

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 25th, 2024 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this XIV Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 25th
10am - Service

Sunday, September 1st
10am - Service

Sunday, September 8th
10am - Service
Fall Kick Off!

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 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!

God Pause

Devotion

Based on Ephesians 6:10-20

I once served on a state advisory council for funding non-profit organizations. Reviewing grant proposals was in part an imprecise process and often vindictive words were spoken if funding was not granted. One year when things had been particularly tumultuous, I remember quoting this section of Ephesians to the beleaguered staff: "For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." It was a way of taking personalities out of the equation. It was not the case that people were "bad" or "good." It was simply the situation that forces beyond us were vying for control and putting us in impossible situations! It is the beginning of wisdom to see beyond personalities to recognize that often the powers at work in this world put us in difficult places!

Prayer

Help me, Lord God, always to recognize the belovedness of individuals, and to discern the bedevilment of being caught up in the struggle of powers and principalities. Amen.

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 25TH, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" #392

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie - #155

Canticle of Praise - #162

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray together: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal.

C: **Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD: Reader Geraldine Sobering

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." ¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of

the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 34:15-22

L: The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

C: **The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

L: The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

C: **The LORD is near to the broken hearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

L: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

C: **God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.**

L: Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

C: **O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: #168 (sung)

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

L: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

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

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those 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." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching

is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: #168 (sung)

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

"O Word of God Incarnate" #514

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology - #884

Offertory 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 Great Thanksgiving - p. 129

Words of Institution - p. 130

The Lord's Prayer - p. 134

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Hymns

"Bread of Life From Heaven" #474

"Rock of Ages" #623

"You Are Mine" #581

"O Master Let Me Walk With You" #818

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

"Just as I Am" #592

Post-Communion Prayer

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.**

The Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord" #574

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, Jeff Rempel, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, and Khrista Vogt.

HOLY COMMUNION



Holy Communion is offered in the **TRADITIONAL FORMAT** (at the rail) today. Participant cards are available in the pews and at both entrances. Participants are asked to fill out a card and place it in the basket provided or in the offering plate. All are welcome at God's table.

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 & Praying

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.



MARRIED 67 YEARS

Congratulations to John & Doris Thiessen on the very special occasion of their 67th wedding anniversary Saturday, August 24. The Thiessens were married on a beautiful sunny day at St. Paul's formerly located at the corner of Reimer & Hanover. "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his loving kindness is everlasting."

THANK YOU! To all who have participated in today's service!

**ATTENDANCE: August 18, 2024
Service - 175**

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