

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 2 & 3, 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..... "We Have a Sure Prophetic Word"
Christian Worship #291

1 We have a sure pro - phet - ic Word
 2 By pow'rs of em - pire banned and burned,
 3 What - e'er the Word in times of old
 4 A - bid - ing, stead - fast, firm, and sure,

By in - spi - ra - tion of the Lord,
 By pa - gan pride re - ject - ed, spurned,
 Of fu - ture days and deeds fore - told
 The teach - ings of the Word en - dure.

And, though as - sailed on ev - 'ry hand,
 The Word still stands, the Chris - tian's trust,
 Is all - ful - filled while a - ges roll,
 Blest all who trust this stead - fast Word;

Je - ho - vah's Word shall ev - er stand.
 While haugh - ty em - pires lie in dust.
 As traced on the pro - phet - ic scroll.
 Their an - chor holds in Christ, the Lord.

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- 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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

- P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

- P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mer - cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

O LORD, OUR LORD

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings 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.

THE FIRST LESSON..... Zephaniah 1:1-3, 12-15, 18; 3:9, 14, 15

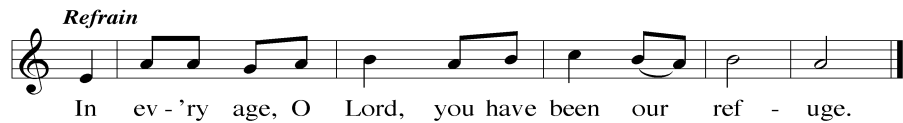
Judgment was coming for the nation of Judah.

1:1 The word of the Lord that came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, during the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah: 2 "I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth," declares the Lord. 3 "I will sweep away both men and animals; I will sweep away the birds of the air and the fish of the sea. The wicked will have only heaps of rubble when I cut off man from the face of the earth," declares the Lord. ... 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.' 13 Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. They will build houses but not live in them; they will plant vineyards but not drink the wine. 14 "The great day of the Lord is near — near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the Lord will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, ... 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth." ... 3:9 "Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve him shoulder to shoulder. ... 3:14 Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem! 15 The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 90

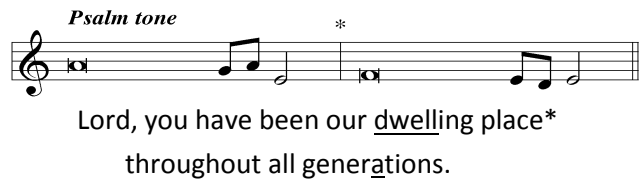
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Refrain



In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

Psalm tone

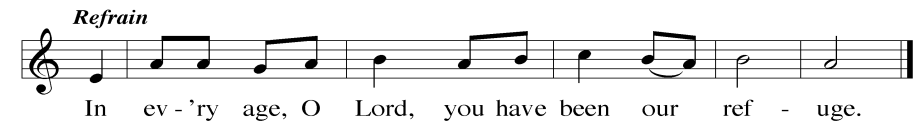


Lord, you have been our dwelling place*
throughout all generations.

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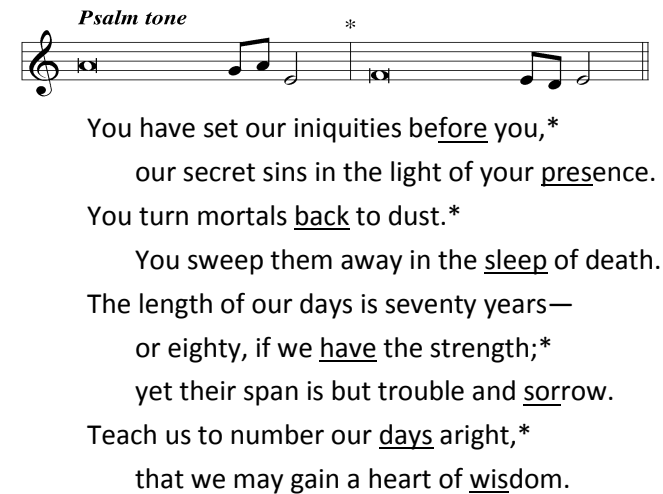
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
For a thousand years in your sight are like a day
that has just gone by,*
or like a watch in the night.

Refrain



In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

Psalm tone



You have set our iniquities before you,*
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
You turn mortals back to dust.*
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.
The length of our days is seventy years—
or eighty, if we have the strength;*
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.
Teach us to number our days aright,*
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Refrain
Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,*
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
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..... Revelation 6:12-17

The opening of the sixth seal shows us some of the events that will take place on Judgment Day. No wonder Zephaniah calls it “a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness.”

¹² I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, ¹³ and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. ¹⁴ The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. ¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶ They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!" ¹⁷ For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68 cf. NIV)



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 24:21-25, 29-31

Jesus describes the events leading up to the Last Day. Great distress will come upon the nations. Christ's return will mean judgment for those who reject Him and deliverance for those who receive Him.

²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now — and never to be equalled again. ²² If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. ²³ At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect — if that were possible. ²⁵ See, I have told you ahead of time. ... ²⁹ "Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' ³⁰ "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

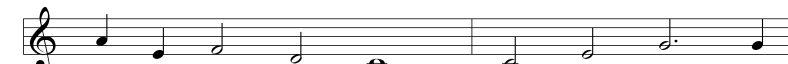
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1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,”
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing,
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you;



The watch-men on the heights are cry - ing, “A - wake, Je -
And all her heart with joy is spring-ing; She wakes, she
Let saints and an - gels sing be - fore you With harp and



ru - sa - lem, a - rise!” Mid - night hears the
ris - es from her gloom, For her Lord comes
cym - bal's clear - est tone. Of one pearl each

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wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
shin - ing por - tal, Where, dwell - ing with the

cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round your ra - diant throne.

The Bride - groom comes— a - wake! Your lamps with
"Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus,
No vi - sion ev - er brought, No ear has

glad - ness take! Al - le - lu - ia! With bri - dal care
God's own Son. Hail! Ho - san - na! The joy - ful call
ev - er caught Such great glo - ry; There - fore will we

Your-selves pre - pare To meet the Bride-groom who is near."
We an - swer all And fol - low to the wed - ding hall."
In vic - to - ry Sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: WACHET AUF (898 898 664 448) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

THE SERMON Zephaniah 1:1-3, 12-15, 18; 3:9, 14, 15

The Prophet With Royal Blood

Even though Zephaniah seems to have royal blood in his veins, it would not stop him from bringing God's message of Judgment to the people of Judah. He prophesies against Judah for its Baal worship and Molech worship, for its arrogant prophets, treacherous men and immoral priests. The Day of the Lord was coming. The prophet's purpose was obviously to warn Judah of coming Judgment from God. Zephaniah, however, doesn't end with judgment and repentance preaching. He also proclaims a message of comfort through the coming Messiah.

Please Stand

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



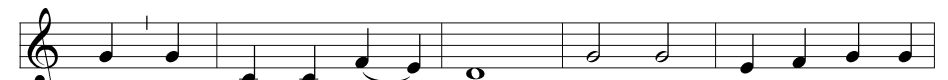
C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be Seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is a miracle. By God’s power, the Lord’s body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord’s Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord’s Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice “close communion.” We invite all who are members of St. Paul’s or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul’s, please feel free to contact the pastor.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Jerusalem the Golden”
Christian Worship #214

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi -
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of

hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The
 lant with song And bright with man - y an an - gel And
 care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The
 God’s e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That

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wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I
 all the mar - tyr throng. The Prince is ev - er
 song of them that feast; And they who with their
 ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy

know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -
 in them; The day - light is se - rene; The pas - tures
 lead - er Have con - quered in the fight For - ev - er
 bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with

cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.
 of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.
 and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.
 God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: EWING (76 76 D) Alexander C. Ewing, 1830-95, alt.

Please Stand

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joyce and proud - ly bear his name.

He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



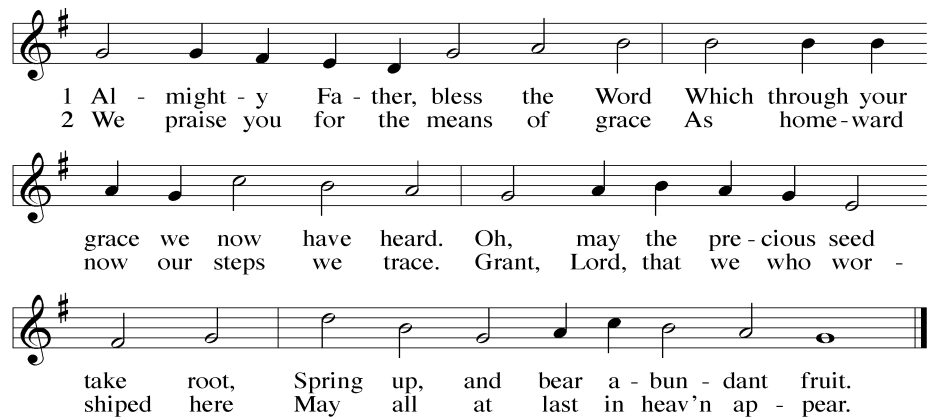
THE BENEDICTION

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.



Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN **“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”**
Christian Worship #323



Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Mrs. Marie Becker

Announcements

HOSPITALIZED: Paul Larsen – St. Luke’s.

DIVINE CALLS NEWS: The following letter has been received from Karen Milazzo, our Kindergarten teacher at St. Paul’s:

“Dear members of St. Paul's, After many months of thought and prayers, I have decided to resign my position as Kindergarten teacher here at St. Paul's. This was not an easy decision, as I love teaching these special little lambs at this school which I hold so dear to my heart. However, my husband and I are eagerly awaiting the birth of our baby in early 2016, and we have decided to take the next few months to prepare for this new arrival to our family. I pray the Lord will continue to bless St. Paul's school with dedicated and loving faculty members who will guide the next generation of believers in the path God has directed us to take them. Please keep the school, staff, and students in your prayers as we move forward into the new school year. In Christ's Service, Mrs. Karen Milazzo.”

We have also received the following letter from Pastor Troy Swenson, who St. Paul’s called to be an Associate Pastor here:

“Dear members of Saint Paul’s, I am humbled to have received the call to serve as the associate pastor at Saint Paul’s in Franklin. It provided an opportunity for me to evaluate my ministry at Saint Lucas and to see the wonderful blessings from our Lord at Saint Paul’s. I thank Pastor Adams, your Leadership, and all those who reached out to me through my deliberations. The Holy Spirit used you to show me that my gifts would be a blessing to your congregation, and that I and my family would be blessed by the Lord through you. You are so richly blessed by the Lord. At this time and after prayerful consideration, I feel the Lord has guided me to remain at Saint Lucas to continue in this ministry. I will continue to pray for Saint Paul’s, her Leadership, and Pastor Adams. I know the Lord has already chosen your next associate pastor and the Lord will continue to bless you as he reveals who this individual will be. In Christ, Pastor Troy Swenson.”

CALL MEETING: Since Pastor Swenson has been led by the Holy Spirit to return the Divine Call that was extended to him through St. Paul's, a new Call Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, August 16th at 6:30pm. We continue to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide our efforts and bless the ministry of St. Paul's.

CHURCH COUNCIL & BOARD OF ELDERS BIBLE STUDY MEETING: On Tuesday, August 4th, the Church Council, along with the Board of Elders, will be meeting for Bible Study. The goal is that a regular Bible Study will be designed and taught for all the leadership of St. Paul's in the future. We pray that the Lord will bless this effort.

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 \$5,935.00. 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.

WELS BREWERS NIGHT AT MILLER PARK: WELS Night at Miller Park is August 14, 2015 at 7:10pm Join other WELS churches from around the area for a fun night out filled with fellowship and baseball at Miller Park! Seating will be together for WELS members in three seating areas: Field Outfield Box-\$21, Loge Outfield Box-\$17, Terrace Reserved-\$9 Purchase your tickets online now. Deadline to purchase tickets: Monday, August 3. WELS President Mark Schroeder will be throwing out a ceremonial first pitch and Koine lead singer Brian Davison will be singing the National Anthem during the second annual WELS Night at Miller Park on Fri., Aug., 14. Make plans to join other WELS members for an evening at Miller Park to watch the Brewers take on the Phillies. Last August, more than 1,700 WELS members attended the inaugural WELS Night at Miller Park. This year's tickets for WELS members and guests are discounted up to 50 percent and are reserved all together in a block of seats. Groups of 20 or more can avoid the online service charge by contacting WELS member Jason Fry, senior manager—ticket sales, at 414-902-4516 or jason.fry@brewers.com. Get your church group together to enjoy a relaxing evening out, catch up with old friends, and cheer on the Brewers. Tickets can be purchased online at www.brewers.com/wels. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the back of church. If we can get a group of 20 people together, we will try to order tickets as a group. If not, you may still order tickets from the above information.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL'S: The planning has begun for our 150th anniversary at St. Paul's. Please continue to watch the bulletin and our website, stpaulsfranklin.org for upcoming information and planned events surrounding the anniversary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATION: On August 23, 2015, from 1:00-4:30 PM there will be a Christian Education celebration at St. Paul's. We will be honoring Gary Wille and many educators of St. Paul's Lutheran School. We will be having a dessert reception. If you would like to help with the reception go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084DADAF29A1FA7-desert. 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. Please contact Jack & Doreen Vallier @ 414-421-2392 or Heather Vallier @ 216-751-7984, 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. 76th St. Milwaukee) 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>.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY 2015 CONVENTION: The 52nd Annual LWMS Convention was held in Rapid City, SD. with a theme of: 'Lift High the Cross in the Hills'. 1074 people attended the convention - representing 865 congregations! Pastor Mark Schroeder (WELS President) opened the convention with a worship service - and Pastor Wayne Shevey (LWMS Pastoral Advisor) preached. The next three days were filled with Morning and Afternoon Devotions, Mission Presentations, brief 'Moments with Missionaries', Bible Studies, and Workshops. Pastor Douglas Free, (Dakota-Montana District President) closed the convention with worship service - and Pastor Paul Lindhorst, (LWMS Pastoral Advisor) preached. Some highlights:

