

# Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## August 23 & 24, 2015



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

### Our Worship Service

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#### WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN ..... “God Has Spoken by His Prophets”  
*Christian Worship #281*

1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, Spo - ken his un -  
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er -  
3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, Speak - ing to the

chang - ing Word, Each from age to age pro - claim - ing  
last - ing Son, Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry,  
hearts of all, In the age - less Word ex - pound - ing

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God the one, the right-eous Lord. In the world's de - spair and  
With the Fa - ther ev - er one, Spo - ken by the Word in -  
His own mes-sage for us all. Through the rise and fall of

tur - moil One firm an - chor holds us fast: God is  
car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was, Light from  
na - tions One sure faith is stand - ing fast. God a -

king, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.  
Light, to earth de-scend-ing— He re - veals our God to us.  
bides, his Word un-chang-ing, God the first and God the last.

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Tune: REX GLORIAE (87 87 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813–79.

*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

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON.....Malachi 4:1-6

These words are the last words in the Old Testament. They serve both as a comfort and warning to believers. God gave his people his plan for life. How happy the devil is when God's people neglect his Word. How sad the devil is when God's people make faithful use of it.

<sup>4:1</sup>"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. <sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. <sup>3</sup>Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things," says the Lord Almighty. <sup>4</sup>"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup>"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup>He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY ..... Psalm 19

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Refrain

Lord, you have the words of  
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone \*

The heavens declare the glory of God; \*  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Their voice goes out into all the earth, \*  
their words to the ends of the world.

Refrain

Psalm continues on next page

The law of the LORD is perfect,\*  
giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant,\*  
giving light to the eyes.  
They are more precious than gold;\*  
they are sweeter than honey.  
By them is your servant taught;\*  
in keeping them there is great reward.

*Refrain*

Lord, you have the words of  
ev - er - last - ing life.

*Psalm tone*

\*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart\*  
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

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**THE SECOND LESSON.....James 4:1-10**  
*James, like Malachi, urges God’s people to repent, change laughter to mourning because of sin, and humbly honor the Lord by changing sinful ways. God in his mercy draws near to us, as we through faith in our Savior and His forgiveness, draw near to Him.*

<sup>4:1</sup>What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup>When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? <sup>6</sup>But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**  
**P:** Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12 cf. RSV)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

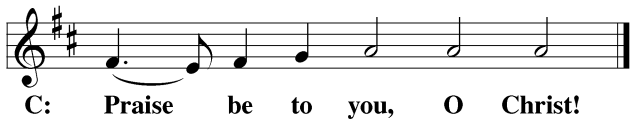
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please Stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Matthew 15:1-11**

*God's people were putting their own rules ahead of God's Word. We learn from Jesus' words that we honor our Lord by putting into practice what He says. Our Savior loved us so much to die on a cross to save us. We want to honor Him in every way.*

15:1 Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, 2"Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!" 3Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? 4For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' 5But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,' 6he is not to 'honor his father ' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. 7You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: 8""These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 9They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' "10Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. 11What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'"

