

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1626 EAST BROADWAY AVE.
ENID, OKLAHOMA 73703
PHONE: 234-6646

+++++

September 13, 2020

+++++

Rev. David Reber, Jr., Pastor

+++++



Follow us on Facebook at: [St. Paul's Lutheran Church](#) & [St. Paul's Lutheran School](#)

10:30 AM

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 19

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. St. Paul's has two services every Sunday morning at 8:00 & 10:30 AM with Sunday School at 9:15 AM. We request members and visitors alike to fill out an attendance card and pass it down to the center aisle during the offering. You are welcomed in this house.

**The Mission at *St. Paul's Lutheran Church* is:
Preach and Teach to ALL, Comfort and Support those in need!**

ACOLYTE: Abigail Hinrichs

ELDER OF THE DAY: Jonathan Becker & Rick Lunday

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jonathan Becker & Rick Lunday

SCRIPTURE READER: Martha Gabriel

USHERS: Gene Breitenkamp

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Lorie Legere

ATTENDANCE: September 6: 8:00 – 50; 10:30 – 38; Total = 88

NEEDED WEEKLY FOR BUDGET: \$10,398 **OFFERING:** \$12,324

AS WE GATHER: We live in a world filled with uncertainty, and much of this uncertainty is so personal. Who we are and what it is that gives our lives identity, meaning, and purpose go to the very heart of the questions for our times. Today, Paul reminds us that we belong to the Lord. Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Being the Lord's own is what shapes our self- understanding and defines how we relate to one another. All the things that divide us on earth and how we are tempted to identify ourselves by preference or desire are overcome by the Lord, who suffered for us, died to save us, and lives to set us free. This love makes it possible for us to see others as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

HYMN – “Here I Am to Worship” by Tim Hughes

VERSE 1

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You.

CHORUS

So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God, You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

VERSE 2

King of all days oh so highly exalted. Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to earth You created. All for love's sake became poor.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

And I'll never know how much it cost. To see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost. To see my sin upon that cross. CHORUS

CCLI song No. 3266032. Copyrighted 2000 Thankyou Music (Administered by EMI Christian Music Publishing) For use solely in accordance with the SongSelect Basic Terms of agreement. All rights reserved. CCLI License No. 676873.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

People: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE – "Shout To The Lord" Zschech, Darlene Integrity Music, Inc.

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You,
All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.
Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing,
Power and majesty praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar, At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, You have rescued us from our bondage to sin and given us a new life and identity in Baptism. Grant us Your grace that we live in peace with all people and show to those around us the same forgiveness that You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE – Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 18:21–35

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹ Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Who Am I”

Verse 1

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way For my ever wand'ring heart

Not because of who I am But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done But because of who You are
I am a flower quickly fading Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am I am Yours (I am Yours)

Verse 2

Who am I that the eyes that see my sin Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain And calm the storm in me

Not because of who I am But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done But because of who You are
I am a flower quickly fading Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am I am Yours

Not because of who I am But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am I am Yours (I am Yours)

CCLI Song # 4196651 Mark Hall © 2003 My Refuge Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Sony/ATV Tree Publishing (Admin. by Sony/ATV Songs LLC) For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 676873

SERMON by Rev. David H. Reber, Jr.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, grant that we not judge without mercy but forgive without limit, that we who have known the fullness of Your mercy in Christ also manifest a compassionate heart against those who sin against us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, grant to Your Church Your Spirit and power, that we be supplied with faithful pastors and church workers to serve us in Your name, and that we hear and heed the voice of Your Word and walk in holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, grant to those who lead us in this nation and in all the nations wisdom and integrity, that they pursue what is good and right and just according to Your Word and commands, and serve the common good. Deliver us from terror and threat, and give Your peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, grant to the sick and all who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or soul the blessing of Your mercy, with forgiveness according to Your will, and Your presence and comfort to sustain them through the day of trouble. Hear us especially on behalf of those for whom our intercession has been requested, and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, grant to the homeless, the widowed, the orphaned, and the unemployed Your strength to bear up under the weight of their trials and Your guidance to bring them to the places where their needs may be answered. Open our hearts to care for them and support them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, grant to us grace that none of us approach Your Table with unrepented sin, and help us to receive with faith and for our benefit the richest gifts of Your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, grant to us grateful hearts that with our voices we offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and with our tithes and offerings show forth our confidence in Your loving care and our desire to support the work of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Corinthians 11:29-30), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this Altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor, or an elder.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS – “We Fall Down”

Verse 1

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus 1

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

CCLI Song No. 2437367 © 1998 worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Chris Tomlin
For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License No. 676873

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: Here recalling how our Lord died, rose again, and ascended to Your right hand, having fulfilled all that was necessary for our redemption, we offer You thanks and praise. Keep us in the fellowship of Your Word and Table until that day when we shall rest from our labors and join the company of Your saints on high. Deliver us from all the enemies of Your Word and defend us in the time of trial that we remain steadfast in persecution and faithful unto death. Lord, lead us into Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI – “Lamb of God”

Verse 1

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Verse 2

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Chorus

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God **Chorus**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS – "You Are My King"

Foot, Billy James EMI Christian Music Publishing

VERSE

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well. Your Spirit is within me Because You died and rose again.

