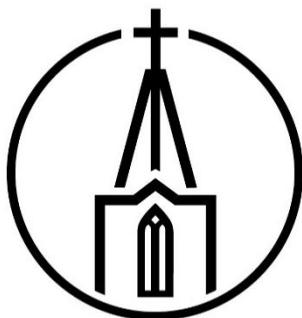


Saturday/Sunday, September 5/6, 2020
The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

Times to Formally Gather around the Gospel:

Saturday: 6:30 PM Worship Service

Sunday: 9:00 AM Worship Service & 10:15 AM Bible Class (in church basement...materials provided)

6:30 PM COVID Service (1st & 3rd Sunday of the month)

Wednesday: 10:00 AM Bible Class (in church basement...bring your own Bible!)

The Sunday service is broadcast live every week on KNEN, 94.7 FM, and livestreamed via our website – stpls.com.

These Sunday service video recordings are also archived on Youtube.

Opening Hymn #389 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -



my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood
thy law's de - mands, Could my zeal no res - pite know,
thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,
lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,



From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the
Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could
Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the
See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.
foun - tain fly— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

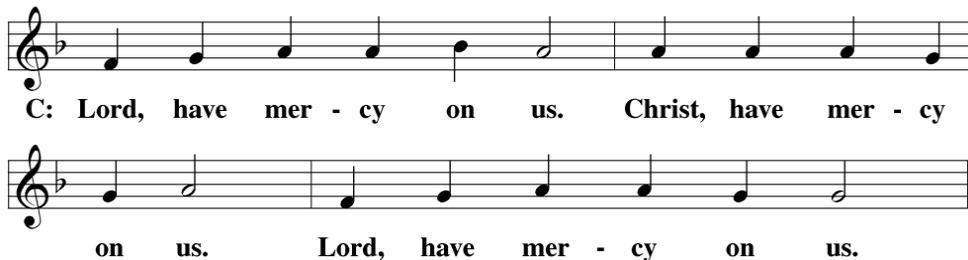
The Order of Worship Based on CW, p. 15 "The Common Service"

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.

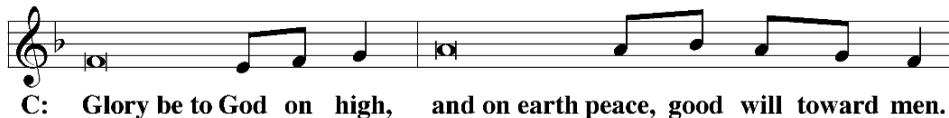
ALL: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in 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!



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; re - ceive 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 Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, as we are gathered around Your Word, please strengthen our faith in You as our hope for eternal life, and strengthen our love for one another. Motivate us to live our lives according to Your commands so that we too may be missionaries for Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Old Testament Lesson Exodus 6:1-8

"The Lord" is the title that describes God as the God of faithful grace. Here, the Lord and His grace are seen as He fulfills His promise in delivering His people from their slavery, and guiding them to the promised-land.

¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.”

² God also said to Moses, “I am the LORD. ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself fully known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. ⁵ Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶ “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

⁸ And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

The Psalm

Psalm 34

Let's sing the Psalm together!

Refrain



Psalm tone



Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*
and he delivers them.

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The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

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

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The Epistle Lesson Romans 11:33-36

St. Paul shows how God's wisdom can turn a person's disobedience into an opportunity for His mercy.

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ “Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵ “Who has ever given to God,

that God should repay them?”