- MISSION PRESENTATIONS were conducted by missionaries, 'friendly counselors', and pastors on South Asia, Mid-East, Canada, North Dakota, and on the Ministerial Education and Global Cross-Cultural Outreach.
- BIBLE STUDIES and WORKSHOPS were offered under a variety of topics: 'God's Mission is Needed by Everyone', 'Holding the Door for a New Generation', 'Giving God the Glory in the City', 'Breathing New Life into an Old Mission Field', and 'Let Your Light Shine Before Others'.
- 2015 MISSION PROJECTS, selected by ballot and funded, were: WELS Home Mission: 'Tools for Outreach' - \$38,349.19 and WELS World Mission: 'Asia Lutheran Seminary Projects' - \$38,349.19.
- CONVENTION WORSHIP SERVICE OFFERINGS funded: WELS Home Mission: 'First Public Service Assistance' - \$23,429.13 and WELS World Mission: 'International Missionary Wives Conference' - \$23,429.14. This last year, many other WELS Home and World Missions projects were also funded by LWMS.
- 2016 MISSION PROJECTS will be: Home Missions Projects: 'Summer Student Assistants' and 'Outreach to Asians'. World Missions Projects: 'Apache Leadership and Maintenance' and 'Television Broadcast for Muslim World and Theological Seminars'.
- THE NEXT CONVENTION will be held on June 23-26, 2016, and hosted by Chicago Area Circuit, in St. Charles, Illinois. Never been to an LWMS convention before? You don't know what you're missing! Try one - they are fun, informative, and full of fellowship opportunities. Hope to see YOU there!

NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE POSITIONS: NPH is seeking candidates for several full and part-time positions, as follows: Marketing & Advertising Copywriter, part-time (30 hours/week), Information Technology Specialist, part-time (30 hours/week), Phone/Store Sales Representative, part-time (24-30 hours/week), Website Administrator, full time, Director of Sales & Conventions, full time. A complete job description for each position, as well as application instructions can be found at nph.net/employment.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (August 2 & 3)

8:00 AM-Steve & Theresa Mess
 9:30 AM-Richard & Betty Patin
 6:30 PM -Richard & Kathy Hinz

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (August 9 & 10)

8:00 AM-Dave & Dawn Brightsman
 9:30 AM-Jack & Kathy Klunder
 6:30 PM-Donna LaBlanc

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

ALTAR GUILD:

July 29-August 4 TEAM #4-Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek
 August 5-18 TEAM #1-Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE

Aug. 5-8: Crew #2: Jerry Lehtinen, Gary Tasic
 Aug. 12-15 Crew #3: Dave Qualmann
 Aug. 19-22 Crew #4: Frank and Sam Krajewski
 Aug. 26-29 Crew #1: Gordy Lesser

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 2

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

Monday, August 3

Faculty Meeting 9:00 AM
 Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 4

Church Council Bible Study 6:30 PM

Thursday, August 6

Adult Bible Information Class 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 9

Worship Service 8:00 AM
Worship Service 9:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-80, Communed-n/a
9:30 am- 110, Communed-n/a
6:30 pm-42, Communed-n/a
Total Attendance 232, Total Communed-n/a
Sunday School-n/a; Bible Class-n/a