

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 13 & 14, 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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THE ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM 10:30 AM Service-Page 12-14 in Christian Worship
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WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN "Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"
Christian Worship #238



1	Oh,	ble	the	Lord,	my	soul!	Let
2	Oh,	ble	the	Lord,	my	soul,	Nor
3	'Tis	he	for -	gives	my	sins;	'Tis
4	He	fills	the	poor	with	good;	He
5	His	won -	drous	works	and	ways	He

Hymn continues on next page



all	with -	in	me	join	And	aid	my	tongue	to
let	his	mer -	cies	lie	For -	got -	ten	in	un -
he	re -	lieves	my	pain;	'Tis	he	that	heals	my
gives	the	suf -	f'ers	rest;	The	Lord	has	judg -	ments
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ble	his	name	Whose	fa -	vors	are	di -	vine.
thank -	ful -	ness	And	with -	out	prais -	es	die.
sick -	ness -	es	And	makes	me	young	a -	gain.
for	the	proud	And	jus -	tice	for	th' op -	pressed.
truth	and	grace	By	his	be -	lov -	ed	Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.
Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

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.**

Service continues on page 5 with Prayer and Praise

HOLY BAPTISM10:30 AM ONLY

THE OPENING HYMN.....“See This Wonder in the Making”

Christian Worship #300



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in his
door to heav - en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, “Be -
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to your arms we
take a new-born crea - ture, Now God’s pre - cious son or



keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!”
place *him*, With your love and peace em - brace *him*.
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that**

a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

P: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

P: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Bryce Allen Stujenske, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Please Stand

EXHORTATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Bryce may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

P: Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Bryce and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

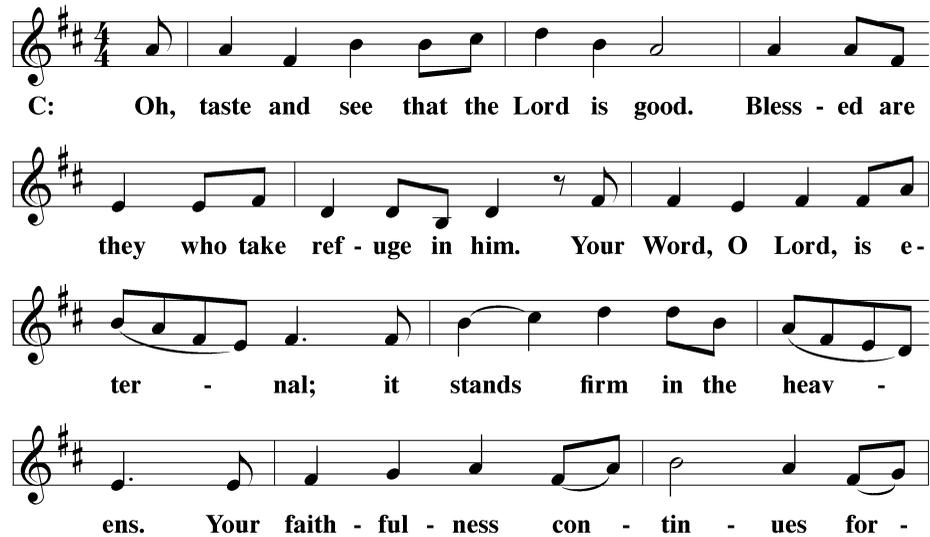
C: Amen.

