As your pros-p'ring hand has blest, May we give you



crowns our days. Boun - teous Source of ev - 'ry joy,  
of our best And by deeds of kind - ly love



Let your praise our tongues em - ploy. All to you, our  
For your mer - cies grate - ful prove, Sing - ing thus through



God, we owe, Source whence all our bless - ings flow.  
all our days: "Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise."

**Prayers & 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.*

**The Sacrament**

*P: The Lord be with you.*



C: And al - so with you.



*P: Lift up your hearts.*



**C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*



**C: It is good and right so to do.**

*P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song.*



**C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:**



**heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -**



**na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.**



**Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who**



**comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -**



**na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.**

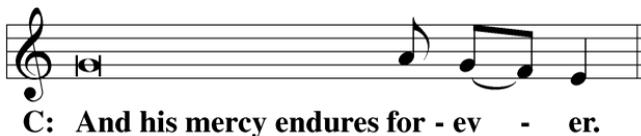


**Song of Simeon** *Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

*P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.*



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

*P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



C: A - men.

## The Blessing

*P: 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.*



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## Closing Hymn #566 "We All are One in Mission"



### **Serving In the Lord's House Today**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Richard Schlieve

**Organist:** Mrs. Diane Herbolsheimer

**Radio Broadcasters:** Walt Tinius & Tammy Mancini

**Video Tech:** Darol Dusseau

**Elder:** Gary Bretschneider

**Ushers:** Gary Johnson & Don Lau

#### **SERVING NEXT WEEK**

**Elder:** John Kouba

**Ushers:** Eric Nunnenkamp & Joe Myers

**Power Point:** Jett Leuthold (Sat.) Levi Uecker (Sun.)

### **Worshipping the Lord**

Last Week's Attendance: Sat. 6:30 PM – 71; Sun. 9:00 AM – 101; **Total = 172**

Sunday Bible Class - NA; Sisters in Faith - 7; Wednesday Bible Class - NA

# Some Announcements

- 1) **Sunday Bible Class** is being re-booted this Sunday, August 1. We'll continue looking at some those "oldies but goodies" Bible stories, reviewing and relearning. We'll restart with Moses.
- 2) There will be no **Wednesday Bible Class** with Pastor Schlieve on Wednesday, August 4 and 11.
- 3) **Pioneer Day/Night** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pioneer Day will be held Saturday, September 4, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This is the time when vendors will be here for a flea-market. If anyone from here would like a table, please contact Jeff Jensen (402.750.9009). This year we're also trying something new, a Pioneer Night, to be held on the green-space east of school. This will include food trucks, activities for kids (bounce houses), music, and the opportunity for some fellowship with one another and our community over a cold beer or two (which will be carefully supervised)! The tentative timeframe for Pioneer Night is 6:00-9:00 PMish. Let's enjoy each others' company as well as building some more bridges with our community!
- 4) **Mercy Meal's Annual Pack Away Hunger** will be October 2-3 this year. We are looking for volunteers to participate in packing bags of food that will be sent around the world to those in hunger. Mercy Meals put together groups of 10 people per table. Sign-up sheets for this event will be at the Communication Center where you can either sign up as a group or as an individual. Mercy Meals is also looking for a donation to help buy the food we will be packing. If you can't participate but would like to help, consider donating. A donation box will be next to the sign-up sheet.
- 5) The next **Youth Group** event will be on Sunday August 8th. We will be at the school from 3pm to 6pm. Dinner will be provided so RSVP to let me know how many need to be fed! We have a few discussion topics we need to cover, but then we will plan on decorating t-shirts and playing some water games.
- 6) The area congregation "Support Our Schools!" **GOLF EXTRAVAGANZA**, will be held on Sunday, September 19 at Fairplay Country Club. Please put it on your calendar and get your team together. More information will be shared in the near future.
- 7) **Red Cross Cookies** In the past August was the month St. Paul's Church donated cookies for the Red Cross Tuesday Blood Drives. If you would be willing to do it again there is a sign-up sheet on the communication shelf with more information.

- 8) There will be no **Sisters in Faith** Monday, Aug 2nd. We will be covering chapter 2 of the 12 Extraordinary Women on Monday Aug 9th at Loren Bloomquist's ranch. If you need directions, contact Lisa Lindemann at 920-663-1892.
- 9) Plan are in the works to **reboot Sunday School** after Labor Day. Generally speaking, Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grades will be included, divided into two age groups. Would you consider helping as a teacher for these kids?! We're working HARD for is to have multiple teachers per level so that just one or two are not doing the lions' share of teaching. If you have questions, or know already you'd like to help, talk to either Hannah Markgraf (920.539.5547) or Pastor Hirsch (402-649-9268).
- 10) Help support St. Paul's with your Amazon purchases! **Amazon SMILES** is a part of Amazon that donates .5% of your purchases to the charity or church of your choice. In your church boxes is a small insert with easy steps on how to sign into and use Amazon SMILES! Thanks!
- 11) The **“Greeter Program”** is **re-starting**, and consists of several friendly faces in the narthex welcoming members and guests to the service. Sign-up sheets for this are at the Communication Center.
- 12) The St. Paul's **Ladies Aid** will meet this Thursday, August 5, at 9:00 AM for coffee. Roll Call will be answered with “Where did you attend grade school?” A cash collection will be taken up for NELHS. Hostess & Entertainment Committee will be Dawn Miller. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

## **In Touch with the Mohlkes** *From a few weeks ago...*

Leslie and I are both well and life is good. Leslie and I now feel very comfortable here in Malawi and have gotten used to our new home.

Work continues to proceed with many blessings and challenges, nothing unusual for any work in this world.

This past Saturday Leslie and I took a “tuk tuk” a three wheeled vehicle to the town market. There we walked around for hours just seeing what was there. Leslie bought some traditional style pieces of cloth, quite colorful, that women use for many purposes. You can ask Sarah or Elizabeth when you see them. We also found a man selling used sweatshirts and one in particular caught my eye.

Blessings to you all, Howie.



## **SOME CHURCH FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday, 8/1** = Worship Service w/ Communion, 9:00 AM  
Coffee / Bible Study – “Moses”, 10:15 AM

**Wednesday, 8/4** = Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM  
NO Bible Class (Schlieve)

**Thursday, 8/5** = Ladies Aid, 9:00 AM

**Saturday, 8/7** = Worship Service, 6:30 PM      *Organist: Mrs. Shannon Spreeman*

**Sunday, 8/8** = Worship Service, 9:00 AM  
Coffee / Bible Study, 10:15 AM

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### **Church Cleaning Teams:**

**Aug. 1** – Team 6 (Kristin Bauer, Linda Jensen, Kelly Meysenburg,  
Dan & Karen Pufahl, Barb Reeves, Carol Wachter, Veryle Winter)  
**Aug. 8 & Aug. 15** – Team 1 (Chad & Alicia Moyer, Kathy Janovec,  
Bill & Sue Ulrich)

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