REPEAT VERSE

CHORUS

Amazing love, how can it be. That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor You. In all I do, I honor You.

REPEAT CHORUS

REPEAT VERSE

CHORUS

You are my King. You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

CHORUS

© 1999 worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) CCLI License No. 676873

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Grant us grace, heavenly Father, that we not think too highly of ourselves and too little of our neighbor, but give welcome in Your name to all people and rejoice because You have filled us with Your redeeming love in Jesus Christ, our Lord, with whom, in whom, and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN – “Bind Us Together”

Chorus 1

Bind us together Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together Lord,
Bind us together Lord, bind us together with love.

Verse 1

There is only one God There is only one King
There is only one body That is why we can sing **CHORUS**

Verse 2

Made for the glory of God Purchased by His precious Son
Born with the right to be clean For Jesus the victory has won **CHORUS**

Verse 3

You are the family of God You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire You are the glorious new wine **CHORUS**

CCLI Song No. 1228 © 1977 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Bob Gillman For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License No. 676873

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

++++

We pray your worship with us was a Blessing and God will grant you a rich and Blessed week.

++++

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 4. Copyright © 2020 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

+++++

If you are a first time visitor please let one of the ushers in the back know – they have a gift from the LWML waiting for you.

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN: The nursery is **NOW OPEN** during the 10:30 AM Worship.

KGWA RADIO: Should you miss regular Sunday Worship, you can listen to it on the radio. KGWA, 960 will air the previous Sunday's service on the following Sunday at 10:30 AM.

LIVE-STREAM: Sunday services, Wednesday evening Vespers & Thursday morning Pastor's Study will continue to stream. A message for children will be live-streamed on our website <https://stpaulsenid.com/> each Sunday at 9:45 AM. Be sure to tune in for your little ones to view. You can access these links via our website: <https://stpaulsenid.com/church-2/#Video>. We send links and material out via E-mail as well. If you are not currently on our E-mail list, be sure to contact the office. You can also sign up to have a bulletin mailed to you.

BALANCE & STRENGTH: Balance & Strength will be meeting at the Early Childhood Center (located at 1810 E. Broadway Ave.). They will meet at 11:00 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please feel welcome to come if you are interested!

BRIDGE: Bridge will begin meeting at the Early Childhood Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.) on Mondays and Thursdays at 12:30 PM. Even if you do not know how to play, please feel welcome to join us! We would love to teach you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Due to the rise of Covid-19 in Oklahoma as well as Garfield County, we are postponing the start date of Sunday School. Sunday School is tentatively scheduled to open Sunday, October 11, 2020.

CHOIR: Choir is scheduled to begin meeting September 9, at 7:00 PM, at the Early Childhood Center (located at 1810 E. Broadway Ave.). If you have any questions, contact Pam Wiederkehr at (580) 402-5271.

JR. CONFIRMATION: Jr. Confirmation will begin Saturday morning, September 12. We will meet from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Class will be held at the Early Childhood Center located at 1810 E. Broadway Ave. We will be doing things a little bit differently this year. This class is open to students 11 – 17 years old. This year all classes will cover the small catechism. Masks are strongly encouraged but not required. Social distancing practices will be in place. There will be a virtual option that can be used as needed.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for October 4, 2020. Team sign ups and hole sponsorships are available online as well as on our website. We are also looking for volunteers to help out. Thank you for supporting our school!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE OUR CONGREGATION: I am taking applications for 8:00 AM Sunday morning service recorders. No experience necessary. On the job training. Please contact Gerald Nolte at (580) 237-7163 or in person on Sunday mornings.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are seeking volunteers to serve in the class and in the office as substitutes. Please contact the office if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are seeking volunteers to mow lawns for some members that are unable to do so at this time. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact the office.

DOOR OFFERING: We will have a special door offering on Sunday, September 13, 2020 and Sunday, September 20, 2020, do the Salvation Army. Our Daily Bread is closed due to Covid, and Salvation Army is feeding 300-400 people on a daily basis. Funds collected will go towards the purchase of food.

CHANCEL CIRCLE: Chancel Circle will meet at the home of Jane Brown (336 Asbury Circle) on September 14, 2020.

FLU SHOT CLINIC: September 15th, St. Paul's will host a flu shot clinic at the early Childhood Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). Please schedule an appointment as soon as possible if you are interested in participating. Appointments may be scheduled for 8:15 AM to 10:00 AM.