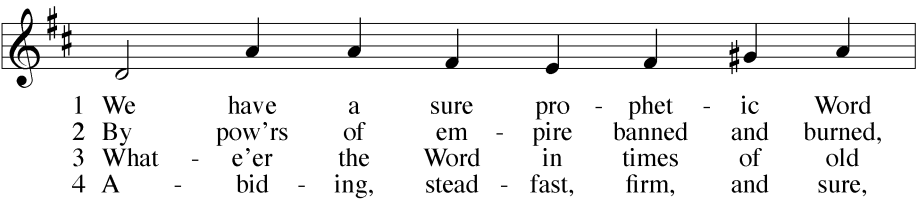


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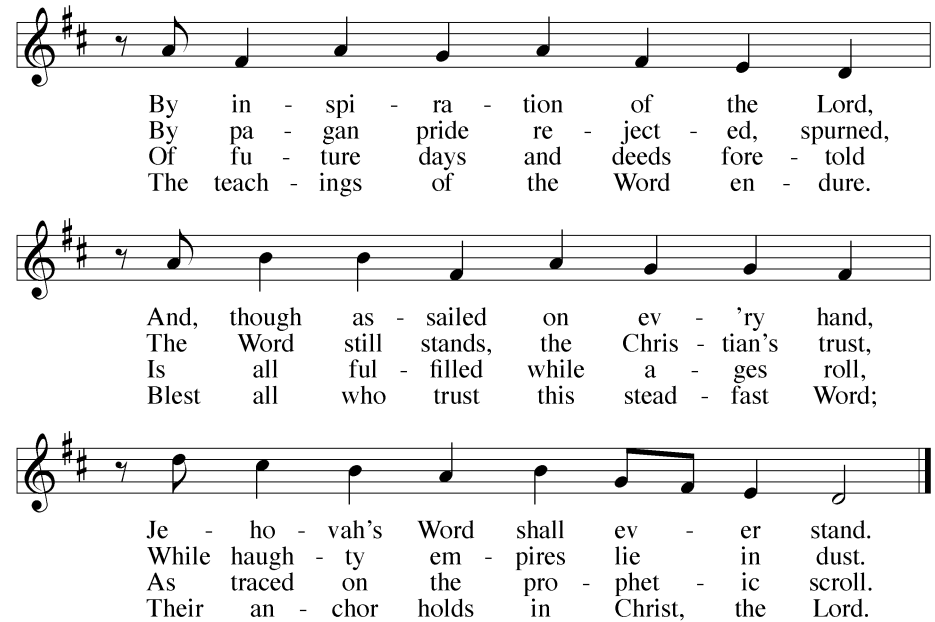
**CHILDREN'S TALK..... 9:30 AM**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY ..... “We Have a Sure Prophetic Word”**

*Christian Worship #291*



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Text: Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.  
Tune: WO GOTT ZUM HAUS (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

**THE SERMON ..... Malachi 4:1-6**

## Malachi: The Last of the Old Testament Prophets

*After the prophet Malachi speaks, there is no word from God for 400 years. Near the end of this book, Malachi declares God saying: "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty." Those words would be fulfilled in John the Baptist. The prophet reminds us of the treasure that we have in our hands with the word of God. God gave his people his plan for life. How happy the devil is when they neglect it. Yet, how sad he is when God's people make faithful use of it.*

*Judgment is coming.... But with this great and dreadful day of the Lord, there is also coming hope and salvation. We wait for the day when God will take us home to heaven.*

*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.**

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**THE OFFERING**

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

**THE OFFERING PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

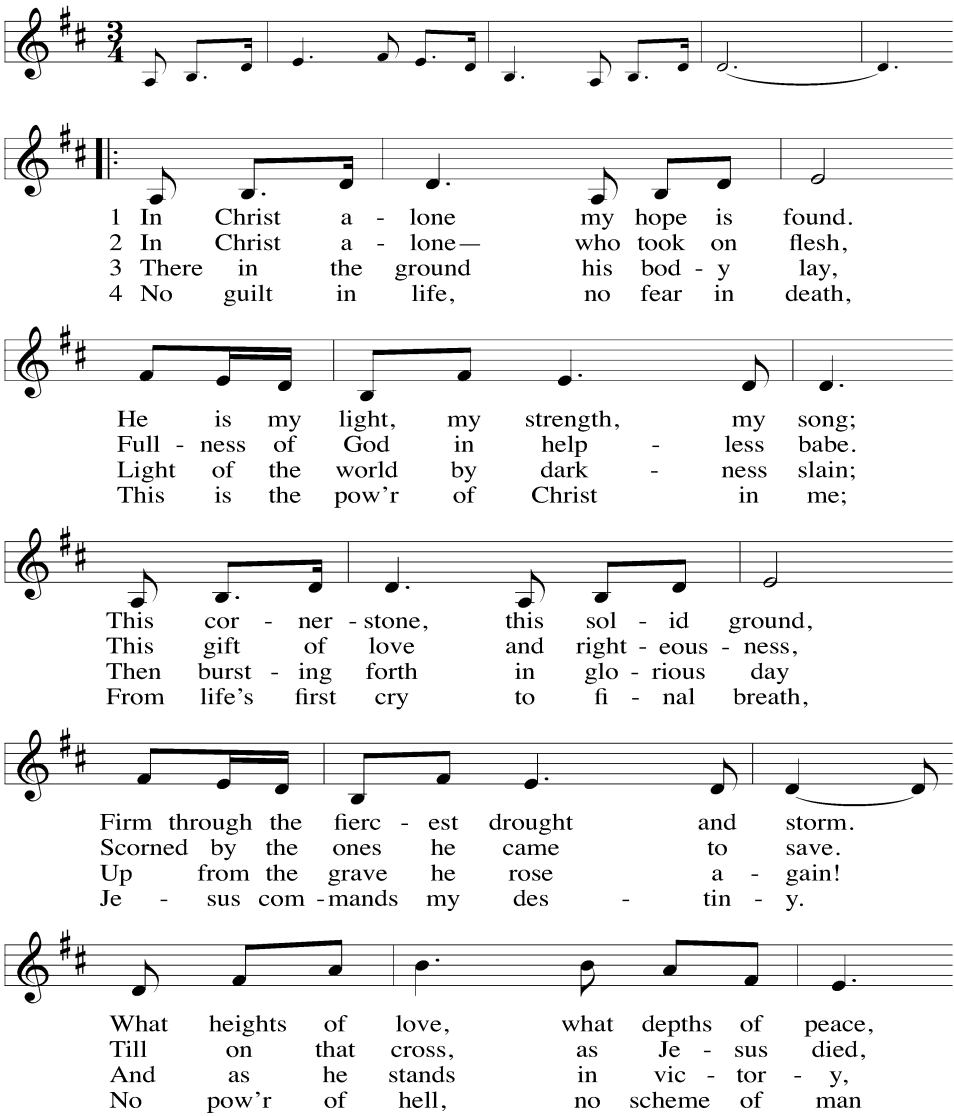
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**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

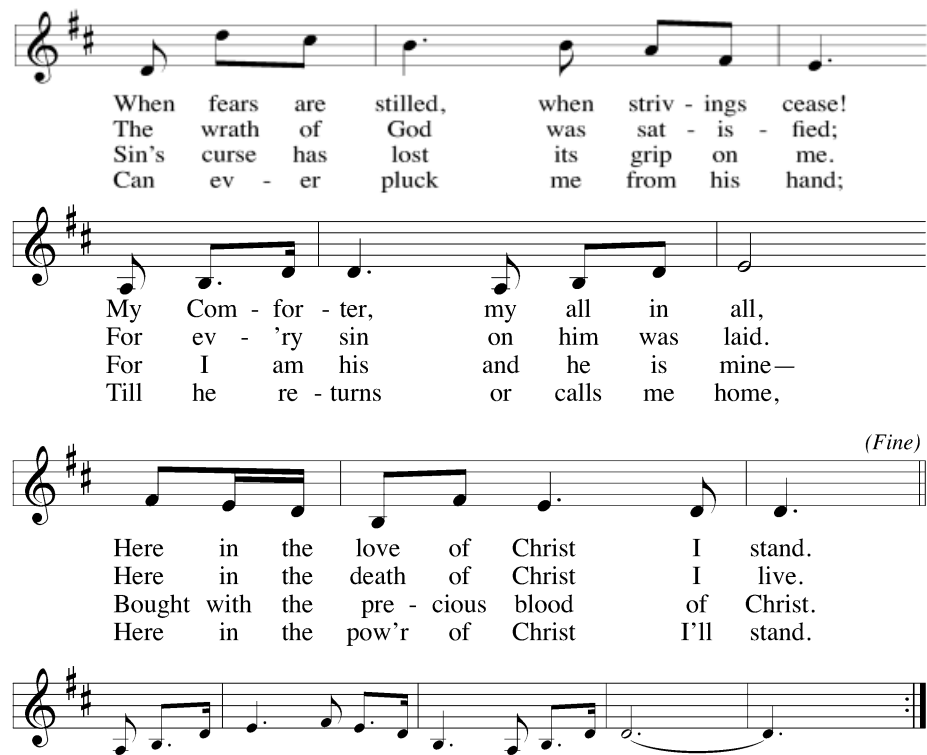
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

*Please be Seated*

**CONGREGATION HYMN ..... “In Christ Alone”**  
*Christian Worship Supplement #752*



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When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
For I am his and he is mine—  
Till he re - turns or calls me home,

(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.  
Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.*

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*Please Stand*

**P:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## THE BENEDICTION

**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.

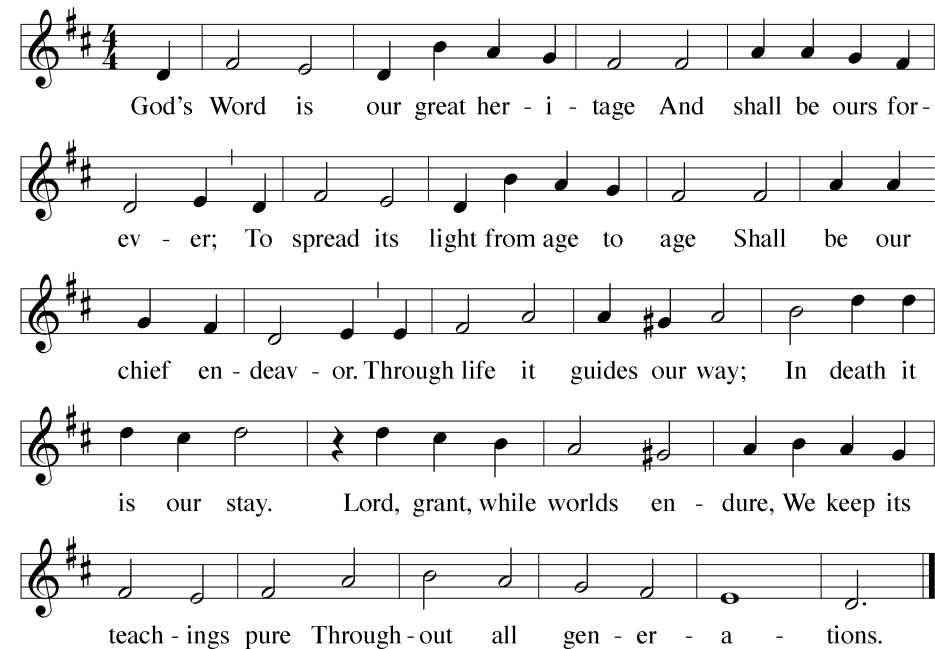


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## THE CLOSING HYMN ..... "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

*Christian Worship # 293*



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925.  
Tune: REUTER (87 87 66 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

## Worship Participants

**Liturgist and Preacher** ..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Organist** .....Mrs. Karen Pautz

## Announcements

**HOSPITALIZED:** Paul Larsen – St. Luke’s.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers this week are given by Barb and John Migacz in loving memory of Jean Lindner, Pastor Mark Lindner and Sarah Joy Migacz

**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF GOD’S BLESSINGS – 1865-2015:** We are excited to kick off a yearlong celebration of God’s blessings at St. Paul’s by recognizing our “Past.....Present.....Future”.

Since our congregation officially began on September 21, 1865 – we will start with our ‘past’ by celebrating Heritage Day on September 20th. Heritage Day will display some history and fun facts of St. Paul’s starting in 1865. We hope you’ll join us as we turn back the clock with games, food and fellowship.

During the year we’ll focus on the how St. Paul’s has grown from its humble beginnings in the farm fields of Franklin. We’ll recognize and remember past members and events that helped shape St. Paul’s.

