

FALL KICK OFF!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

- 10AM WORSHIP SERVICE
- BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
- SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION
- TEACHER INSTALLATION
- LUNCH AFTER SERVICE
- A-L BRING A DESSERT
- M-Z BRING A SALAD
- FUN & GAMES FOR EVERYONE!

“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’”

—John 6:35

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Sunday, August 18th, 2024

Welcome to our Family Worship Service

On this XIII Sunday after Pentecost

- Sunday, August 18th
10am - Service with Baptism
- Sunday, August 25th
10am - Service
- Sunday, September 1st
10am - Service
- Sunday, September 8th
10am - Service
Fall Kickoff
- Tuesday, September 10th
7pm - Council Meeting
- Wednesday, September 11th
7pm - Small Catechism Study
- Thursday, September 12th
6:30pm - Youth Group
- Sunday, September 15th
9am - Confirmation
9:30 - Service
9:30 - Sunday School
Coffee Time!!
11am - Family Service

HOLY BAPTISM

In Holy Baptism the triune God delivers us from the forces of evil, puts our sinful self to death, gives us new birth, adopts us as children, and makes us members of the body of Christ, the church.

The Christian community at worship celebrates God’s gift of baptism in a number of ways. The sacrament itself normally takes place in the midst of the worshipping assembly as a sign that in baptism we are made one with Christ and with the whole people of God. On behalf of the whole church, we promise support to new sisters and brothers, confess the faith with them, and welcome them into the body of Christ. Water connected to the Word - God’s saving promise in Jesus Christ - is at the center of the baptismal celebration.

Although a person is baptized once, the gift of baptism continues throughout a Christian’s life. Instruction in the faith for a life of discipleship is part of the preparation of those who are to be baptized or their parents and sponsors. The ongoing nurture of that faith is part of the congregation’s ministries of formation, education, service, and evangelical witness.

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



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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 18TH, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: "You are Worthy of My Praise"

Gathering: Psalm 34:9-14

L: Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

C: The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

L: Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

C: Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

L: Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

C: Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

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: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Song: "Child of the Water"

HOLY BAPTISM *Scottlyn Elle McLachlan*

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,

⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Song: "How Great is Our God"

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Prayer of Blessing

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.

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

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 sup-

-per 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

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

"Round the Table"

"O Come to the Altar"

"Jesus We Come to Your Table"

"Jesus Strong and Kind"

Post Communion Prayer

L: 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.

C: 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: "Because He Lives (Amen)"

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, Ruby Myran, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, and Khrista Vogt.

HOLY BAPTISM

Today we welcome **Scottlyn Elle McLachlan** (April 26, 2024) into God's family! Scottlyn is the daughter of Dylan & Janelle McLachlan. Her godparents are Jared & Corliss Friesen. "For all of you who are baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" Galatians 3:27



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar have been placed by Lloyd & Cathy Pachal and Allan & Lorette McLachlan in honour of their beautiful granddaughter's baptism today. "A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher and a little bit best friend." Unknown

MEMORIAL

We would like to thank Shirley Penner who made a donation to our Memorial Fund in honour of her beloved sister **Marlene Klassen** (August 6, 2024). We would also like to thank Emily Klassen and family for their donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Marlene. "Silent thoughts of times together hold memories that will last forever."

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.

10-10:45am Sound and Easy Worship

11-11:45am Lutheran Worship

12-12:30pm Lunch (provided)

12:30- 1:45pm Ushering, Altar Server/Communion, Reading & Prayers

1:45-2pm closing prayer

Children 8 years of age and older are welcome; 6-7, with an accompanying adult. Sign up sheets are posted outside the Office. Please sign up so we know how much food to order!

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!

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.



THANK YOU!

To all who have participated in today's service!

Flee evil.
Seek peace.
Do good.

PSALM
34:14

**ATTENDANCE: August 11, 2024
Service - 114**

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