18th Weekend After Pentecost

October 8 & 9, 2017

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.
- 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: IS GOD FAIR?

Worship Participants

Liturgist	Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher	Mr. Daniel Schmidt – Seminary Student
Organist	Mrs. Marie Becker

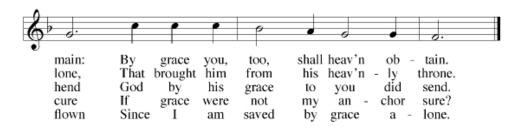
OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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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.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

THE WORD

⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

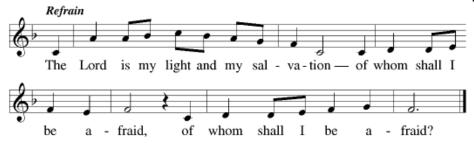
⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰ But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

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.Psalm 27





Hear my voice when I <u>call</u>, O LORD;* be merciful to me and <u>an</u>swer me.

Do not hide your <u>face</u> from me,* do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my <u>help</u>er.

Do not reject me or for<u>sake</u> me,*
O God my <u>Savior</u>.

Refrain

Though my father and mother for<u>sake</u> me,* the LORD will re<u>ceive</u> me.

I am still confident of this:*
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the <u>liv</u>ing.

Wait <u>for</u> the LORD;*
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

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



THE SECOND LESSON Romans 9:6b-16

^{6b} For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷ Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸ In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹ For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁰ Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹ Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: ¹² not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³ Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

 14 What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! 15 For he says to Moses,

"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,

and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶ It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

P: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.......Matthew 20:1-16

 $^{20:1}$ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵ So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

⁷ "Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

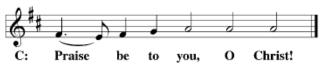
⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

⁹ "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was

hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."



Please be Seated



THE HYMN OF THE DAY......""Salvation unto Us Has Come"

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6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by his grace— All glory to his merit! O Triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love; Your blessed name be hallowed!

God is Gracious to his People

- 1. He disciplines the erring
- 2. He calls the lost to repentance

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

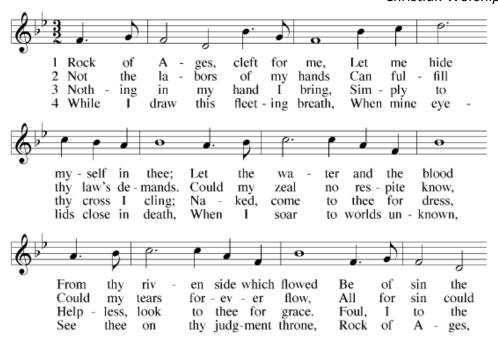
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please be Seated

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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Please Stand

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.

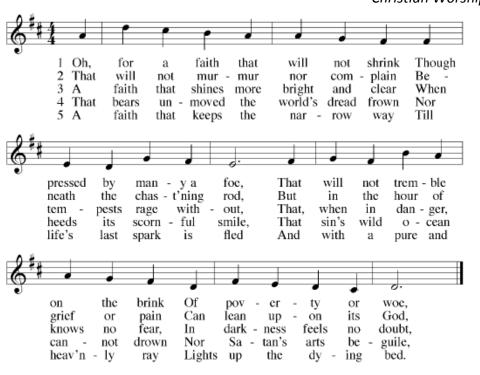
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Please be Seated

CLOSING HYMN"Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"

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6 Lord, give us such a faith as this, And then, whate'er may come, We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS SERVICE CHANGE: Please read the following letter that was sent home to our school families this week:

Dear Parents of St. Paul's,

If you haven't heard already, consider this the official announcement: the Church Council has decided to move the Children's Christmas Service off of its traditional date of Christmas Eve. **The Children's service will now be held on the Sunday before Christmas**. This year that means **December 17**th at 4:30pm.

The all-important question: why?

This is being done primarily out of love for lost souls on the broad, wide, well-traveled path to hell. Hands down, Christmas Eve is the one day a year that has the most natural inertia for sharing the good news of Jesus with people who desperately need to hear it. Many people who normally don't think twice about going to church will consider going on Christmas Eve.

