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8:00 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:

ELDER OF THE DAY: Don Nobis and Ron Young

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mike Koehn & Ron Young

SCRIPTURE READER: Don Nobis

USHERS: Steve Willis

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.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR – LSB pg. 203
Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation – “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” – LSB #816



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Psalms 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

Service of the Word

Introit – Ps. 143:1–2; antiphon: Ps. 143:9

P Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

C **I have fled to you for refuge!**

P Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

P Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

C **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.**

P Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

C **I have fled to you for refuge!**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual – Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

P Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!

C **Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel – Matthew 18:21–35

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

C **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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day – “At the Name of Jesus” – LSB #512



1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2 At His voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight,
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name
4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man light,
5 In your hearts en - throne Him; There let Him sub - due



Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.
All the an - gel fac - es, All the hosts of light,
From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom He came,
Through all ranks of crea - tures To the cen - tral height,
All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true:



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,
Thrones and bright do - min - ions, Stars up - on their way,
Faith - ful - ly He bore it Spot - less to the last,
To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast,
Crown Him as your cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour;



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
All the heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.
Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death He passed;
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
Let His will en - fold you In its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again
In His Father's glory,
With His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him
King of glory now.

Δ7 Glory then to Jesus,
Who, the Prince of light,
To a world in darkness
Brought the gift of sight;
Praise to God the Father;
In the Spirit's love
Praise we all together
Him who reigns above.

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Sermon by Rev. David H. Reber Jr.

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Prayer of the Church

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

Brief silence.

P Almighty God, as once You kept Joseph from evil and brought good from his suffering in Egypt, deliver us by Your grace so that we may learn patience in trials. Teach us to be slow to judge, quick to forgive, and steadfast in love for You and for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, You have shown great compassion to us; teach us to show such compassion to others, that we may welcome the stranger, love our neighbor in need, and be attentive to those new to the faith or vulnerable to temptation. Help us to serve the refugee seeking safety, and give us opportunity to share Your gifts with those who live in poverty and want. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, bless those who preach and teach Your Word, and give the hearers willing ears to hear and willing hearts to learn the Scriptures well. Bless those now training to be pastors and church workers. Grant to all the baptized the aid of Your Holy Spirit so that, receiving Your Gospel with joy, we may share it freely with those outside the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Mighty God, give wisdom and courage to our elected and appointed leaders, that they may pursue justice, seek peace and protect life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Bring an end to the threats of terror and violence among the peoples, and open all nations to the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, lead us to pursue reconciliation, that we may stand before You forgiven and united in faith. Give us unity of doctrine, and help us to walk together in harmony of life. Prepare us to receive Your own Son's body and blood with faith, and bring to fruition in our lives the precious gift of grace we receive in this communion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Father, You know our weakness of body and soul. Give to the troubled in mind Your peace, to the suffering relief, to the sick healing, to the grieving comfort and deliver the dying into everlasting life. Hear us especially for those named in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Giving Lord, all good things come from You. Open our hearts to be generous with the poor and to bring You the tithes and offerings You are due, that Your Church and all her agencies may serve Your gracious purpose and suffer no lack of people or resources to do the work of Your Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to You, and we pray You to comfort us with this promise, that we may join the company of the saints on the day You have appointed and enter into the heavenly places to worship at Your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.
- C **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.

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

- P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.** *[Colossians 3:1]*
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *[Psalm 136]*
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C **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 Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P 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."

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



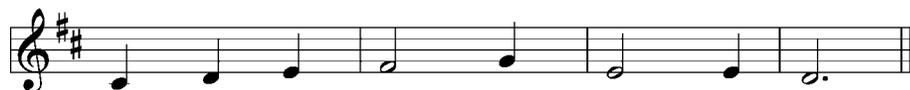
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn – “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” – LSB #685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Distribution Hymn – “In Adam We Have All Been One” – LSB #569



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel - lious man;
 2 We fled Thee, and in los - ing Thee We lost our broth - er too;
 3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine on - ly Son
 4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all,



We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.
 Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.
 That we might hear His Shep - herd's voice And, hear - ing Him, be one.
 Thou great Good Shep - herd of man - kind, O hear us when we call.

5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
 Thou Son, O set us free
 From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
 To make us one in Thee.

6 Then shall our song united rise
 To Thine eternal throne,
 Where with the Father evermore
 And Spirit Thou art one.

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Distribution Hymn – “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” – LSB #849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simon

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P 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.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart – “In Thee Is Gladness” – LSB #818

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
 2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of
 sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
 earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
 heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
 tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
 wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
 sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
 cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
 pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
 To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
 And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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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

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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.