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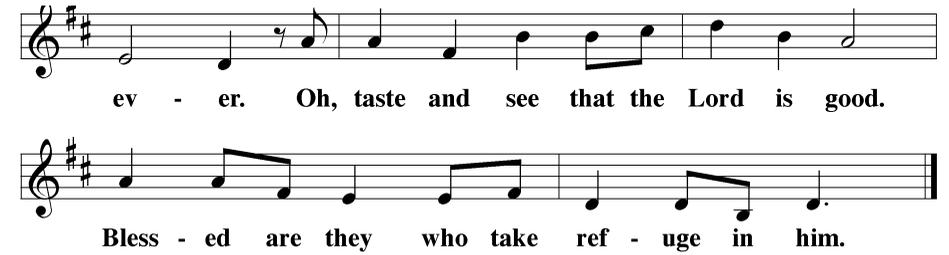
PRAYER AND PRAISE

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. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON..... Isaiah 35:4-7a

This reading depicts our spiritual needs in physical terms. Physical weakness and trouble mirror the absolute state of need in which we are born. Troubles, fears, weaknesses of every sort are often God's rich blessings; for they drive us to despair of our own strength and understanding and to be the more ready to receive from his Word ears that hear and eyes that see. The reading is a promise of just such help from the Messiah, who alone can solve that absolute spiritual need and who alone rules over the physical mirrors of that need so that they are turned to blessing.

⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 146

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I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.



Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,*

in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,*

the maker of heaven and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the hungry,*

the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,*

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast*

and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.*

He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

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

THE SECOND LESSON James 1:17-27

It is God's nature to give good gifts to his children. In fact those are the only kinds of gifts he can give. For his essence is changeless. His surpassing goodness he has demonstrated in becoming our father by means of the gospel. What then should we conclude in every time of trouble or need? It is a good gift from God and will yet be seen as such. Freed by his fatherly goodness from fear, we strive to follow after him in imitation of his purity and his kindness. Yes, we even try to become vehicles through which he shows kindness and goodness to those around us who are in need.

¹⁷ 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, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life 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 a man 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 the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. ²⁶ If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his 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.

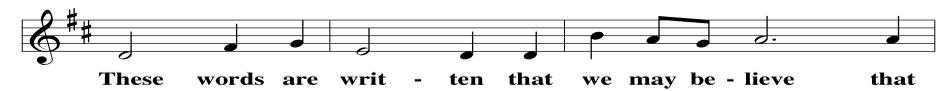
VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4

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..... Mark 7:31-37

That Jesus does all things well is, of course, biblical understatement. Consider just how well he does all things. There is nothing mechanical in his manner or method. He takes into account this individual's very individual needs. The poor man is frightened and comprehends perhaps nothing of what the crowd is doing with him. But Jesus understands; Jesus deals with even the momentary fear of the man most gently. That is how he always deals with us, one at a time, with perfect understanding and compassion. Even his command that the people say nothing of the miracle has us in mind: He did not want fame and popularity to slow or hinder his way to the cross. We now have the honor to proclaim what then needed to be hidden with the tongue he has given us and the soul to which he has given life by the message of his cross.

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

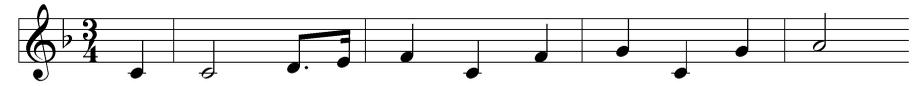


C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

CHILDREN'S TALK..... 10:30 AM

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "To God Be the Glory"
Christian Worship #399



1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



And give him the glo - ry— great things he has done!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, alt.
Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (11 11 11 11 with Refrain) William H. Doane, 1832–1915.

“He Has Done All Things Well”

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

THE OFFERING

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

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

THE PRAYERS

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

Christian Worship Supplement #747



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God’s own
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his



Son, Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
names, Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
face; There I’ll serve my King for - ev - er

Refrain



Ho - ly One.
Hope for sin - ners slain. Thank you, O my
In that ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Tune: THERE IS A REDEEMER (65 85 and Refrain)
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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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN **“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”**
Christian Worship # 432



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your
 2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -



take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit.
 shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

Text: Scandinavian hymn; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt.
 Tune: OLD HUNDRETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Mrs. Marie Becker

Announcements

HOSPITALIZED: Paul Larsen – St. Luke’s.

