

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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September 13, 2026
9:00 AM
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome you to our worship service this morning.
St. Paul's has a service every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM.
Sunday School meets at 10:15 AM.
We request that members and visitors fill out an attendance card.
Please pass the card down to the center aisle.
After the Children's Message the children will gather the cards.
You are welcome in this house.

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

ACOLYTE: James Wuerflein

LIVESTREAM: Zach Wyant

SOUND: Gerald Nolte

SCRIPTURE READER: Layton Heitfeld

ELDER OF THE DAY: Gene Breitenkamp

USHERS: Gene Breitenkamp, Gene Hollrah, Ray Mueller

GREETERS: Adola Stocker & Lacie Heitfeld

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Stephen Wiederkehr

NURSERY ATTENDANT: The Biggers Family

What a joy it is to worship together! Last Sunday, 89 people joined us as we gathered in fellowship and faith.

Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “mercy on your fellow servant” and “forgive your brother from your heart” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we “are the Lord’s” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “stand before the judgment seat of God,” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “to bring it about that many people should be kept alive” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “I will provide for you and your little ones” (Gen. 50:21).

814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;

And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

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Stand

Invocation

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

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
 C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
 P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
 C **Teach me Your paths.**
 P Sanctify us in Your truth.
 C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
 C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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.**

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain

■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

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.**

Psalm (Prayed Responsively)

Psalm 103:1–12

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
**and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!**

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

⁶The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Epistle Reading

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus 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.**

Responsory

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Ten Commandments

C **You shall have no other gods.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He**

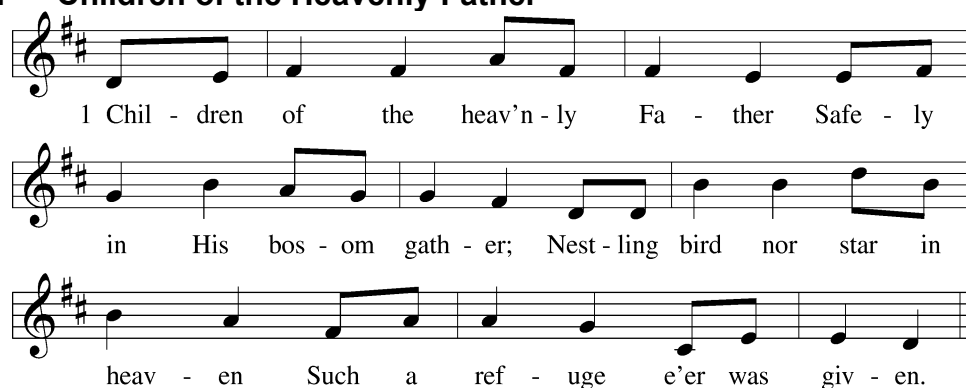
rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

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.

Sit

Hymn – “Children of the Heavenly Father”



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Children's Message

Children Collect Attendance Cards

Sermon

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



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Offering

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Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

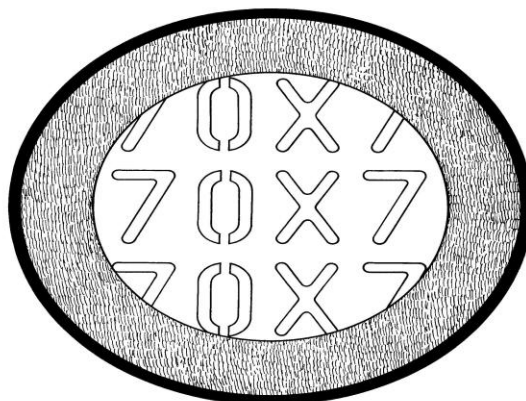
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**



