15th Weekend After Pentecost

August 28 & 29, 2016

elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Also,

- f Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children's bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- f If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.
- f For upcoming events and activities, "like" us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY'S THEME: THE LIFE OF FAITH IS ONE OF HUMANITY

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Organist	Mrs. Sharon Larsen

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD & SERVICE OF THE WORD

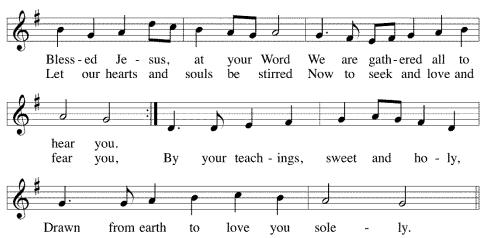
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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (Spoken) Amen.

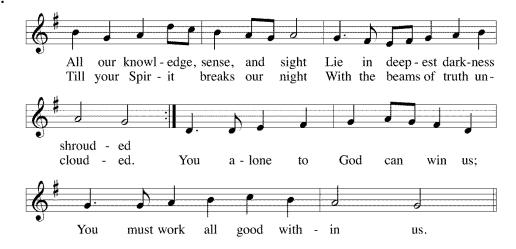
All:



- P: Oh, how I love your law!
- C: I meditate on it all day long.
- P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
- C: For they are ever with me.
- P: I have more insight than all my teachers,
- C: For I meditate on your statutes.
- P: How sweet are your words to my taste,
- C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

(Psalm 119:97-99,103)

ALL:



- **P:** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
- C: So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(2nd Timothy 3:16,17)

- **P:** Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

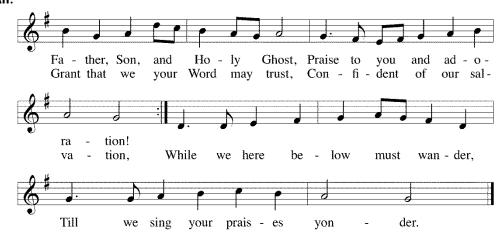
ALL:



P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

All:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSONProverbs 25:6,7

⁶ Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men; ⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.





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Blessed are they whose ways are <u>blame</u>less,* who walk according to the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his <u>stat</u>utes* and seek him with <u>all</u> their heart.

You have laid down <u>pre</u>cepts* that are to be fully obeyed.





Oh, that my ways were <u>stead</u>fast* in obeying <u>your</u> decrees!

Then I would not be <u>put</u> to shame* when I consider all <u>your</u> commands.

I will praise you with an <u>up</u>right heart* as I learn your <u>right</u>eous laws.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 13:1-8

 $^{13:1}$ Keep on loving each other as brothers. 2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (Jeremiah 15:16 cf. RSV)

Please stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:1,7-14

^{14:1}One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

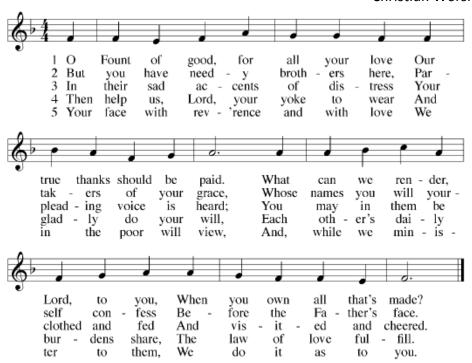
¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



Please be seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY......""O Fount of Good, for All Your Love"

Christian Worship #524



THE SERMON Hebrews 13:1-8

Please stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said to his Church: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

A Christian school is one way we carry out our Lord's command as we let children come to him and do not hinder them but rather nurture them with the life-giving Word of God. We do this trusting God's promise: "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

EXHORTATION TO THE TEACHER-ELECT

M: Dear sister in Christ, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church has called you to serve as a teacher. You have been prepared for this ministry by careful instruction in the Word of God so that you carry out your duties in conformity with that Word.

As an ambassador of Christ, you are to teach the pure doctrine of God's Word, to instruct the young in the way of salvation, and always to have in your heart the spiritual welfare of every soul under your care.

You are to devote yourself to the meditation and study of the Scriptures. You are to be an example to others in godliness and Christian living, putting no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that the ministry will not be discredited.

You are to speak the truth in love, as the apostle Peter reminds us: "Love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever."

"Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude

in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word and deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

The ability to carry out this calling is not in us but comes alone from God, as St. Paul reminded the Corinthian Christians: "Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God."

The Holy Spirit, who himself has called you to this ministry, will be with you.

PROMISES BY THE TEACHER-ELECT

M: In keeping with the Word and will of the Lord, your about to be installed as a teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. I ask you in the presence of God and this congregation:

Are you fully determined to carry out this work according to the grace which God will give? If so, answer: "I am."

RESPONSE: I am.

M: Do you believe that the books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice? If so, answer: "I do."

RESPONSE: I do.

