

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY TRINITY

July 31 & August 1, 2010

WE WELCOME ALL IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, WHO CALLS US TO BE FAITHFUL WITH THE BLESSINGS HE GIVES US!! We are happy to have you worship our amazing Savior God with us today! May His Word bring peace and guidance for your life!

In today's worship the Word of our LORD instructs us regarding our use of the blessings which He gives. The *abilities* we have, the *things* we possess, the *opportunities* He places before us -- these are **all gifts from our gracious God**. The ever-present temptation for us is to set our hearts on these gifts which God has given, rather than on God, the Giver. The Word shows us in no uncertain terms that **God will not tolerate being put in second place**. He wants **first place** in our hearts at all times. Only in Jesus are we forgiven for our failures to always honor God first, and only in Jesus' Gospel are we given the power to overcome sin and serve Him faithfully.

We are especially delighted to welcome all our guests who are with us today! It is our fervent prayer that God the Holy Spirit will bless your worship among us with peace and joy through the marvelous message of Jesus, our life-giving Savior. Please introduce yourself to our pastor and members, sign our guest book in the entryway, and worship with us again -- soon! Restroom and nursery facilities (with a video link) are located across from the west (driveup) doorway. If you have any questions about our congregation's ministries or facilities, please do not hesitate to ask our Pastor or one of our Elders. If you are looking for a church home, feel free to speak to our Pastor!

ORDER OF SERVICE:

"Divine Service I"

HYMNS: 462 469 vs 1-4 CD (Communion) 469 vs 5-6

Today's Bible Readings speak to us Christians about the role that money and possessions are to have in our lives as we strive to serve God. The way a person uses "his / her" *possessions* is a rather accurate indicator as to which God or god (idol) that person serves. **Love of money** has mislead many a Christian from the path of faith. God urges us to use all He gives us to His glory as we serve Him!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 32:1-14

PSALM OF THE DAY:

Psalm 145, page 119 in the front of *Christian Worship*

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 12:38-44

SERMON TEXT: Exodus 32:1-14

"Throw Down Your Idols And Serve The Living LORD!"

- I. Sometimes the LORD's direction seems "so long" in coming
- II. Often we are "quick to turn away" to idols of our own making
- III. Our LORD listens to the merciful Mediator

Prepare Your Heart For Next Weekend's Worship:

Appointed Lessons for: The Tenth Sunday after Holy Trinity:

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:23-31

Psalm of the Day:

Epistle Lesson: Acts 4:8-20

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46

We welcome all to...come to faith...grow in faith...live the faith...share the faith.
Sunday Bible Class starting at 10:30 AM

DID YOU KNOW that WELS Lutherans for Life was founded in 1983? A predecessor organization had been working in northern Illinois for several years before that. Today it is one of the nation's largest single-denomination pro-life agencies, administering numerous pregnancy counseling centers and providing Bible-based counsel and instruction on life issues.

- The Wisconsin Synod Lutherans by the late Prof. E. C. Fredrich

The Mission Statement for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church:

We, as members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church have come to faith by God's grace and have seen that Jesus came to earth to save us from our sins. We are compelled to grow spiritually and to share this good news with each other, through the Word and Sacraments. We, as our loving response, will present Christ crucified to the world. We apply these truths in our daily lives all to the glory of God!

PAUSE FOR PRAYER, PETITION, AND PRAISE:

● For those who have been **released from the hospital:**

- Lisetta Gutzmann, who has been released from Faith Regional following surgery.
- Leroy Kruger, who has been released from Faith Regional following surgery.
- For Don Kortje, who is recuperating at home following surgery in Omaha.

● For those who **are recuperating:**

- Norman Voecks, who is recuperating at home after being hospitalized at Faith Regional.
- Sharon Ohlmann, who is recuperating at home.
- Gilbert Grimm, who was released from the Bel Air Care Center back home.
- Jeannine Amundson, who has returned to the Meadows following surgery.