³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

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 #382 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

The Sermon Meditation Matthew 16:13-20

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

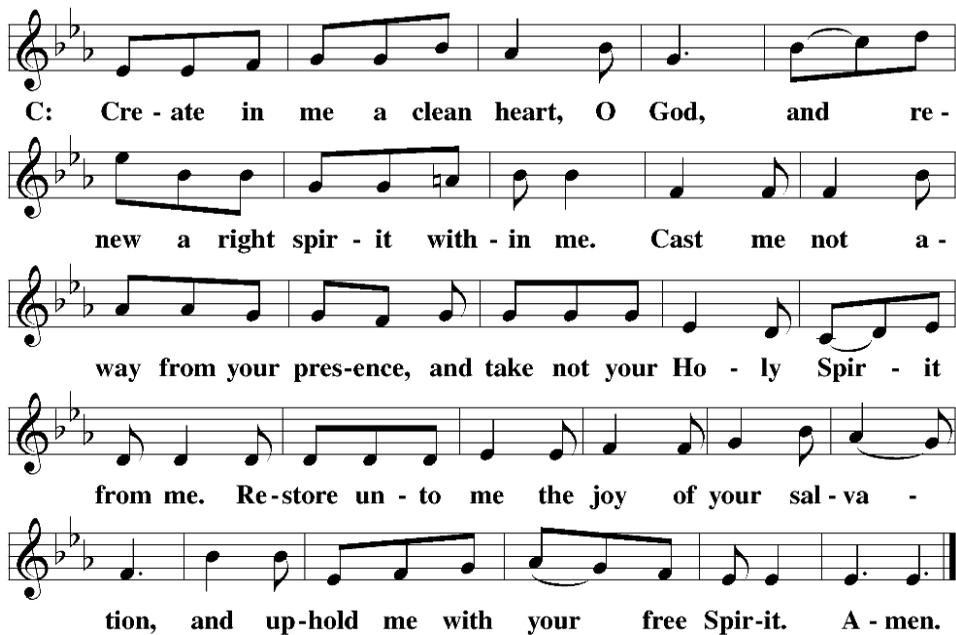
¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter,^[b] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades^[c] will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be^[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[e] loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Our financial offerings are one way we give back to God in response for ALL He has done for us! As members of St. Paul’s, we gather our thank-offerings which are used to fund the operations of this congregation, our Christian high school – Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School, and the work of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We don’t expect or ask our visitors and guests to give toward this offering since it is our pleasure just to have you with us! But if you would like to, please feel free. It is our joy and privilege as Christians to generously give to the work of our Lord! Scan the QR code to give digitally, or offering plates are located at the rear of church.



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.

Jesus' Words Instituting His Holy Supper

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.
 C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The Distribution

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.

*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 #399 "To God Be the Glory" HOTW



1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Oh, per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood,
 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
 To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
 And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
 The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
 But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

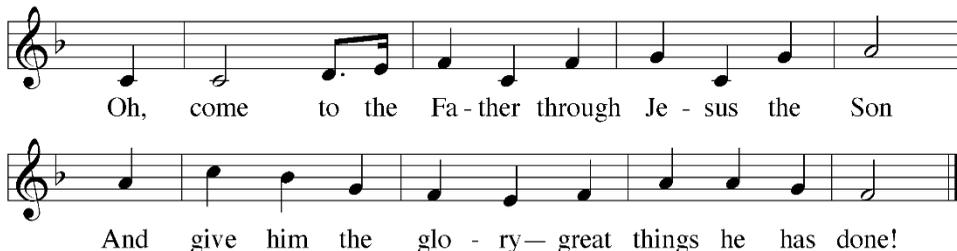
Refrain



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



A couple of COVID Reminders...

- + *Please wait to leave your pew at the direction of the usher.*
- + *As you leave the sanctuary and go to Bible Class or your vehicle, please do not bunch up in the mailbox area, but leave a clear corridor to the exits.*

Serving the Lord

Worship Leader: Pastor Richard Schlieuwe

Organist: Mrs. Diane Herbolsheimer

Radio Broadcaster(s): Lee Grebe & Glynn Grebe

Television Broadcast Technician: Darol Duseau & Laurie Jackson

	On Duty This Week:	On Duty Next Week:
Elder:	Miles Spreeman	Ron Kraemer
Greeters:		
Ushers:	Gary Johnson & Don Lau	Eric Nunnenkamp & Joe Myers
Technology:	Erika Paeper	Sam Myers & Ashlee Plisek

Worshipping the Lord

Last Week's Attendance: Sat. 6:30 PM – 38; Sun. 9:00 AM – 127; **Total = 165**
 Sunday Bible Class – 39; Wednesday Bible Class – 17

SOME CHURCH FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 9/6 = Worship Service w/ Communion, 9:00 AM
Coffee / Bible Study, 10:15 AM
NO COVID Service tonight

Monday, 9/7 = Labor Day...no school!