“CELEBRATING GOD’S GRACE” SERMON SERIES: As we begin our year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of St. Paul’s next week, we will begin a 4 week new sermon series. The themes will be:

“Celebrate God’s Grace...”

- “It Changes Hearts” (September 20th and 21st)
- “It Never Ends” (September 27th and 28th)
- “It Gives Rest” (October 4th and 5th)
- “It Guarantees Heaven” (11th and 12th)

Please come and join us.

2ND PASTOR CALL MEETING: It was announced last week that Pastor Jason Schmidt has returned the Divine Call to be our 2nd pastor at St. Paul’s. Another Call Meeting has been set for Sunday, September 27th at 6:30pm. Pastor David Rutschow, the Southeastern Wisconsin District President, will once again lead this meeting. We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide our efforts and continue to bless the ministry at St. Paul’s.

MARY MARTHA MEETING: The first meeting of Mary Martha Society will be this coming Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30pm. It will be a pot-luck salad supper meeting. (All ladies are asked to bring a salad to share.) Any is welcome to join them to learn more about the work they do here at St. Paul’s.

BOARD OF LUTHERAN SCHOOLS: They will meet on Tuesday, September 15th, at 6:30pm.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASS (PSCIC): On Tuesday, September 15th, at 6:00pm, we will begin this year’s confirmation class for those students in 7th and 8th grade who attend the area public schools. We meet on Tuesdays from 6-8pm. We will meet in the Bible Class room in the church. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Adams

BOARD OF ELDERS: They will meet on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30pm.

START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS POSTPONED: We are postponing the start of Sunday School and Adult Bible Class until Sunday, September 20th. We appreciate your understanding.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers this week are given by Gary and Donna Boldt in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE: We are in the process of updating the church directory. If your address, telephone, email information, etc. has changed since the last directory was printed about 2 years ago, please either call (421-1178) or email the office (office@stpaulsfranklin.org) with the current information. We would also like to update the directory information with children who may no longer reside at home or are away at school. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE – 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 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-150TH ST. PAUL'S CELEBRATION: Join us as we kick off our 150th celebration with Heritage Day, Sunday, September 20th 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. 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.

ADULT CHOIR: St. Paul's Adult Choir will begin rehearsing Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30. Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God is welcome to join the choir! 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 16 -November 26. Rehearsals are 45 -60 minutes and take place on Wednesday evenings. Any questions please contact the choir director, Marie Becker at (262)-623-4145 or e-mail her at mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org.

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 \$6145.00. 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.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (September 13 & 14)

8:00 AM-Jery & Alyce Letinen
10:30 AM-Tammy Sunjic; Simun
6:30 PM -Dave & Janet Long

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (September 20 & 21)

8:00 AM-Bob & Karen Hille
10:30 AM-Tim & Michelle Yenter; Lauren & Mason
6:30 PM-Joan Shevey

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

8:00 AM TEAM #1-Bob Hille, Lary Stujenski, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker

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 Stellwaen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

September 2-15 TEAM #3-Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms

September 16-29 TEAM#4-Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE

Sept. 9-12 Crew #3 Dave Qualmann

Sept. 16-19 Crew #4 Frank and Sam Krajewski

Sept. 23-26 Crew #1 Gordy Lesser

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-79, Communed-70

9:30 am- 105, Communed-77

6:30 pm-26, Communed-18

Total Attendance 210, Total Communed 165

Sunday School-n/a; Bible Class-n/a

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 13

Worship Service..... 8:00 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Monday, September 14

Worship Service6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 15

PSCIC.....6:00 PM

Board of Lutheran Schools Meeting6:30 PM

Mary Martha Meeting6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 16

Board of Elders Meeting6:30 PM

Thursday, September 17

Adult Bible Information Class6:30 PM

Friday, September 18

School Devotion..... 8:30 AM

Preschool Power Hour 10:45 AM

Sunday, September 20

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

Adult Bible Study/Sunday School 9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM

150 Year Anniversary Picnic..... 12:00PM