15th Weekend of Pentecost September 2 & 4, 2018

Pelcome! 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.
- f 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: LOVING THE LORD WITH THE LIPS AND THE HEART

Worship Participants

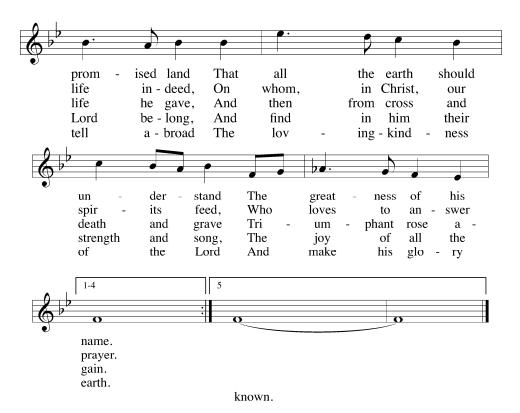
Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist	Miss Heather Schmidt

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- 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.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



O LORD, OUR LORD

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





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.



Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 119c

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Oh, how I <u>love</u> your law!*
I meditate on it <u>all</u> day long.

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I have more understanding than the <u>el</u>ders,* for I obey your <u>pre</u>cepts.





I have kept my feet from every evil path* so that I might obey your Word.

I have not departed <u>from</u> your laws,* for you yourself have <u>taught</u> me.

How sweet are your words <u>to</u> my taste,* sweeter than honey <u>to</u> my mouth!

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. Amen.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON......James 1:17-27

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

VERSE OF THE DAY

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

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON...... Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 20-23

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. 4 When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

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⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

⁶He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

> "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain;

⁸You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

their teachings are merely human rules.'1

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. 15 Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."

²⁰"What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, out of person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person."



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¹ Isaiah 29:13

..."O God, My Faithful God"

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- 2 Grant me the strength to do With read y heart and 3 Keep me from say ing things. That lat ar need re-
- 3 Keep me from say - ing things That lat - er need re -4 Lord, let win foes With kind - ly words and me my



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THE SERMON Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 20-23

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be Seated

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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



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



P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



Please be Seated



DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN""I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

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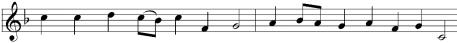
- 6 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed. Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest. Refrain
- 7 You here will find a heart most lowly 12 With you, Lord, I am now united; That feels unworthy in your sight, That duly weeps o'er sin, vet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right. Refrain
- 8 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love, For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. Refrain
- 9 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base; It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain
- Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r, To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour. Refrain

- 11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Your blood, which you for me have shed— These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain
- I live in you and you in me. No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. Refrain
- 13 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 14 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer, For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near. Refrain
- 10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding 15 My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity. With angels I, your praises telling. Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

Please Stand

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.

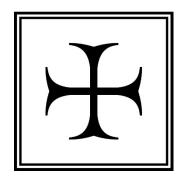
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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



Please be Seated





SUMMER APPEAL UPDATE: We give thanks to the Lord that we have received \$31,250.00 in offerings to date for our Summer Appeal.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Pete & Sherry Kosovich in thanksgiving for their 41st wedding anniversary.

NO LABOR DAY SERVICE: There will be no Monday evening service this week due to the Labor Day holiday. Instead we will have our 6:30 PM worship service on Tuesday, September 4th.

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL: A Christian funeral service will be held for Jean Villwock on Friday, September 7th. Visitation will be here at St. Paul's from 3:30-7:00 PM and the service will begin at 7:15 PM. The Lord called Jean home to heaven on Friday, August 24th. May the Lord comfort her family with his eternal peace.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Our Sunday worship schedule change will begin next Sunday, September 9th to 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Sunday School program will begin next Sunday, September 9th at 9:15 AM. Sunday School is open to children ages 3 – Grade 6.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANCE: Over the last couple of years, our Sunday School Program has been growing. Since there has been a large range in the age of the students who have been coming, we would like to look at splitting some of the grades apart. In order to accomplish this, we are going to need some additional help. If you are willing to help, you may talk to one of the pastors or contact Cheryl Konell at 262-492-4349 or at cheryl.konell@tcrisk.com.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: On Sunday, September 9th, we will begin our Sunday morning adult Bible class for this year. The title of the study is: "I Can't Believe That's in the Bible." Below is the list of topics that we will discuss.