Collect of the Day

P 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.**

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

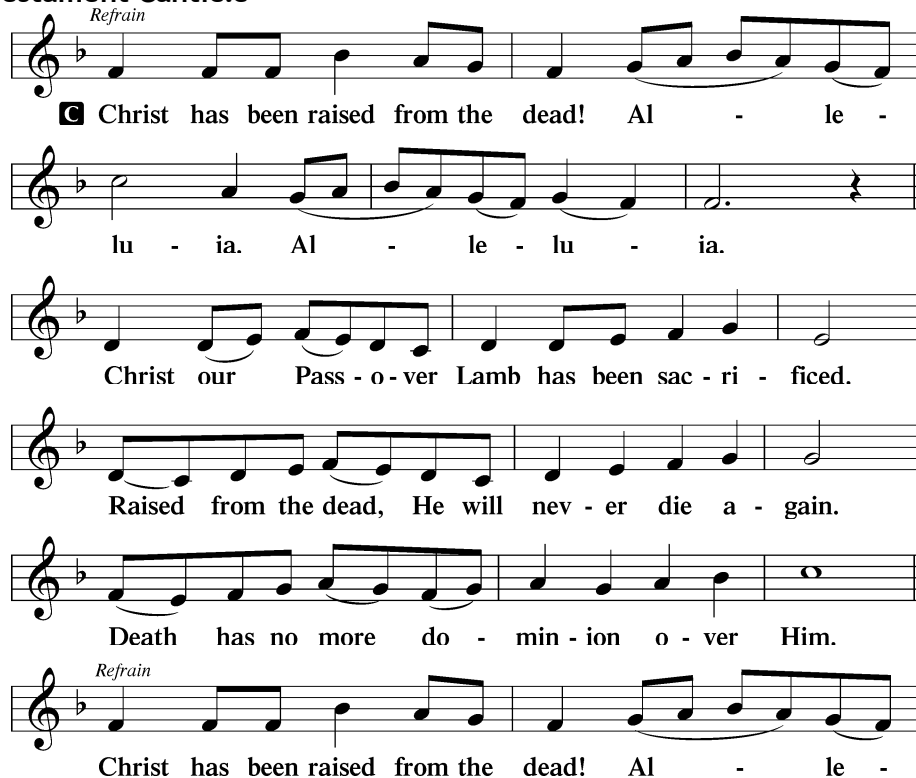
Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

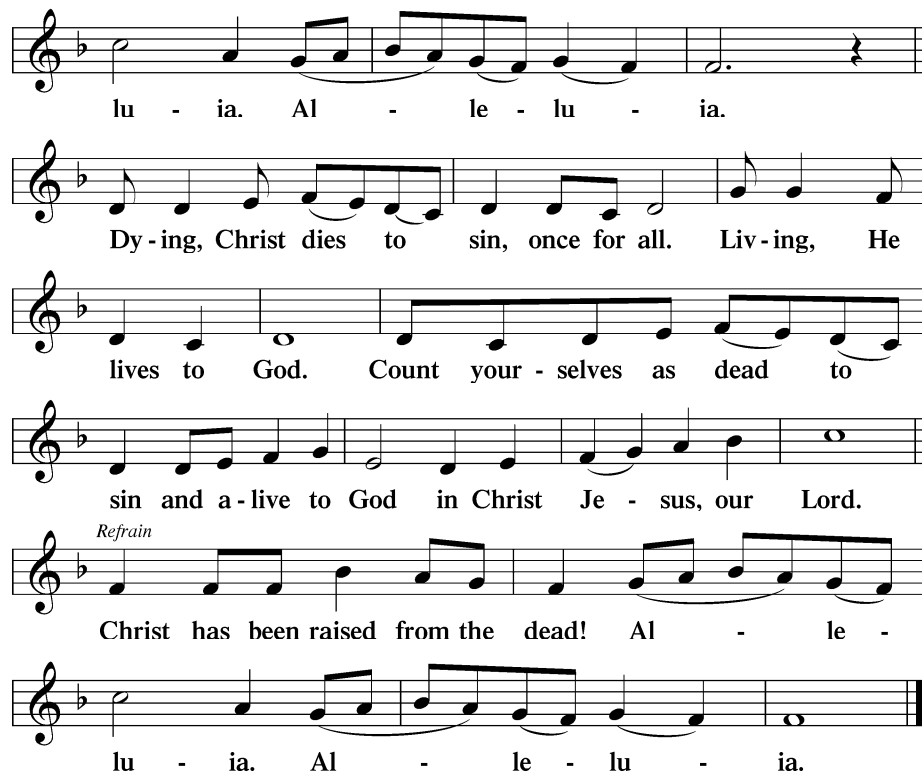
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday the 20th at 11:15 AM