If we as a congregation are going to be serious about doing what Jesus told us to do (Matthew 28:18), then we will want to capitalize on the unique opportunity Christmas Eve affords, first, by inviting the community to join us (something we already do through a mass mailing and personal invitations) and secondly, by making our Christmas Eve services a welcoming place for any visitors who take us up on the invitation.

While there is no doubt that the Children's Service proclaims the undeserved love of God (that is why it is such a long-standing, dearly-loved tradition), as we have done it in the past, it is not a very visitor-friendly service.

Last Christmas Eve we had over 500 people in attendance. All of them heard about the love of God that sent his Son to save us! But, if you were there, think back - was it visitor-friendly? Where would a visitor have parked? Where would a visitor have sat? The parking lot was full half an hour before the service even began, so was the church. So, while the Children's Service is an awesome worship opportunity for those of us already in the family of God, it is not very visitor-friendly.

Out of love for the lost, we want to be more welcoming this Christmas Eve.

Please know that the leadership of St. Paul's did not make this decision lightly. We understand and cherish the many and long-standing traditions of the Christian Church. We are also excited to see how God can use this new tradition for the good of St. Paul's, but more importantly, for good of all those souls in our community who do not yet know what we know – God sent his Son to save us!

If you have any question or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to Pastor Adams or myself.

God bless your coming and going, now and forevermore,

Pastor Hoff

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Roberto & Kendra Matus in thanksgiving for their 15th wedding anniversary.

GUEST PREACHER: We thank Seminarian Daniel Schmidt for sharing God's Word with us this weekend. Dan is a first year student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He is married to Rebecca (Christensen) Schmidt, a former member of St. Paul's. They were also married here at St. Paul's in June of 2016. Both Dan and Rebecca are graduates of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. We wish them both the Lord's blessings as they serve the Lord.

CHURCH COUNCIL: The Church Council will meet this Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 PM.

BOARD OF ELDERS: The Board of Elders will meet this Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30 PM.

FALL FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST: Please join us Sunday, October 22 between the services for a family breakfast hosted by the Board of Outreach. It will be held in the main school hallway. A free will offering will be gathered and all funds will go toward making the church greeting area a welcoming space for members and visitors.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Our school is hosting Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 20th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Trunk or Treat is an opportunity for families to get together in a safe environment and enjoy some fall fun. Children can dress up in costume and trick or treat to decorated trunks. There will also be a contest for the best costume and trunk, games,

refreshments and even a barrel train ride! There is a sign-up sheet in the school office for those that would like to attend.

SOLES FOR JESUS: St. Paul's is excited to be working with Soles For Jesus for our first quarter mission project. SFJ is a non-profit organization that exists to share the love of Christ by distributing shoes to the underserved in sub Saharan Africa. We will be hosting a shoe drive, raising funds to cover shipping costs, and volunteering at the SFJ facility cleaning and packing donated shoes.

SHOE DRIVE: Our shoe drive will run September 18th through October 21st. Donate new or gently used shoes and make a life-changing difference in the life of adults and children in Africa. Sizes needed: Toddler - Adult 12. Collection bins will be located in the back of church and in the school hallway.

RAISING FUNDS: Monetary donations to ship shoes to Africa may be turned in to the office.

For more information or questions contact Rachel Manske at rmanske@stpaulsfranklin.org.

BARGAIN CENTERS OPEN HOUSE: The WELS Bargain Centers are celebrating their 50th anniversary in the Milwaukee area. Over the years, they have provided millions of dollars to assist the ministries of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Wisconsin Lutheran Christian Family Solutions, Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries, and the Point of Grace Campus Ministry.

As part of their 50th Anniversary, they will be having an Open House at both of their locations. The North Store (8401 W. Lisbon Avenue) will have an Open House on Saturday, October 28th, from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. The South Store (5005 W. Howard Avenue) will open their doors on Sunday, October 29th from 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm. There will be gift store coupons, refreshments, and the opportunity for visitors to see the store in action. While celebrating 50 years, we continue to recruit volunteers at both stores to provide store operations for years to come. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about volunteering, please call Mr. Bill Bartholomew at 414.248.4767 or email at bnkdbart95@gmail.com.

OUTREACH TRAINING SEMINAR: We all know that the good news about Jesus needs to be shared. We all know and interact with people on a daily basis that need to know about Jesus. One seemingly large obstacle remains... how?

Partnering with Victory of the Lamb (our sister church just down Loomis Rd), you are invited to an outreach training seminar. The goal is to teach you a simple and practical way to share your faith - to show you that the obstacle is not as big or intimidating as it seems.

Where: Victory of the Lamb - 11120 W Loomis Rd., Franklin, WI 53132

When: Friday, October 13th, 5pm (light dinner), 6-8:30pm Seminar (Childcare provided!) You can read more about it and register by visiting: victoryofthelamb.com/events/outreachtraining-invite-opportunity.

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Fridays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: October 12th & 26th, November 9th, December 14th, January 11th & 25th, February 8th & 22nd, March 8th & 22nd, April 12th & 26th and May 10th & 24th. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information. There are also extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to a friend!

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, October 14th at 8:00 AM. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "The End of Time".

THE HYMNS OF MARTIN LUTHER CHOIRS CONCERT: In this 500th year of the Lutheran Reformation, three choirs of our Synod are joining together to celebrate Martin Luther's legacy as a poet and composer. Please join the choirs of Wisconsin Lutheran College, the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee, and the Seminary Chorus - a total of more than 200 voices and accompanied by organist Aaron Christie and instruments - to sing and rejoice in 15 of Luther's greatest enduing hymns. The concert will be at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon on October 1, 2017 beginning at 7:30 pm.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT REFORMATION 500 WORSHIP SERVICE: Join us for a festival worship service, on Sunday, November 5th, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. We gather to thank God for preserving the gospel of Jesus our Savior among us, recognizing the role of Martin Luther and the momentous event of 500 years ago. The joint service will be at The Miller High

Life Theater (formerly the Milwaukee Theater) located at 500 W. Kilbourn Avenue in downtown Milwaukee. This will be an opportunity for members of many different WELS congregations to enjoy Christian fellowship and to encourage one another to proudly, lovingly, and gently proclaim the saving truths of Scripture.

WLHS 6TH-8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE: Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Open House is on Sunday, October 15. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. with program at 6:00 p.m. Grade school parents and students please join us to meet teachers, tour the school, and enjoy faculty presentations. See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life!

WLHS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENING: WLHS is currently seeking candidates for the open position of Guidance Department Administrative Assistant. Please E-mail resume and cover letter by October 14, to Jodi Lunow, Human Resource Specialist, at jodi.lunow@wlhs.org, or via mail: 330 North Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53213. Primary responsibilities for this position in the Guidance Department includes serving as the receptionist for the department, provide daily student service needs, monitor and maintain the Guidance calendar, coordinate and assist with special events, and track testing data. The successful candidate will have a high computer aptitude, attention to detail, be able to apply previous learning to new situations, well organized and manage several tasks and projects in a fast-paced environment. As a member of the Guidance team, this person shall demonstrate the sensitivity and confidentiality required in a counseling setting. This is a full-time position with benefits including staff tuition discount.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (October 8 & 9)

8:00 AM – Randy & Nancy Willms 10:30 AM – Tim & Denise Rasmussen 6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (October 15 & 16)

8:00 AM – Larry & Marilee Stujenske 10:30 AM – Dave & Cindy Wirtz; Brandon, Austin & Ian 6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

8:00 AM – Bob Goelz, Larry McKee, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess **10:30 AM** – Nick Derouin, Mark Derouin, Connor Henry, Bob Duchesneau **6:30 PM** – Dave Long, Terry Plant, John Kiesow, Curt Stellwagen

ALTAR GUILD

Oct 4-10 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel Oct 11-17 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen Hille

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Oct 8: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug Oct 15: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Chris & Naomi Hathaway

GRASS CUTTING:

Oct 11-14 – TEAM #4 – Dave Qualmann Oct 18-21 – TEAM #1 – Gordy Lesser

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 8	
Worship Service	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	
Bible Information Class	
Worship Service	10:30 AM

Monday, October 9

Tuesday, October 10

Wednesday, October 11

Board of Elders......6:30 PM Men's Open Gym7:30 PM

Thursday, October 12

Preschool Power Hour10:45 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 178, Communed – 121 10:30 AM – NA, Communed – NA 6:30 PM – 52, Communed – 36 Total Attendance – 230+ Total Communed – 157+ Sunday Bible Class – 32, Sunday School – 11 Bible Information Class – 5