

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, September 8th, 2024 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Wednesday, September 18th
7pm - Small Catechism Study

Thursday, September 19th
6:30pm - Youth Group

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!

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.

PIONEER GIRLS REGISTRATION

This Wednesday, September 11th at 7pm, Pioneer Girls will be holding their registration evening here at the church. If you have a daughter in Grades 1 through 6 who is looking for or needs a fun faith based activity, please consider signing her up! Contact Vi Harder for more info.





THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Gathering: Psalm 146

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

L: Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

C: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

L: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

C: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

L: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

C: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

L: The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

C: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

L: God promises to forgive our sins and to remember them no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray together: Gracious God,

C: throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Song: "Peace Be Still"

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes

of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more

zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Song: "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

Sunday School Teacher Installation

Apostles Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray together:

C: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Table

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you, and saying:

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

L: Most merciful Lord,

C: your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

L: Our Lord Jesus, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we, receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

C: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

L: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Communion Songs

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

"O Lord, You're Beautiful"

"You're Worthy of My Praise"

"In Christ Alone"

Post Communion Prayer

L: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

L: God all mighty, God most merciful, Father, Son & Holy Spirit bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: "Barocha"

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus!

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.

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!

COME & GO TEA

Norm & Glorian Mehling celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August, but now we have a chance to celebrate with them! Please join the family downstairs from 2 to 4pm on Sunday, September 15th for coffee, tea and dainties. There will be a short program at 2:30!

SEMIANNUAL MEETING

Our semiannual meeting will take place on Sunday, September 22 at 7pm. We are gathering at 6pm for a Potluck supper and to kick off our "Building for the Future" fundraising campaign. Come and hear what's happening! Together we can do great things for our church!

CHOIR

If you would like to sing in a choir for the Advent/Christmas season. Please sign up by the office. If there is enough interest we will start practices on Wednesday, October 23rd from 7-8pm. Watch the bulletin for updates or contact Susan Nickel.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today's service!

**ATTENDANCE: September 1, 2024
Service - 97**

OFFERING: \$10,222