M: Do you solemnly promise that all your teaching will conform to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions? If so, answer: "I do."

RESPONSE: I do.

M: Will you give faithful witness to Christ in the world that God's love may be known in all that you do and say? If so, answer: "I will, and I ask God to help me."

RESPONSE: I will, and I ask God to help me.

M: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the solemn promise given by the teacher you have called. I urge you, therefore, to receive her with joy and to keep in mind always what the Word of God expects of you as members of this congregation:

Work together with her for our Lord's kingdom so that by your works of service the body of Christ might be built up.

Help her by your word and example in teaching the young, remembering how the Scriptures urge you to bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Pray for her continually, that her ministry among you may be greatly blessed and that she may have a cheerful spirit in all her duties.

Provide also for her physical needs, for the Lord says, "The worker deserves his wages."

Honor and love her, as the apostle Peter urges, "Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble."

PROMISES BY THE CONGREGATION

M: I now ask you in the presence of God:

Are you willing to receive her as a servant of Christ? Will you show her love and honor and support her with your gifts and prayer? If so, answer: "We will, and we ask God to help us."

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

M: The almighty and merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

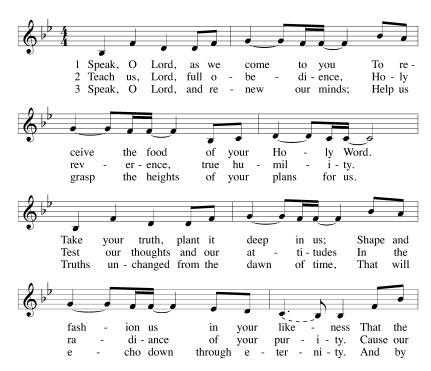
INSTALLATION

M: Rachel Manske, I install you as a teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord pour out on you his Holy Spirit for the work committed to you, that you may faithfully proclaim the Gospel.

Go, then, take up the work to which you have been called.

The Lord bless you and may you a blessing to many, that you may bear fruit and that your fruit may remain to eternal life.



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P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

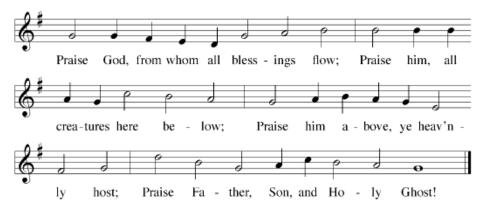
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Christian Worship #334



Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by John & Jean Mertz in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER INSTALLATION: In our 9:30 am service, Rachel Manske will be installed as the Kindergarten teacher at St. Paul's. We ask the Lord to bless her ministry here at St. Paul's.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL BEGINS: This Monday, August 29th, a new school year begins here at St. Paul's. We ask that the Lord will bless our teachers, our staff and our students during this coming school year.

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL SERVICES: This past week, funeral services were held for Allyn Curler on Tuesday and Beth Van Ert on Thursday. We ask that the Lord would continue to comfort their families with his promises and compassion.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE: On Saturday, August 27, Mike Hettel and Katie Holtz were united in Christian marriage. May the Lord continue to bless them in their marriage.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP: A reminder that our Monday night service will move to Tuesday, September 6th, due to the holiday weekend. Sunday services will still be at 8:00 am & 9:30 am. The Sunday service time will change on Sunday, September 11th, to 8:00 & 10:30 am.

ANNIVERSARY CHOIR: St. Paul's is organizing a choir specifically for 150th Anniversary Celebration on September 18. There will be one rehearsal on September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in preparation for the Anniversary Service. Anyone is welcome to join the Anniversary Choir. Any questions? Please contact Marie Becker. Phone: (262)-623-4145 or email: mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS BEGIN: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will begin on Sunday, September 25 at 9:15 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP: We are in need of some occasional help with teaching Sunday School. If you wish more information, please talk to Pastor Adams.

ADULT CHOIR: The Fall Festival choir will begin soon on September 21. Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God with their voice is welcome to join! New and past members are always welcome. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a positive attitude. If you are worried about making a commitment for the entire year, the choir year is divided into 4 sessions. You can join all 4 sessions or just the session(s) that fit your schedule. The Fall Festival Choir is from September 21 - November 24. Rehearsals are 45 -60 minutes and usually place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Any questions? Please contact Marie Becker. Phone: (262)-623-4145 or email: mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org.

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS: On Sunday mornings, we have been serving coffee and donuts after the services. The coffee has been donated by Kwik Trip, and the donuts have been purchased at a discounted price. We thank them for their generosity. We also thank you for the weekly donations and the continued gifts in the donation bucket that have been covering the cost of the donuts. At this point, we are planning to continue this time of fellowship on a weekly basis. We thank the Board of Outreach for spear-heading this activity. We invite everyone to stay around each week and get to know each other better.

150TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE/DINNER: As we are winding down our year long 150th Anniversary Celebration – we are planning a special service and dinner. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18th for this very special event of "Celebrating God's Blessings for 150 Years". We will hold one service that Sunday at 10 a.m. followed by a celebration meal. Please RSVP before September 10th by calling 421-1178 or emailing office@stpaulsfranklin.org. There will be a \$10/per family cost to help offset the cost of the meal. There is also sign up sheet and envelopes in the Narthex – please make sure you indicate how many will be attending. We also welcome any memories you would like to share, please send them to the attention of the "Anniversary Committee" to the church address or email to the church office.

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP: We continue to work on putting together a youth group here at St. Paul's. In order to help with communication, we ask for the names, addresses, phone numbers and email of all youth (Grades 7-12) who are interested or wish to be placed on an email list. The contact person for the group is Pete Kosovich. His contact information is: (414) 761-7664 or pekopete@aol.com.

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, September 10th. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "The Faith of a Foreign Woman". For those who may not be able to make it on a Saturday, we will be setting up a schedule for the class to be repeated during the week. Watch for a new schedule.

WANTED: GROUP CONFIRMATION PICTURES: Were you (or anyone you know) confirmed at St. Paul's in any of the following years? A parent, grandparent or child? 1989, 1983,1981,1980,1972, 1965, 1962, 1961, 1960, 1959, 1958, 1957, 1955, 1954, 1952, 1951, 1950, 1948, 1943, 1941, 1940, 1939, 1938 or before. If you have a picture but aren't sure of the year, if you know the name of someone in the picture, we can look up the year. Please let Pastor Adams know if you have a picture. It will be scanned and returned to you. Thank You!

WLHS TOUR OF LUTHERLAND: Want to see all of the significant sites of the Lutheran Reformation on a ten-day tour from March 24-April 2, 2017? See more by traveling with likeminded Christians on a wonderful hassle-free, educational, and faith-strengthening experience. For more information, contact Pastor Ken Fisher (ken.fisher@wlhs.org), visit www.wlhs.org/Lutherland2017, or attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS atrium.

ST. PAUL'S GIFT TRUST FUND: Are you aware of any members of St. Paul's that are pursuing a WELS Teaching or Pastoral degree? The Gift Trust Fund is designed to collect and retain monetary gifts from our members. It is also designed to provide assistance to our members by distributing the interest or earnings. The primary distributions will be focused on Tuition Assistance for any members pursuing the degrees mentioned above. Please let Donn Johnson know if you know someone you think this can help. 414-218-2412.

If you want to see the Tuition Assistance grow, you can add money to this fund in four ways:

- 1. Outright gifts of cash.
- 2. Including "The St. Paul's Gift Trust Fund" as a beneficiary of your insurance, investments and/or Wills and Trusts.
- 3. Coordinating a Qualified Charitable Deduction of your retirement accounts. Required

Minimum Distributions (RMDs), if you are age 70 ½ or older.

4. Establishing Charitable Trusts for income and legacy benefits.

Please contact Donn Johnson if you have a desire to add to this fund or simply need more information. 414-218-2412/Donn44@wi.rr.com

FREE TUTORING AT ST. JOHN'S – OAK CREEK: Free tutoring will be available at St. John's Lutheran Church (6700 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek) starting on Tuesday evening, September 13th, 6:00 – 7:30 PM. The plan at this time is to meet each Tuesday night after that. Each session will include a free supper (first night is pizza). Our first meeting will be an informational, meet and greet session. It will give interested individuals the opportunity to meet our tutors and find out what we plan to offer. Tutoring will be available for children ages from first grade through senior in high school but also adult learners interested in English as a Second Language (ESL). We will do our best to accommodate all tutoring needs and requests. Some of the subject areas include: reading, math, social studies, Spanish, financial budgeting/advice and ESL.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (August 28 & 29)

8:00 AM - Josh & Allison Ebeling; Henry

9:30 AM – Dave & Cindy Wirtz; Brandon, Austin & Ian

6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (September 4 & 6)

8:00 AM – Roger Buntrock

9:30 AM – John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor, Logan & Kendall

6:30 PM - Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR AUGUST

8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser

9:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Nolan Romeis, Kyle Brightsman, Pete Eppen

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker 9:30 AM/10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski 6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

Aug 24-30 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek Aug 31-Sept 6 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Karen Hille

GRASS CUTTING:

Aug 31-Sept 3 – TEAM #2 – Frank Krajewski Sept 7-10 – TEAM #3 – Dave Qualmann

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 28	
Worship Service	8:00 AM
Worship Service	9:30 AM
Monday, August 29	
First Day of School	8:15 AM
Worship Service	6:30 PM
Friday, September 2	
NO SCHOOL	
Sunday, September 4	
Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 65, Communed – 63 9:30 AM – 113, Communed – 75 6:30 PM – 55, Communed – 49 Total Attendance – 233