Tuesday, 9/8 = Little Lambs Preschool STARTS

Wednesday, 9/9 = Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM
Bible Class (Schliewe), 10:00 AM in church basement

Saturday, 9/12 = Worship Service, 6:30 PM *Organist: Mrs. Karen Pufahl*

Sunday, 9/13 = Worship Service, 9:00 AM
Bible Study, 10:15 AM

Church Cleaning Teams:

Sept. 6 & Sept. 13 – Team 1 (Chad & Alicia Moyer, Kathy Janovec,
Bill & Sue Ulrich)

Sept. 20 & Sept. 27 – Team 2 (Darol Dusseau, Mike & Linda Mullen, Sarah
Nelson, Joel & Kathy Wiedeman)

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**St Paul's Weekly Giving to the Lord – General Fund
August 29th & 30th**

Yearly Need	YTD Need	YTD Offerings	YTD Need vs Offerings	Last Week Received	Weekly Need	Difference
\$370,844.46	\$57,800.83	\$60,974.66	\$3,173.83	\$5,978.36	\$7,131.64	-\$1,153.28

Some Announcements – September 5,6

- 1) **Sunday Morning Bible Class** -- Today, Pastor Lindke will continue with a class covering the topic – “How We Got the Bible.” *How’d we get the books that we have...why we shouldn’t expect any more additions, etc.* Materials are provided.
- 2) We’re all too familiar with COVID fall-out, one of which is the isolation of folks in nursing homes. The idea was brought up to share the names and birthdates of our shut-ins as they come about so the rest of us can **write and send** good old fashioned BD cards etc. Here are two more September BDs.

Barb Tesch (September 15) – c/o The Meadows, 500 S. 18th St., Norfolk, NE 68701
Darlene Bretschneider (September 17) – c/o Nebraska Veterans Home,
 600 E. Benjamin Av., Norfolk, NE 68701.

- 3) **Confirmation Class** for those young Christians not attending SP’s School will get started this Wednesday, September 9 (2:30 PM) at church. Please bring a small (1/2”) three-ring binder. Everything else will be provided.
- 4) Our **area golf-outing** which raises \$\$ for the area schools’ tuition assistance funds, will be held on **Sunday, September 27, 1:00 PM at Fairplay Golf Course** just south of Norfolk. Both business sponsor and individual participant forms/sign-ups are available at the Communication Center in the narthex.

5) **A NEW LOOK FOR CHOIR THIS YEAR** This year there will be a number of different singing opportunities available for members of St. Paul's. Even if you have not been a regular choir member in the past, there is a strong potential for new voices to join in our limited small group ensembles this year. There would be two practices before each worship performance and participation is not mandatory for the whole year! If you've ever wondered what it's like to be in choir, but were concerned about committing for an entire year...this is the time to take a look. Singing opportunities are the following small groups this year: women's treble choir, men's choir, and a small mixed men/women choir. Duets and solos are also available to do. Please contact Mr. Brown if you would like to join any of these groups for any period of time this year! We would like to begin scheduling groups to sing soon! 402-730-3278 scottbrown@stpls.com

6) St Paul's members have been asked to donate some items for the Area WELS golf/tuition event on September 27, 2020. These items include hamburger buns, styrofoam cups, napkins, potato salads, and baked beans. If you are interested in donating, there is a sign-up sheet at the Communication Center. Donations should be given to Mr. Markgraf or Ms. Lindemann by noon on September 27th. THANK YOU!