

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

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOU!

It would be wonderful if people could step up and help us out! The hidden outreach this group does within our community is tremendous!

- 1) An additional female volunteer
- 2) An additional male volunteer
- 3) A blue tooth speaker
- 4) A variety of board games
- 5) Mentors willing to share their cooking knowledge and offer guidance once a month
- 6) Volunteers to donate cookies/snacks for the crew on Thursday evenings
- 7) Prayer partners for each youth who attends the youth program

Please feel free to contact Steve (youth@stpaulsteinbach.org) or let the office know and Jen will pass on the info!



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Sunday, September 15th, 2024 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this XVII Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 15th

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Service

Wednesday, September 18th

7pm - Scouts & Pioneer Girls

Thursday, September 19th

6:30 - Youth Group

Sunday, September 22nd

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Service

6pm - Potluck Dinner

7pm - Semiannual Meeting

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: *“Oh How Good It Is”*

Gathering: Psalm 116:1-9

L: I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C: for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

L: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

C: Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

L: Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

C: The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

L: Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

C: For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

L: I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

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 forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honoured you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbours with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. 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 iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray together,

C: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Children’s Lesson

Song: *“He Is Lord”*

GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not

rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can saltwater yield fresh.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Song: *“Build My Life”*

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

“Behold the Lamb”

“I am the Bread of Life”

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: *“How Great is Our God”*

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, Chris Funk, Janet Harder, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Tabrina Krentz, Ruby Myran, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, and Khrista Vogt.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Norm and Glorian Mehling have very generously donated the flowers on the altar today to commemorate their 60th wedding anniversary. The other flower arrangement is from the memorial service for Janet Begalke-Smith (February 22, 2024) that was held here yesterday.

BULLETIN SPONSOR

Today’s bulletin has been sponsored by Brad, Barb, Johannah and Braden Mehling in honour of Norm & Glorian’s anniversary. *“Marriage is a sacred bond between 2 imperfect people which is made possible by a perfect God and held together with limitless love, unshakeable faith and undying devotion for one another. Dave Willis”*

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 22nd 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.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Class started last week but there is still time to join in the fun! Come on Wednesdays at 7pm to learn or refresh your memory on Luther’s Small Catechism. All are welcome!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today’s services! Also, a huge thank you to Dorinda Penner and her staff at Sunshine Nursery for going to the St. John’s cemetery and giving it a really good cleanup! It looks fantastic!

**ATTENDANCE: September 8, 2024
Service - 179**

OFFERING: \$5475