As we look to the future and passing along our Christian heritage to the next generation, one of our celebration-long goals is to raise funds towards the purchase of a new organ.

There will be much more information about this yearlong celebration coming in the future.  
150th Committee Members: Nancy Adams, Dawn Brightsman, Jane Koplein, Sherry Kosovich, Theresa Mess, Chris Romeis, Carolyn Streeter.

**HERITAGE DAY-150<sup>TH</sup> ST. PAUL’S CELEBRATION:** Join us as we kick off our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration with Heritage Day, Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from noon-3:00 pm! Celebrate our past as we “turn back the clock” to 1865 with a special worship service and an old fashioned church picnic complete with games, entertainment and fellowship.

To defray some of the costs, we are asking for a \$10 per family contribution. To sign up for the picnic, please use the envelopes on the counter in the narthex. Please sign up no later than September 8<sup>th</sup>. You may also pay \$12 per family the day of the picnic.

Keeping with tradition of a church picnic of the past, we ask that you bring a dish to pass. Beans, potato salad, your favorite casserole, dessert, and fruit are some suggestions. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will provide spanferkel (pig roast) and beverages.

**2<sup>ND</sup> PASTOR CALL:** On Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul’s extended a Divine Call to Pastor Jason Schmidt to serve as a second pastor at St. Paul’s. Pastor Schmidt graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 2002. He currently serves as an Associated Pastor at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Citrus Heights, California. St. Mark’s is a congregation with just over 700 souls. Pastor Schmidt has also served congregations in Bremerton, Washington and South Shore, South Dakota. He is married and they have 4 children. Please keep Pastor Schmidt in your prayers. His contact information is: 916-966-1619 (home) or 916-961-7891 (office) and [j Schmidt@stmarkslutheran.com](mailto:j Schmidt@stmarkslutheran.com).

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (3K-GRADE 8):** The first day of school for both our preschool program and grade school program will be tomorrow, Monday, August 24th. May the Lord bless both our teachers and students in the new school year.

**SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. SCHULMEISTER:** We are entering a new school year this week. Our theme this year is "Fix Your Eyes On Jesus" based on Hebrews 12:2. This year we will focus on looking to our Savior in all circumstances whether times are hard or we are smoothly going through life, and recognizing the blessings we receive from him in all situations. We are also welcoming new staff to our school, Mrs. Carol Toppe (Kindergarten) and Mrs. Parsons (7&8 Grade afternoons). Please keep them and our entire staff in your prayers. We are ONE congregation and school, one in mission and one in name, if there are things you think might benefit our congregation through the school, or something you think you could do to help our school please contact me. Together we can continue to have a quality Christian Education in the school, in church, that will reflect in our everyday lives throughout the community. May God continue to bless us all who are connected to our mission and may we always "Fix Our Eyes On Jesus".

**PLEASE JOIN US AND RING FOR ST. PAUL’S SR. HANDBELL CHOIR:** Thank you to all who volunteered last year in our choir and we hope you can join us again. Whether you’ve played in St. Paul’s School Handbell Choir, in another choir or are completely new to handbells, we hope to see you in the front of church on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 for the first practice of the year. We have ways to help with eye sight issues in reading music, lack of experience with music

or even fear of getting up in front of the congregation to play. We hope congregation members of any skill level will pray and consider this area of service so we can have a full choir again this year to ring praises for our Lord. For more information, questions or to join, contact Kristal Young, kristal@kristalcleargraphics.com, 414-325-6976.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES:** In case you didn’t know, there are now “mailboxes” for the members of St. Paul’s along the hallway between the entrance of the outdoor courtyard and the future office area. Please check them for any information that may be distributed in them. Thank you.

