

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 27 and 28, 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 "As We Begin Another Week"
Christian Worship #223

1 As we be - gin an - oth - er week, In Je - sus'
2 Your gen - tle bless - ings, Lord, out - pour On all our
3 In ev - 'ry sea - son, ev - 'ry place, May we re -
4 And keep with an - gels in your rest The end - less

name your grace we seek. God, grant that through these
la - bors ev - er - more. Our hearts with your good
call your Word of grace Un - til, when life's brief
Sab - bath of the blest. Grant this to us through

sev - en days No e - vil may be - fall our ways.
Spir - it fill That we may glad - ly do your will.
day is past, We reach e - ter - nal joy at last.
Christ, your Son, Who reigns with you up - on your throne.

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. 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.

C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON..... 1 John 3:1-3

God doesn't just pour out his Grace on us occasionally, he lavishes us with his love. God's Grace never ends.

³How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 45
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Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone

My heart is stirred by a noble theme*

as I recite my verses for the King.

You are the most excellent of men,*

and your lips have been anointed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;*

clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously;

let your right hand display awesome deeds.

Refrain

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;

a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;

therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

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.....1 Timothy 1:12-17

God's Grace is exceedingly abundant in our lives.

¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. ¹³Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

Alleluia. (2Corinthians 12:9a)

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.

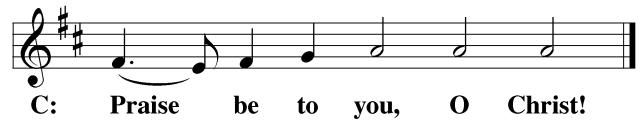
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus was never the same after God poured out his Grace on him.

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" ⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."



Please be Seated

CHILDREN'S TALK.....10:30 AM**THE HYMN OF THE DAY....."Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"**

Christian Worship #241

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une

let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion. To him
 God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed. He bought
 Ghost we sing, For our re - gen - er - a - tion. The sav -
 God we sing; Blest be his name for - ev - er! With an -

through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon - or,
 the Church with his own blood; He cleansed her in that
 ing faith in us he wrought And us un - to the
 gel hosts let us a - dore And sing his prais - es

Hymn continues on next page

pow'r, and praise
bless - ed flood
Bride-groom brought,
more and more

Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
And as his bride se - lect - ed.
Made us his cho - sen na - tion.
For all his grace and fa - vor.

Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.
Ho - ly, Ho - ly Is our un - ion And com - mun - ion.
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.

Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
Spread the sto - ry Of our God the Lord of glo - ry!

Text: *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, Darmstadt, 1698; tr. composite.
Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

THE SERMON 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

⁷To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE...IT NEVER ENDS

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

CONGREGATION HYMN "Our Fathers' God in Years Long Gone"

Christian Worship #535

1 Our fa - thers' God in years long gone, Our God for
2 You led our fa - thers to this land, A land of
3 Make us the chan - nels of your love, Your end - less
4 Grant us your mer - cy to the end, With all your

all the years to be, Ac - cept the sac - ri -
beau - ty, boun - ty, pow'r; You blessed the la - bors
mer - cy, pow'r, and peace. So build your Church in
Spir - it's pow'r and grace, Till with the ran - somed,

Hymn continues on next page

fice of praise We bring to you on bend - ed knee.
 of their hands, Up - held them in each tri - al hour.
 ev - 'ry place, And day by day its strength in - crease.
 white - robed throng We stand at last be - fore your face,

 For mer - cies to our fa - thers shown, For all your
 You kept them faith - ful to your Word, Were not a -
 May we hold high the cross of Christ, Who rose and
 Where we with bright an - gel - ic choirs And all who

 grace, so rich and free, To you, great God, the
 shamed their God to be. So we, their chil - dren,
 lives e - ter - nal - ly, That all in him their
 served you faith - ful - ly Will blend our voic - es

 One in Three, We sing the hymn of ju - bi - lee.
 grate - ful - ly Now sing the hymn of ju - bi - lee.
 Sav - ior see And sing the hymn of ju - bi - lee.
 end - less - ly In one un - end - ing ju - bi - lee.

Text: W. Harry Krieger, 1914–74, abr., alt. © 1972 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved.
 Used by permission.
 Tune: O GROSSER GOTT (L.M.D.) Johann Störls . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch, Stuttgart, 1744.

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 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

Christian Worship # 319

On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,
 King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no
 pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:
 Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my
 hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
 Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Miss Heather Schmidt

Announcements

BEGINNER HANDBELL CLASS: Please join us every Thursday at 6:30pm in the front of church and learn to play handbells. We'll be starting with the basics plus 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 joining us 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.