PRAYER GROUP: Unless you are oblivious to what is happening in your church then what is about to be said should not come as a big surprise. Funds are dropping and we are in debt. Big time. School enrollment is down and many of our own members do not send their children. Our congregational age is climbing and young families are few; but we give thanks for those of you who are here. Lots of upgrade to our facility is needed but funds are not there. So what are we going to do? Something I hope we have all been doing privately, we will now do as a group. PRAY. Once a week I am asking members to come together and join in prayer at the Early Childhood Center – 1810 E. Broadway – and pray together for one half hour to forty–five minutes. Because some don't care to get out in the evening we are actually going to provide two different times during the week. I am asking you to join me on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM and evenings at 6:15 PM. We should always be in prayer for our church and school and all they come into contact with. Stephen Wiederkehr.

VOTERS' MEETING: There will be a Voters' Meeting after the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, September 20th. Hope to see you there!

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Pastor Reber is starting an adult confirmation class on September 21st for anyone who is interested. Please contact the office for more information.

PRAYERS

(Be sure to contact the office by phone or e-mail if any updates need to be made to the prayer list.
Thanks for your help!)

Hospitalized: Tracy Morris (Eddie Morris' brother)

Recovering: Beverly Allen, Paul Dunbar, Bud Durham, LaVern Gragert, Sandra Hayes, April Heitfield, Harley Holsten's mother, Dorothy, Kathleen Gray (at Greenbriar Skilled Nursing), Kevin Krey (Ron & Cindy Krey's son), Ralph Kroll, Eddie Morris & Bonnie Szczepaniak.

Cancer Patients: Becky Perring Aerns (Cindy Fischaber's sister), Pat Becker, Brett Bersche (Jane Brown's nephew), Jill Fischaber, Shelly Goodwin, Herb Gronewold (Pam Wiederkehr's father), Judy Helberg, Mike Hoeltzel, Gene Mansker (Mike & Renie Krienke's neighbor), Lois Maxwell, Poma Rico (Pat Dresser's son-in-law) & Bonnie Szczepaniak

Medical Problems: Hank Bland, Cathy Breitenkamp, Bud Durham, Wandalene Free, Susan Gentry (Helen Wyssmann's daughter), Opal Gragert, April Heitfield's granddaughter Elizabeth Kay, Mike Helberg, President Barrie Henke, Verneal Hiatt, Mary Ann Hoeltzel, Misty Lyons (Ruth Lyons daughter), Ruth Lyons, Jerry McHenry, Eddie Morris, Shirleen Otipoby, Linda Ragoss, Patty Reber, Kathy Snowden, Walterean Riekenberg, Melvin Schroeder and Loren Wegele (Ruth Lyons brother).

Prayer Request: Please keep Rev. Scott Whittenburg in your prayers as he recovers from Covid-19.

Prayer Request: Please keep Ruth Lyons in your prayers. She will be having surgery on Friday, September 18th.

Prayer Request: Bud Durham will be having surgery in September.

Anniversaries: September 15th – Jed & Heather Helberg and Gary & Teresa Parsons; September 16th – Brian & Maisie Hinrichs; September 17th – Jack & Lorie Legere and Sonny & Shirleen Otipoby

Birthdays: September 13th – June Bone, Austin Heim, Rayden Lunday and Nancy McFarland; September 14th – Robin Pokorny; September 16th – Joanne Crain and Patty Reber; September 18th – Casey Sims

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN. 09/13

**15th Sunday After Pentecost
Grandparents' Day**

8:00 AM Worship/10:30 AM Worship/Communion
9:45 AM Children of the Light Bible Study via Live Stream

MON. 09/14

12:30 PM Bridge
1:00 PM Finance Board
6:00 PM Chancel Circle (Home of Jane Brown)
7:00 PM PTL Meeting

TUE. 09/15

11:00 AM Balance & Strength (1810 E. Broadway Ave.)
5:00 PM School Board

WED. 09/16

9:00 AM Chapel
10:00 AM Prayer Group
6:15 PM Prayer Group
7:00 PM Vespers
7:00 PM Choir (1810 E. Broadway Ave.)

THU. 09/17

9:00 AM Pastor's Study
11:00 AM Balance & Strength (1810 E. Broadway Ave.)
12:30 PM Bridge (1810 E. Broadway Ave.)

FRI. 09/18

No School

SAT. 09/19

9:00 AM Jr. Confirmation

SUN. 09/20

16th Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 AM Worship/10:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Children of the Light Bible Study via Live Stream
12:00 PM Voters' Meeting

+++++

Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don't belong to ourselves. We belong first of all to God, and, through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian, you serve others in the church; as a neighbor, you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.