Join us as we begin our study of **Chronicles** on **Thursday the 24th**. Sessions will be offered most **Thursdays** at **8:30 AM in the basement** and **7:00 PM in the library**. Books are available for pickup in the church office. Pastor asks that everyone have the **first week's reading completed before the first meeting on the 24th**.

Help us prepare for the **Cherokee Strip Parade** on Saturday the 19th!
We are accepting donations of **individually wrapped candy** and **bottled water** to share along the parade route. Thank you for your support!

Through **January 2027**, the LWML will be collecting new or gently used shoes. The donation box will be in the narthex for your convenience. Please tie the pair together if the shoes have ties. If not a shoe with ties, bind the shoes together with strong or a rubber band.

We cannot accept ice skates or roller blades.

SMS—Sunday Morning Special. Oh no, not another abbreviation! As you know the Children's Ministry Team discontinued Sunday School, temporarily I hope, but we don't want to forget about our children. We keep trying to provide opportunities for them to continue to hear the Word of God. For that reason, we have recruited six teams of Bible Study leaders to lead six lessons throughout the year on the 2nd Sunday of every other month starting October 6. This experience will start promptly at 10:15 a.m., immediately after church, and conclude at 11:15 am. These lessons will be a 1-hour VBS experience. And parents, you don't need to drive away and then come back. You can spend an hour with Pastor Meyer in Bible Study in the basement. He presents a great time of discussion on the readings for the day.



**The St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Reading Buddy – Mentor Program**

The program begins late **September 2026** and will continue through early **April 2027**. Approximately 20 Reading Buddy sessions during this eight-month period. Please, prayerfully consider becoming a Reading Buddy / Mentor. A Reading Buddy / Mentor Orientation will be held on **September 16, 2026, at 10:00am or 2:30pm**, or by appointment.

Mentor Application forms can be found in the church office.



Ladies Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:30AM or 6:30PM

Begins August 26th, 2026

St. Paul's Library

Questions? Contact Adola Stocker
at (210) 385-1272



Taco Bandito Dine-Out
10:30 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday, September 17





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Medical Problems: Beverly Allen, Steve Allen, David Braley, Cecil Durheim, RoAnn Hejna, Marie Hearty (April Heitfeld's aunt), Mike Helberg, Betty Herth, Mike Krienke, Fran Kroll, Milburn Kroll, Dorothy Lagan, Pat Lemke, Ruth Lyons, Sharyn Mueller, Steve Nobis, Shirleen Otipoby, Rebecca Peters, Todd Sanders, Tamara Showalter, Kathy Snowden, Mary Tinnea (April Heitfeld's Mother) Brenda Woodford

Please keep **Tamara Showalter** in your prayers as she prepares to undergo foot surgery in the coming week. We pray for a successful procedure, wisdom for her medical team, and a smooth and speedy recovery.

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 13

Rayden Lunday

SEPTEMBER 16

Joanne Crain

SEPTEMBER 18

Casey Sims

CALENDAR

MON SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 AM Finance Board

6:00 PM Chancel Circle

TUES SEPTEMBER 15

11:00 AM Balance & Strength

1:00 PM Pinochle

WEDS SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM Chapel

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study

12:30 PM Children's Ministry

6:30 PM Ladies' Bible Study

THURS SEPTEMBER 17

10:30 AM - 8:00 PM Taco Bandito
Dine-Out

11:00 AM Balance & Strength

5:00 PM School Board

7:00 PM Church Council

FRI SEPTEMBER 18

School Closed- Professional Day

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible
Study

12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline

