

**W**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,

- ƒ Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- ƒ 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.
- ƒ Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- ƒ If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- ƒ For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:  
THE MERCY OF GOD

**Worship Participants**

Liturgist..... Pastor Jacob Hoff  
 Preacher..... Pastor Brian Adams  
 Organist ..... Mrs. Sharon Larsen

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

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**THE OPENING HYMN ..... “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”**

*Christian Worship #339*

1 To - day your mer - cy calls us To wash a -  
 2 To - day your gate is o - pen, And all who  
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly  
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er

way our sin. How - ev - er great our tres - pass,  
 en - ter in Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come  
 Spir - it waits. His bless - ed an - gels gath - er  
 o - pen Door, What should we do with - out you

What - ev - er we have been, How - ev - er long from  
 And par - don for their sin. The past shall be for -  
 A - round the heav'n - ly gates. No ques - tion will be  
 When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem a -

mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, Your pre - cious  
 got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n, A fu - ture  
 asked us How of - ten we have come; Al - though we  
 gainst us, To drive us to de - spair, We know one

blood can wash us And make us clean to - day,  
 grace be prom - ised: A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
 oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
 gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

*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.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Please be seated*

**THE WORD**

**THE FIRST LESSON ..... Exodus 32:7-14**

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. <sup>8</sup> They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of

a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

<sup>9</sup> "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup> Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" <sup>14</sup> Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 51a  
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*Refrain*



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

*Psalm tone*



Have mercy on me, O God,\*  
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,\*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is always before me.

*Refrain*



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

*Psalm tone*



Against you, you only, have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,\*  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**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**

<sup>12</sup> I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup> Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup> The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia. (Romans 15:4)**

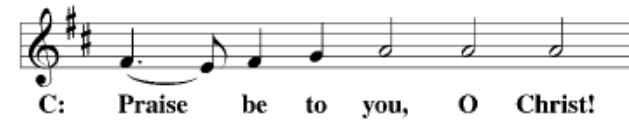
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**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 15:1-10**

<sup>15:1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

<sup>8</sup> “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

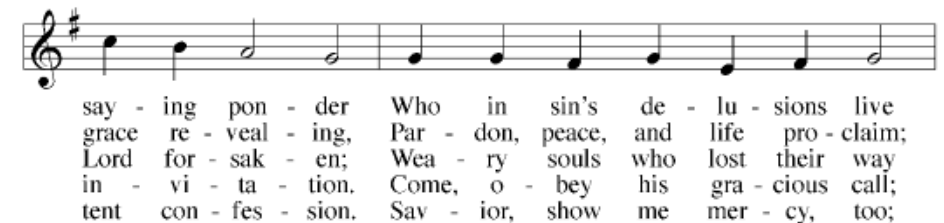
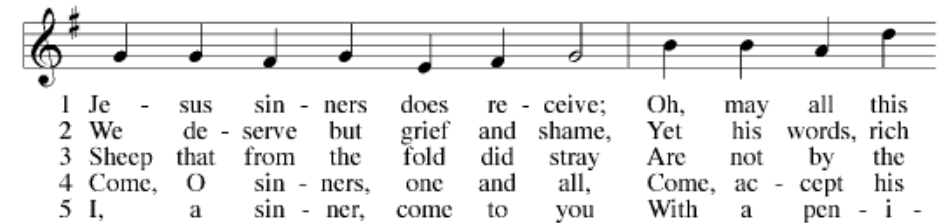


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**CHILDREN’S TALK..... 10:30 AM**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”**

*Christian Worship #304*



*Hymn continues on next page*



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By your blood and bitter passion,  
 For these words I do believe—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
 Even I have been forgiven.  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to him I cleave—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

**THE SERMON ..... Psalm 51:1-5,9,12**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
 according to your unfailing love;  
 according to your great compassion  
 blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity  
 and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
 and my sin is always before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
 and done what is evil in your sight;  
 so you are right in your verdict  
 and justified when you judge.

<sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth,  
 sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins  
 and blot out all my iniquity.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
 and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

*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, 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*

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS..... 10:30 AM ONLY**

**CONGREGATION HYMN ..... “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”**  
*Christian Worship #432*

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep - herd's

am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my  
 stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to  
 lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his

needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he  
 an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

*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.

C: A - men.

**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.

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

*Please be seated*

**CLOSING HYMN ..... “Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound”**  
*Christian Worship #379*

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares  
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

That saved a wretch like me! I  
 His Word my hope se - cures. He  
 I have al - y read - y come; 'Tis  
 Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've

once was lost but now am found,  
 will my shield and por - tion be  
 grace has brought me safe thus far,  
 no less days to sing God's praise

Was blind but now I see.  
 As long as life en - dures.  
 And grace will lead me home.  
 Than when we'd first be - gun.

## Announcements

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend's altar flowers are given by Rick & Dawn Stella in honor of their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**150TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE/DINNER:** As we are winding down our yearlong 150th Anniversary Celebration – we are planning a special service and dinner. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18th for this very special event of “Celebrating God’s Blessings for 150 Years”. We will hold one service that Sunday at 10 a.m. followed by a celebration meal. There will be a Monday evening service, but it will be a shortened version of the Sunday service. Please RSVP before Tuesday, September 13th by calling 421-1178 or emailing [office@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:office@stpaulsfranklin.org). There will be a \$10/per family cost to help offset the cost of the meal. There is also sign up sheet and envelopes in the Narthex – please make sure you indicate how many will be attending. We also welcome any memories you would like to share, please send them to the attention of the “Anniversary Committee” to the church address or email to the church office.

**CHRISTIAN FUNERAL SERVICE:** On Friday, September 2, the Lord called Beverly Drall to her heavenly home. A Christian funeral service was held this past week on September 8. May the Lord continue to comfort her family with his everlasting comfort in Jesus. “Then I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.’” (Revelation 14:13)

**INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:** During the 10:30 am service, the following officers and board members will be installed into their offices.

President – Dave Brightsman  
Vice-President – Bob Hille  
Secretary – Todd Flunker  
Treasurer – Brett Abramowski

Board of Elders  
Steve Baade  
Terry Konell  
Andrew Backus  
Mark Riel  
Jeff Romeis

Board of Outreach  
Caleb Manske  
Philip Becker  
Mary Sievert  
Rick Stella  
Joshua Ebeling

Board of Spiritual Growth  
Mark Ziegler  
Pete Kosovich  
Tom Strackbein  
Jerry Seamandel

Board of Lutheran Schools  
Randy Raduenz  
Nick Derouin  
Dave Granberg

Building & Grounds  
Jeff Graetz  
Jerry Lehtinen  
Ron Petricek

May the Lord continue to bless these men and give them wisdom and strength from God’s Word to carry out their tasks for building up the church of God.

**ST. PAUL’S SCHOOL POSITION OPENING:** Our school is in need of someone to help us provide care for our preschoolers and kindergarteners in our After School Care program from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM during the school year. This program provides families a safe environment for their children until they can be picked up. If you are interested, or know of someone that may be interested, please contact Principal Schulmeister at (414) 421-1930 or [nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org).

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30pm.

**BOARD OF ELDERS:** The Board of Elders will meet on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:30pm.

**ANNIVERSARY CHOIR:** St. Paul’s is organizing a choir specifically for 150th Anniversary Celebration on September 18. There will be one rehearsal on September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in preparation for the Anniversary Service. Anyone is welcome to join the Anniversary Choir. Any questions? Please contact Marie Becker. Phone: (262)-623-4145 or email: [mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org).

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Our Preschool Power Hour program will be starting up again. Please see today’s insert for more details.

**ADULT CHOIR:** The Fall Festival choir will begin soon on September 21. Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God with their voice is welcome to join! 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 21 - November 24. Rehearsals are 45 -60 minutes and usually place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.. Any questions? Please contact Marie Becker. Phone: (262)-623-4145 or email: [mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org).

**SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:** We would like to put together a committee to serve the Sunday morning refreshments on a weekly basis. It is very easy to do. It involves picking up the donuts at Kwik Trip prior to the 8:00 am service on Sunday morning (they will be ordered and paid for already); making coffee before the services and cleaning up after the services are finished. If interested please sign-up on a sheet located on the counter in the back of church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS BEGIN:** Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will begin on Sunday, September 25 at 9:15 am.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP:** We are in need of some occasional help with teaching Sunday School. If you wish more information, please talk to Pastor Adams.

**ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP:** We continue to work on putting together a youth group here at St. Paul's. In order to help with communication, we ask for the names, addresses, phone numbers and email of all youth (Grades 7-12) who are interested or wish to be placed on an email list. The contact person for the group is Pete Kosovich. His contact information is: (414) 761-7664 or [pekopete@aol.com](mailto:pekopete@aol.com).

**"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS:** Our next bible class will be Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "Standing Tall, Falling Hard". For those who may not be able to make it on a Saturday, we will be setting up a schedule for the class to be repeated during the week. Watch for a new schedule.

**WANTED: GROUP CONFIRMATION PICTURES:** Were you (or anyone you know) confirmed at St. Paul's in any of the following years? A parent, grandparent or child? 1989, 1983,1981,1980,1972, 1965, 1962, 1961, 1960, 1959, 1958, 1957, 1955, 1954, 1952, 1951, 1950, 1948, 1943, 1941, 1940, 1939, 1938 or before. If you have a picture but aren't sure of the year, if you know the name of someone in the picture, we can look up the year. Please let Pastor Adams know if you have a picture. It will be scanned and returned to you. Thank You!

**WLHS TOUR OF LUTHERLAND:** Want to see all of the significant sites of the Lutheran Reformation on a ten-day tour from March 24-April 2, 2017? See more by traveling with like-minded Christians on a wonderful hassle-free, educational, and faith-strengthening experience. For more information, contact Pastor Ken Fisher ([ken.fisher@wlhs.org](mailto:ken.fisher@wlhs.org)), visit [www.wlhs.org/Lutherland2017](http://www.wlhs.org/Lutherland2017), or attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS atrium.

**WLHS ANNIVERSARY INSTALLATION SERVICE INVITATION:** WLHS is pleased to announce a special service of praise and thanksgiving for the 25th anniversary of one and 40th anniversaries of three other of our faculty members at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. In the same service, we will also install several new members of our faculty and staff. This service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1209 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI. A reception will follow. All are invited to attend.

**FREE TUTORING AT ST. JOHN'S – OAK CREEK:** Free tutoring will be available at St. John's Lutheran Church (6700 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek) starting on Tuesday evening, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 PM. The plan at this time is to meet each Tuesday night after that. Each session will include a free supper (first night is pizza). Our first meeting will be an informational, meet and greet session. It will give interested individuals the opportunity to meet our tutors and find out what we plan to offer. Tutoring will be available for children ages from first grade through senior in high school but also adult learners interested in English as a Second Language (ESL). We will do our best to accommodate all tutoring needs and requests. Some of the subject areas include: reading, math, social studies, Spanish, financial budgeting/advice and ESL.



## Volunteers

### GREETERS THIS WEEK (September 11 & 12)

- 8:00 AM – Terry & Linda Ganyo
- 9:30 AM – Jean Villwock
- 6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

### GREETERS NEXT WEEK (September 18 & 19)

- 8:00 AM – Larry & Marilee Stujenske
- 9:30 AM – Jack & Kathie Klunder
- 6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

### USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
- 9:30 AM/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 Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

### ALTAR GUILD:

- Sept 7-13 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Connie Myer
- Sept 14-20 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Kelly Cannistra, Karen Hille

### GRASS CUTTING:

- Sept 14-17 – TEAM #4 – Jerry Lehtinen and Gary Tomic
- Sept 21-24 – TEAM #1 – Gordy Lesser

## The Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, September 11

- Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM
- Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM

### Monday, September 12

- Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

### Tuesday, September 13

- Pastor Circuit Meeting – New Berlin..... 10:00 AM
- Church Council ..... 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, September 14

- Board of Elders..... 6:30 PM
- Anniversary Choir Rehearsal..... 6:30 PM

### Thursday, September 15

- Preschool/Junior Kindergarten Parent Orientation (in church) ..... 6:30 PM

### Friday, September 16

- School Devotion ..... 8:30 AM

### Saturday, September 17

- Setup for Anniversary Dinner ..... 9:00 AM

### Sunday, September 18

- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Service..... 10:00 AM

### Statistics – Last Week

- Attendance: 8:00 AM – 80, Communed – 70
- 9:30 AM – 133, Communed – 72
- 6:30 PM – 34 , Communed – 24
- Total Attendance – 247