- 1) Girl Dismembered Body Parts Shipped Throughout the Country (Judges 19)
- 2) Prophet Marries Prostitute (Hosea)

- 3) Church Benefactors Struck Down After Presenting Gift (Acts 4 & 5)
- 4) Assassin Kills Obese Kill In His Own Bathroom (Judges 2 & 3)
- 5) Long Winded Preacher Kills Sleepy Parishioner (Acts 20)
- 6) Man After God's own Heart Calls For Revenge On Terrorists (Psalm 109)
- 7) Talking Donkey Rescues Prophet (Numbers 22)
- 8) Police Boat Crashes, Arrested Preacher Among Survivors (Acts 27)
- 9) Biological Warfare Unleashed on World Power (Exodus 7-9)
- 10) Prophet Disappears Not All Believe Successor's Story (2 Kings 2)
- 11) A Father's Plan To Get Rid Of His Future Son-in-Law Backfires (1 Samuel 18)
- 12) God Gets In Wrestling Match (And Taps Out) (Genesis 32)
- 13) Religious Ceremony Used To Wipe Out A City (Genesis 34)
- 14) Think You Have A Sordid Family Tree, Think Again (Genesis 38)

Please come and join us at 9:15am on Sunday mornings.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE POSITION AVAILABLE: Recently, an After School Care position has opened at our school and needs to be filled soon. Please consider helping us in this effort. We would love to have someone for Mondays through Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Rest assured students are not left to themselves, as an appropriate adult - someone on staff, will be with them until the position is filled. We are looking for those that have a loving and caring attitude and would like to spend time with some of students after a day of school. This person should have some background with children, interpersonal skills, a desire to help serve our school families, and pass a background check. First aid and CPR certification is necessary, however, training can be covered by the school. For more information or to contact us about this position please contact the office or Mr. Schulmeister at (414) 421-1930.

SENIOR CHOIR: Sing to the Lord a new song. The Senior Choir is starting up rehearsals for the 2018-2019 season and you are invited to join us as we raise our voices in praise to God. Our kick-off rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday September 5th at 6:30pm. We rehearse on the 1^s, 3rd, and occasional 5th Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Rehearsals last between 45 and 60 minutes. Choir membership is open all high school aged singers and up. We encourage you to come and check us out. If you have any questions, feel free to contact David Brightsman (414.559.9059 or david.brightsman@wlc.edu). We hope to see you on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

YOUTH GROUP: Our next Youth Group meeting will be on Sunday, October 7th from 6:00-8:00 PM. We will be going to Sky Zone (4940 S. 76th Street). Please let Kyle Brightsman know if you are interested in going so that he can make arrangements for the group. (414-335-2906 or kgb5217@gmail.com) More details to come! Reminder, Youth Group is open to students in Grades 7-12.

SAVE THE DATE: We will be having our Family Fall Fest (formerly known as Prairie Days) on Sunday, October 14th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Watch for more details coming soon!

SCHOOL HOT LUNCH HELP: Our Hot Lunch program is in need of more volunteers! Volunteers would need to be available from approximately 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Days are flexible – even volunteering once a month is helpful! If you would like to help or find out more information, please contact Jaime Petricek at (414) 238-5122.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH FELLOWSHIP IDEAS: The Board of Spiritual Growth would like to explore how we might have more fellowship activities to get together with each other here at St. Paul's. First of all, they are looking for ideas. Those ideas could include things like going to athletic games in Milwaukee, a card playing club, game nights, book club, movie nights, bowling, walking club, exercise club, garden club, etc. are just a few ideas that were tossed around. We are sure that there are a lot of ideas that people may have. Secondly, we are going to need help to carry out that idea. In other words, if there is something that someone is passionate about, would you be able to share that passion with others. Be creative. You may share that idea with Pastor Adams or Pete Kosovich, the chairman of the Board of Spiritual Growth.

