

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



Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

¹⁶ But the ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company.

² For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades.

¹² "Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law and accuses us of sins against our training.

¹³ He professes to have knowledge of God and calls himself a child of the Lord.

¹⁴ He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us,

¹⁵ because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange.

¹⁶ We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy and boasts that God is his father.

¹⁷ Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life,

¹⁸ for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

¹⁹ Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how reasonable he is and make trial of his forbearance.

²⁰ Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

²¹ Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them,

²² and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls,

Devotion

The ungodly plot is against a righteous person. Their plans include insults and torture and will end with a shameful death. As part of their planning and preparations for their heinous actions, they make a covenant with death. They must not know enough about covenants. As mere humans we can make a covenant with anyone and we can hope both parties will keep their side of the arrangement, while knowing what is likely to happen. I can make a covenant with my spouse to eat no chocolate for Lent and really mean to keep it this year. The ungodly will soon find out about the realities of making a covenant with death. The only fully kept covenant is God's side of a covenant. It is not possible for God to break God's side of a covenant. The righteous human being may never know what enemies are planning, but will always know that God is trustworthy.

Prayer

Covenanting God, help me to learn to trust in your love and care for me more each day. Amen.

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Sunday, September 22nd, 2024 Welcome to our Traditional Worship Service On this XVIII Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 22nd

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Service

6pm - Potluck Dinner

7pm - Semiannual Meeting

Wednesday, September 25th

7pm - Study on Luther's Small Catechism

Thursday, September 26th

6:30pm - Youth

Sunday, September 29th

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!





THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2024

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND 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

"Word of God Come Down to Earth" #510

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:

C: **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 54

L: Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

C: **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

L: For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

C: **Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

L: Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

C: **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

L: For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: #168 (sung)

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

L: God has called us through the proclamation of the good news, that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

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

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

"Children of the Heavenly Father" #781

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #884

OFFERTORY 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING - P. 129

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"O Lamb of God, You bear the Sin" pg. 208

"Saviour Like a Shepherd" #789

"The Love of God"

"Higher Ground"

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.

THE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" #712

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.

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!

URGENT: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

There is urgent need for more Sunday School teachers. Please seriously consider volunteering some of your time on Sunday mornings for this incredibly important ministry. Contact Cory @ 204-392-8293 to get the details.

CHOIR

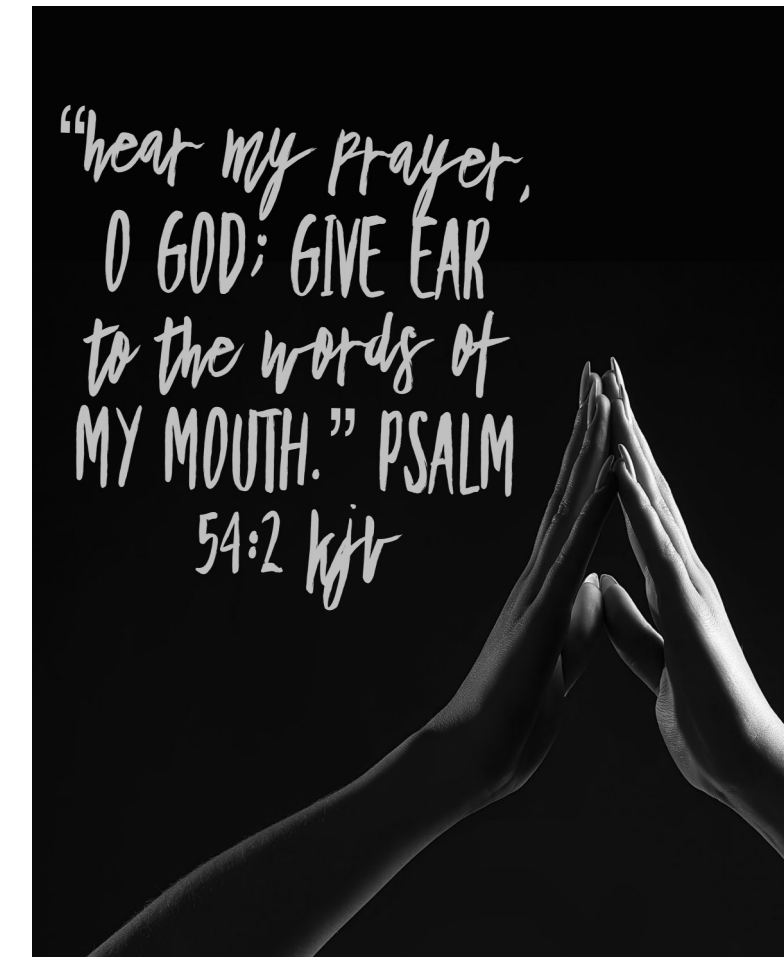
If you would like to sing in a choir for the Advent/Christmas season, please sign up by the office. If there is enough interest we will start practices on Wednesday, October 23rd from 7-8pm. Watch the bulletin for updates or contact Susan Nickel.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Class started 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! And a huge thank you to Rene & Hilda Giesbrecht for donating their piano to the Sunday School!



ATTENDANCE: September 15, 2024

Service - 126

Family Worship - 45

Sunday School - 36 students, 12 teachers

OFFERING: \$7132