● For those who are **battling cancer:**

- Naomi Schultz (Mrs. Amy Bretschneider's mother), who remains hospitalized at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, whose illness has finally been diagnosed, and is now undergoing chemotherapy.
- 5 year old Jonathan Madarassy Dale (brain tumor)
- Donna Appel (who is undergoing chemo and radiation therapy).
- Jake Bender (Jasmine Foulk's grandfather)
- Jill Kanzenbach, who was released again from the hospital following surgery.
- Rev. Earl Lindemann of Trinity Lutheran of Winner, South Dakota, who continues treatments.
- Arvin Nitz (grandfather of Renee McNeal) who was recently diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatments.
- For Mrs. Shannon Sievert (wife of Rev. Phillip Sievert) of Thornton, Colorado, (who formerly served at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Omaha, here in our circuit), who recently underwent cancer surgery, and will be undergoing radiation and chemotherapy.
- For Leo Thiedje (a friend of St. Paul's) who is hospitalized in Omaha and is undergoing cancer treatments.

● For those **dealing with health problems:**

- Dan Graae
- LeRoy Haase (Barb's father)

- **Other Prayer Requests:**

- For Mr. and Mrs. Norman (Marjorie) Voecks, whom our LORD has blessed to be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary next Wednesday.
- For Jacob and Joshua Raddatz, twin sons of Rev. and Mrs. Stephen (Kim) Raddatz, of Lincoln who remain in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.
- For Miles Nelson, Brett Bader and all who are serving in the military.

"Serve the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs!" (Psalm 100:2)

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our service today. We welcome everyone to our worship services no matter what their denominational confession might be to be strengthened by God's Word. It is, however, a consequence of the sad divisions within Christianity and Lutheranism that we cannot extend a general invitation to all Christians to receive Holy Communion together. God's Word directs us to practice **CLOSE COMMUNION**. The Bible teaches us that Communion is not only a *unity with our LORD*, but also a public testimony of the *unity of a shared faith and confession with one another* (see 1 Corinthians 10 and 11). Receiving Communion together with those not fully united with us in faith and confession would imply a "oneness" which honestly does not exist (and for which we pray!).

We therefore invite those who are members of our St. Paul's family of faith, or those who share a genuine oneness of confession by their membership in a congregation of our fellowship (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or Evangelical Lutheran Synod) to **express the joy of this unity** God has given by receiving the Lord's Supper with us. Our Pastor would also be happy to share Bible study with those who would like to find out more about our confession of faith.

All those intending to receive the Sacrament are asked to announce their intentions to commune on the **Lord's Supper registration** sheets in the entryway. Prayers and materials for **worship and communion preparations** can be found on pages 10-11, 134-139, and 156 in the front of the hymnal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Members and guests of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church are asked to fill out the **Friendship Register**. It is the maroon colored booklet that can be found at the end of each pew. The person on the end rows are asked to tear out the page(s) and give them to an Usher when they come around. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Dear members and friends of our St. Paul's family of faith,

I am grateful to our LORD for "the gift of God's grace given me through the working of His power...to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:7-8). My thanks to God and His people for the kind expressions of appreciation on the occasion of my recent twenty-fifth anniversary of my ordination into the pastoral ministry. It is a privilege to proclaim the message of Jesus and His saving Gospel. May our labors together in the future be richly blessed by the LORD so that His Church may continue to thrive, as He has promised! -- Serving Jesus, Pastor Randy Bader

CALENDAR CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: Our next service at the Norfolk Veterans' Home is scheduled for early September (not August 5th). Our 1:30 PM service at the Meadows is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 12th; and our 1:30 PM service at St. Joseph's Care Center is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 19th.

Apparently the **PHONE LINE INTO CHURCH WAS DISRUPTED** by the construction work, and will be restored, God-willing, by the time you read this. If you need to get in touch with Pastor Bader, his numbers are listed on the back page of the weekly bulletin.

"Visitors are just friends we haven't met!" Help welcome our worshipers by being a **GREETER**. A **sign-up** sheet for September is out in the entryway. Check it out and meet some friends!

