#### 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, October 6th, 2024 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this XX Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 6th 9am - Confirmation

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9:30 - Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Service

Wednesday, October 9th 7pm - Study on the Small Catechism

Thursday, October 10th 6:30pm - Youth Group

Sunday, October 13th 9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Worship Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Family Service

#### HOLY COMMUNION

od 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.







# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 6TH, 2024

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING SONG: "Holy Is Our God"

#### **GATHERING: PSALM 8**

- L: O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! -
- C: you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- L: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- C: what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

  L:Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honour you crown them.
- C: You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
- L: all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- C: the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- L: O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

#### **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 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,

C: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S LESSON

Song: "Jesus Loves Me"

**GOD'S WORD** 

#### FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the

ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, <sup>8</sup> subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. 10It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 10:2-16 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation. 'God made them male and female.' 7'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." <sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he

was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

- L: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **MESSAGE**

**Song:** "Come People of the Risen King"

**APOSTLES CREED** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING** 

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

L: Let us pray,

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 our thanks and praise.
- L: It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. You reveal your wise purpose for the salvation of the human race by assigning to the angels and archangels the ministry of your steadfast love and protection. While they contemplate your glory, standing before you and singing your praise, they keep a faithful vigil for us, guarding us along the way that leads to life, and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light. In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

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"
"Come As You Are"

#### **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 SONG:** "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

#### )ISMISSAL

- 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.

#### **MEMORIAL DONATION**

We have received a memorial donation from Marci Klassen in loving memory of her mother **Marlene Klassen** (August 6, 2024). "Nothing can be more beautiful than the memories I have of you."

#### **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. We need men's voices too!! 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!

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Fall has crept up on us and we are heading into October! A few highlights of upcoming events.

- -Sunday, November 3rd (All Saints Day), we will be lighting candles in memory of our beloved saints who have gone before us. Please leave your completed form at the office or with the ushers. Deadline: Monday, October 28th.
- -Advent starts on December 1st! There will be 4 mid-week Advent services focusing on Mary's Magnificat starting Thursday, November 28th at 7pm. Please plan on attending!

#### THANK YOU

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

ATTENDANCE: September 29, 2024 Traditional - 106 Contemporary - 39 Sunday School - 35 students, 10 teachers

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