LUTHERAN GIRL PIONEERS: It's been several years since we've had an active LGP program here at St. Paul's. Lutheran Girl Pioneers is a Christ-centered youth ministry for girls in 1st through 8th grade. It is an opportunity for girls to discover and develop interests in many areas. We are looking for any ladies who might be interested in helping to get our caravan active again.

LGP NATIONAL CONVENTION: The 2018 Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Convention will be held here at St. Paul's on Saturday, October 6. If you've ever wanted to learn more about LGP or are interested in becoming a leader, then this event is for you! Convention registration forms are available on the counter in the narthex. For more information or if

you have any questions, contact Jane Koplein at 414-510-9291/janee2005@outlook.com or Nancy Adams at 414-423-1445/njadams86@yahoo.com.

THRIVENT "CHOICE DOLLARS": The "Thrivent Choice" program is an easy way for eligible Thrivent members to recommend how Thrivent Financial should distribute a portion of its charitable funds to organizations that have been approved by Thrivent. St. Paul's has been an approved non-profit of Thrivent for nearly ten years. This is a program that is only open to people who are members of Thrivent and have Thrivent products. If you wish to donate Choice Dollars to our Summer Appeal or our Budget, you may do so. St. Paul's only receives a total amount that is directed toward St. Paul's each quarter. It doesn't receive a dollar amount as to what each individual has directed. Up to this point, those dollars have simply been going into the Escrow Account here at St. Paul's. In order for those dollars to be directed toward our Summer Appeal or our Budget, individual members would need to contact St. Paul's to let us know the amount you wish to direct toward St. Paul's ministry budget.

UNITED WAY: Save babies' lives and transform families through your United Way gift to WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee. WLFL operates a pregnancy medical clinic in Milwaukee providing free services to mothers at risk for abortion and people suffering from post-abortion trauma. Ask your employer for a "Donor Choice" form and designate WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee, 8501 W. Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI 53227. WLFL is a registered non-profit 501(c)3 tax exempt organization (EIN 39-1436085) and is an eligible recipient of the United Way "Donor Choice" option. For information or details visit http://www.alife2.com/united-way.html, email Contact@ALife2.com, or call 414-727-8176.

WLHS JR. VIKING GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: The Wisconsin Lutheran High School Girls' Basketball Program would like to invite girls entering grades 4-8 to tryout for the Jr. Vikings girls basketball team. This team is part of a Christ-centered program aimed at helping girls who are interested in attending WLHS and playing high school basketball. Register for tryouts at wlhs.org/jrvikings under "Girls Basketball." Please E-mail Coach Randy Strutz randall.strutz@wlhs.org with questions.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (September 2 & 4)

8:00 AM – Terry & Linda Ganyo 9:30 AM – {Sign up to be a greeter!}

Tuesday 6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (September 9 & 10)

8:00 AM - Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen

10:30 AM – Tony & Mary Tripoli

6:30 PM – {Sign up to be a greeter!}

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

8:00 AM - TEAM #1 - Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling

10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett

Abramowski

6:30 PM - TEAM #9 - Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

Aug 29-Sept 4 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel Sept 5-11 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Sept 2: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

Sept 9: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

GRASS CUTTING:

Sept 5-8 – TEAM #2 – Gordy Lesser

Sept 12-15 – TEAM #3 – Jerry Lehtinen & Gary Tosic

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 2

Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 AM
"This is What the Lord Says" Bible Class	10:45 AM

Monday, September 3

NO SCHOOL

NO WORSHIP SERVICE

Tuesday, September 4

Worship Service with Communion6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 5

Adult Choir Rehearsal6:30 PM NO Men's Open Gym

Sunday, September 9

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM - 71, 9:30 AM - 169, 6:30 PM - 44

Total Attendance – 284