



**ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY**  
 Wednesdays this Fall, beginning on September 11 and running until November 27, Pastor Tim will take any who are interested through Luther's Small Catechism. Are you new to St. Paul's? Are you interested in preparing for baptism for your child(ren) or for yourself? Would you like to affirm or reaffirm your baptismal vows? Would you like to learn more about Christian faith in general or the Lutheran branch of its family tree in particular? Watch for a sign up sheet outside the office and let us know if you can join us! Feel free to invite a friend, too.



**ATTENDANCE: July 28, 2024**  
 Service - 149  
**OFFERING: \$6052**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**If you are a guest today,** please sign our guest book! Welcome here! We're very glad you came!

**Children in Worship:** We welcome and encourage children to share in worship. Even very young children see faith in action as we pray and sing and commune together. Children's lessons are available at both entrances, or by checking with any of the ushers.

**Communion:** If you are unable to reach the serving pastor during communion - they can come to you. Please let an usher know and they will make sure you receive communion.

**Hearing Assistance:** Devices are available at the sound booth.

**Large Print Bulletins** are available. Please ask an usher for one for yourself or a loved one!

**Cell phones and pagers** should be turned to silent.

**Washrooms:** located in the narthex and Education Wing, upstairs and down.

**Elevator:** located next to the church office.

**Masks** are optional at all services.

**Visitation:** If you are homebound or in the hospital or know of someone who is and would like to receive visits from our Visitation Team or receive communion at home, please call Jen in the office and she'll make sure you are on the list!

**Drop Box:** The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office is available for envelopes or small items.

**Office Information:** Please have all announcements in to the office by Thursdays at 10am if you want them in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. Bulletins are printed by 11am on Thursdays. If you have events or meetings to go on the monthly calendar, get them to the office the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.

**Office Hours:** 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday

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**Sunday, August 4th, 2024**  
**Welcome to our Family Worship Service**  
**On this XI Sunday after Pentecost**

- Sunday, August 4th**  
10am - Service
- Sunday, August 11th**  
10am - Service
- Sunday, August 18th**  
10am - Service with Baptism
- Sunday, August 25th**  
10am - Service
- Sunday, September 1st**  
10am - Service
- Sunday, September 8th - Fall Kickoff!!**  
10am - Service  
Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday School Teacher Installation, Sunday School Registration, etc.
- Sunday, September 15th**  
9am - Confirmation  
9:30am - Service  
9:30am - Sunday School  
Coffee Time!  
11am - Family Worship

**HOLY COMMUNION**

God feeds and renews us with the presence of Jesus Christ. In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. In response to the Lord's invitation I come - confessing my sin, trusting that the Lord is truly present, believing that to receive Him is to receive forgiveness - to partake of the Lord's Supper. People of all ages and faith communities are welcome.

Holy Communion is served in a continuous format unless announced otherwise. Participants are asked to fill out a registration card, available in the pews or at both entrances, and place them in the baskets at the entrances, or in the offering plates.

Ushers will direct you toward the aisle to come forward to the serving stations. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the server who will place a wafer in your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply say "gluten-free" to the server. Wine is served from the chalice or individual cups; white grape juice is served from individual cups.

Come and hold in your hand and taste on your lips the love we cannot comprehend.

**OUR MISSION**

God's purpose for  
**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is:**  
**Accepting all people through God's grace,**  
**sharing our faith in Christ,**  
**and making disciples.**



**KEEP IT REAL! BRING IT HOME!**



# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 4TH, 2024

## Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Song:** "Holy Forever"

### Gathering: Psalm 78:23-29

L: So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

**C: raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

L: So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

**C: The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,**

L: raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

**C: letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

L: So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Come, Holy Spirit of God,

**C: and search our hearts with the light of Christ.**

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**C: Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

### Silence for Reflection

L: Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**C: Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray together,

**C: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

### Children's Lesson

**Song:** "Jesus Strong and Kind"

### GOD'S WORD

#### FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses,

"I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom

he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### MESSAGE

**Song:** "Jesus, We Come to Your Table"

### Apostles Creed

### Prayers of the People

### Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

#### Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

**C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

### The Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

L: With joy we praise you, gracious Father, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us - even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

L: On the night in which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore we proclaim our faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

L: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Invitation to Communion

L: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### Communion Songs

"God So Loved"

"O Come to the Altar"

"A Song of Unity"

"All Who Are Thirsty"

### Post Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray together,

**C: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

### Benediction

L: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song:** "Glory to God Forever"

### Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER REMINDERS



In your prayers this week, please remember:

Cari Doerksen, Adelaide Freund, Lorna Freund, Chris Funk, Janet Harder, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Marlene Klassen, Ruby Myran, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, and Khrista Vogt.

### MEMORIAL

We have received a memorial donation in loving memory of **Ken Schmidtke** (July 15, 2024) from June Holme. "Until we meet again, find peace and love with our Lord above."

### GARDENERS NEEDED

St. John's Cemetery is in need of weeding again. A schedule would be beneficial for everyone and then the gardening wouldn't get out of control. Sign up at the office and Jen will create a schedule. The more people on the list, the fewer times you will need to go out there! Volunteers are the only way we will be able to maintain the cemetery's gardens or it's all going to be converted to grass.

### WORSHIP TRAINING DAY

If you or your children would like to contribute to our worship at the 11:00 service, please save Saturday, September 14 for a half-day training retreat. We'll begin at 10:30 with opening worship and a talk from Pastor Tim on why Lutheran worship looks the way it does. We'll break at noon for lunch (provided). From 12:30-1:45, we'll gather in groups for specific training. You can sign up for tech support, ushering, music, reading scripture (lectors), praying (intercessors), and altar service (to help with communion). Children 8 years of age and older are welcome; 6-7, with an accompanying adult. Sign up sheets are posted outside the Office.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Love kids? Want to get involved somehow? Please consider being one of our intrepid Sunday School Instructors this fall! The goal is to have enough people in place that you get the opportunity to worship at the 9:30 service several times a month. If you want to take on a class full time, there is the 11am service to worship at as well! You don't need a teaching degree, just a heart for kids and the Gospel!



### THANK YOU!

To all who have participated in today's service!