MARY MARTHA SOCIETY MEMBERS: Mary Martha members who were unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday, September 22, will find this year's schedule, membership roster and the minutes from last April's meeting, in their mailboxes. We hope to see you next month.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL RECOGNITION: The WLHS Volleyball program annually recognizes outstanding Educators through their Educator Impact Award Program. Each senior girl on the team is asked to nominate one educator who has made a significant difference in their lives. WLHS has announced that the Annie Rasmussen has nominated former St. Paul's teacher Mr. Gary Wille for the Impact Award in 2015. The WLHS Volleyball program will honor a total of 4 distinguished teachers on Tuesday, October 6th, 2015. The ceremony will take place between the Junior Varsity match and the Varsity match that evening versus Hartford. The JV match begins at 5:30pm, so we would estimate that the ceremony will begin about 6:10pm

"CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE" SERMON SERIES: As we begin our year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of St. Paul's this 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.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE – 1865-2015: We had great success with our kick off to the yearlong 150th celebration! Celebrating our "past" with Heritage Day last week Sunday was a huge success! We had over 225 people attend and enjoyed games, music, good food, fellowship, and outstanding weather.

Heritage Day would not have been a success without the help of a lot of people. A special thanks to Pastor Adams, Steve Baade, David Brightsman, Jeff Romeis, Pete Kosovich, Carl Streeter, Dave Granberg, Jeff Graetz, Roberto Matus, Nolan Romeis and Kyle Brightsman. Our apology if anyone was missed as we had a great deal of help setting up and taking down. Thank you to everyone who helped.

THANK YOU to Katie Nitz for all her work organizing and displaying many of our historical artifacts.

The 150th Committee did an excellent job of organizing and running the games, planning and setting up the food, coming up with prizes for the kids (of all ages!) and making sure we had everything we needed for a fun day.

A special thanks to Costco for donating the dinner rolls, two 150th anniversary cakes, and cookies. If you would like more information on Costco membership, information can be found on the counter in the narthex.

Stay tuned – there is much more to come as we celebrate 150 years of God's blessings with our "Past....Present....Future".

The 150th Anniversary Committee – Nancy Adams, Dawn Brightsman, Jane Kopelin, Sherry Kosovich, Theresa Mess, Chris Romeis, Carolyn Streeter.

HISTORICAL PICTURES: As we put together a history booklet over the next year, we are looking for additional pictures from St. Paul's History, especially older pictures of confirmation classes, weddings, interior & exterior pictures of the first church on College Avenue and the 1916 building that was previously on this site. We would like to use them in various ways. If you wish to have them back, please mark them so that we can scan them and return them to you. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor or Nancy Adams.

2ND PASTOR CALL MEETING: A Call Meeting has been set for Sunday, September 27th at 6:30pm. Pastor David Rutschow, the Southeastern Wisconsin District President, will lead this meeting.

We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide our efforts and continue to bless the ministry at St. Paul's.

LWMS DOOR COLLECTION: We will have a door collection after the services today, to help support the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS).

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.

ADULT CHOIR: If you missed the first scheduled rehearsal on September 16, don't worry you can still join us on September 30th 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.

CRAFTERS WANTED: The "Colors of Christmas" craft fair will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on Saturday, November 21, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Interested crafters may contact Sandy Krueger at [414-870-8304](tel:414-870-8304) or at craft.fair@wlhs.org for information. Applications available at wlhs.org/news.

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 \$7,365.00. 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 27 & 28)

8:00 AM – Larry & Marilee Stujenski; Courtney
10:30 AM – Jim & Karen Cyganiak; Taylor
6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (October 4 & 5)

8:00 AM – Steve & Theresa Mess
10:30 AM – Steve & Iva Baade
6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

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

USHERS FOR OCTOBER:

8:00 AM TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Todd Flunker, Scott Sievert, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess
10:30 AM TEAM #6 – Andrew Goede, Reed Goede, Nolan Romeis, Cooper Goede, Zach Mathews
6:30 PM TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

September 16-29 TEAM#4 - Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek
September 30-October 13 TEAM #1 - Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE

Sept. 30-Oct. 3 Crew #2 Jerry Lehtinen
Oct. 7-10 Crew #3 Dave Qualmann
Oct. 14-17 Crew #4 Frank and Sam Krajewski

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 27

Worship Service	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
Worship Service	10:30 AM
2 nd Pastor Call Meeting	6:30 PM

Monday, September 28

Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 29

PSCIC 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 1

Adult Bible Information Class 6:30 PM

Friday, October 2

School Devotion 8:30 AM

Sunday, October 4

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-103, Communed-90

10:30 am- 351, Communed-164

6:30 pm-43, Communed-38

Total Attendance 497, Total Communed 292

Sunday School-n/a; Bible Class-25