**FUTURE PASTOR’S OFFICES:** We will soon be starting construction on new offices for the Pastors. The cost to complete this project will be approximately \$18,000. To date we have received \$6085.00. This work will be done with our own people including rough carpentry, drywall, insulation, painting, suspended ceilings and floor covering. If you are able to help financially in addition to your weekly offering, please place in separate envelopes stating “New Pastor’s Offices”. You may drop off your contribution in the school office, put it into the collection plate, or give it to Pastor Adams. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Derouin (414) 881-8944 or Bob Hille (414) 427-6106.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATION:** Today, from 1:00-4:30 PM we will be having a dessert reception to honor Gary Wille and many educators of St. Paul’s Lutheran School. If you would like to donate to the Legacy Fund for Christian Education, supporting professional development of teachers at St. Paul’s please visit our Facebook Page at: [www.facebook.com/stpaulshornets](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulshornets). Please contact Jack & Doreen Vallier @ 414-421-2392 or Heather Vallier @ 216-751-7984, [hvallier@metrohealth.org](mailto:hvallier@metrohealth.org) with any questions.

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES:** Our Summer Sermon Series this year is: “A Major Message from the Minor Prophets”. The schedule is as follows:

- June 7 & 8:** Hosea – The Prophet with the Adulterous Wife
- June 14 & 15:** Joel – The Day of the Lord Prophet
- June 28 & 29:** Obadiah – The Prophet of Humility
- July 5 & 6:** Jonah – The Unwilling Prophet
- July 12 & 13:** Micah – The Prophet with a Heart for the Helpless
- July 19 & 20:** Nahum – The Prophet of God’s Vengeance
- July 26 & 27:** Habakkuk – The Prophet who Questions God
- August 2 & 3:** Zephaniah – The Prophet with Royal Blood
- August 9 & 10:** Haggai – the Prophet of Priorities
- August 16 & 17:** Zechariah – The Messianic Prophet
- August 23 & 24:** Malachi – The Last of the Old Testament Prophets

**FALL WOMEN’S RETREAT:** Time- A blessing and a curse. All of us have been given time here in this world. How are you using your time? Dwelling on the past? Missing the present or only living for the here and now? Or are you dreaming about the future? This year’s Women’s Retreat hosted at Divine Peace Lutheran Church (3203 S. 76<sup>th</sup> St. Milwaukee) on October 10<sup>th</sup> will focus on the well known verse from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, “*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.*” Spend the day immersed in the Word of God to help bring focus and peace to your daily life. For more information and to register visit: <http://PHM1Six.org>.

**Volunteers**

**GREETERS THIS WEEK (August 23 & 24)**

- 8:00 AM**-John & Barb Migacz
- 9:30 AM**-Andrew Backus
- 6:30 PM** –Joan Shevey

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK (August 30 & 31)**

- 8:00 AM**-Jacque & Doreen Vallier
- 9:30 AM**-Charles & Sharie Snyder
- 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-David Destrampe, Daniel Destrampe, Paul Larsen
- 6:30 PM** TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

- 8:00 AM** TEAM #1-Bob Hille, Lary Stujenski, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
- 9:30 AM** TEAM #5-Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
- 6:30 PM** TEAM #9 Curt Stellwaen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

**ALTAR GUILD:**

- August 19-September 1 TEAM #2-Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra
- September 2-15 TEAM #3-Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms

**GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE**

- Aug. 26-29 Crew #1: Gordy Lesser
- Sept. 2-5 Crew #2 Jerry Lehtinen, Gary Tasic
- Sept. 9-12 Crew #3 Dave Qualmann



Sept. 16-19 Crew #4 Frank and Sam Krajewski  
Sept. 23-26 Crew #1 Gordy Lesser

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 23

Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM  
Worship Service ..... 9:30 AM  
Christian Education Celebration Dessert Reception .....1:00 PM

Monday, August 24

First day of School K3-8 ..... 8:15 AM  
Worship Service.....6:30 PM

Thursday, August 27

Adult Bible Information Class .....6:30 PM

Sunday, August 30

Worship Service with Communion ..... 8:00 AM  
Worship Service with Communion ..... 9:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-103, Communed-93  
9:30 am- 107, Communed-72  
6:30 pm-60, Communed-49  
Total Attendance 270, Total Communed-214  
Sunday School-n/a; Bible Class-n/a