St. Paul's will once again be putting together a **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**. It will be nice to familiarize ourselves with the new faces. Darol Dusseau will be heading up the project and would like to have **TWO PEOPLE ASSIST** him with the project. If you would be interested, please give Darol a call at (402) 316-9961.

Our next **AREA WELS REFORMATION PLANNING MEETING** is scheduled to be held here at St. Paul's on Saturday, August 7th, at 9:00 AM, in order to further plan for our 10:30 AM service on October 31st (actually Reformation Day!!) at the Johnny Carson Theater of the Norfolk High School.

Following that meeting **OUR DOUBLE REGION NEBRASKA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL REGIONAL MEETING** is to take place at 10:00 AM. We urge all of the friends of NELHS ministries and especially our NELHS *delegates* to be in attendance! This meeting will also take place here at St. Paul's. Please add these items to your August calendar.

In preparation for the **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TERM** a teachers' meeting has been scheduled for this Tuesday (August 3rd) at 7:00 PM at church. Much help is still needed! The tentative start-up date for our Sunday School ministry is September 12th.

Dear St. Paul members -- You have been asked to **MAKE COOKIES for the Blood Mobile**. We need 10 dozen cookies each Tuesday. Please bring cookies to the Blood Mobile (1603 West Prospect) between 9:00-11:00 in the morning. We would like you to **sign your name and the day** you can bring the cookies. It would be nice to have three or four people bring three or four dozen cookies. If need be, I can pick them up. My phone number is 371-0654. Thank you! -- Pat Klug

Our brothers and sisters in Christ at Shepherd of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church here in Norfolk have extended to us the invitation to join them for their **CREAM CAN SUPPER AND MISSION FESTIVAL** on Wednesday, August 4th, from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. The special guest presenter will be Teacher Jason Schapekahn who teaches at St. Philip Lutheran School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, an inner-city school with a cultural setting unlike what many are familiar with. "Despite the differences in culture, however, people 'unlike us' are just as much in need of Christ and His Gospel! Come and hear how that Gospel is being proclaimed there, facing their unique challenges and using their unique opportunities."

If you are planning to attend, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet at our Communication Center.

OUR NEXT WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY, is scheduled to be held, God-willing, on August 4th at 10:00 AM. Invite a friend and join us!

We are gearing up for the **START-UP OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL / HOME SCHOOL YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS** for the Fall term. If you know of any young people who would like to join us for this weekly Bible Study, please let Pastor Bader know as soon as possible! (It appears that we will be following our typical schedule from the past, meeting mostly on Wednesdays, unless there is a worship service that evening, starting at 6:00 PM.) The beginning of our formal Youth Confirmation instruction is usually around seventh grade.

Parents, this is a ministry in which we assist you in your God-given responsibilities of bringing up your children in the LORD! A parent/student/pastor meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

OUR CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS CLASS is underway! We have begun a study of the Bible's teachings using the booklet *This We Believe* as the basis for our discussions, particularly for those familiar with Lutheranism who are interested in becoming members of St. Paul's. It is not too late to join us!! We also encourage members to join us in this review of Christian doctrine (teaching). We plan to meet again on Tuesday at 7:30 PM. If you know of someone who might be interested, please speak to Pastor Bader today!

We are planning to **START UP A NEW BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS/INQUIRER'S CLASS** for people interested in membership here at St. Paul's! If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about the message of Holy Scripture and what our congregation teaches and stands for, please speak to Pastor Bader. There is no cost (or obligation to join St. Paul's upon completion of the class.) We would be thrilled to simply let the Bible speak as we search the Scriptures together.

This is also an excellent opportunity for those *who are already members* of our congregation to dig into the Word of our LORD and be drawn closer to our Savior through His Sacred Scriptures! Please speak to Pastor Bader if you might be interested in attending.

LADIES

The St. Paul's **LADIES AID** group will meet this Thursday, August 5, at 9:00 AM for coffee. Hostess will be Arla Konopasek. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

SERVING THE LORD		
Worship Leader: Pastor Randy Bader		
Organist: Mrs. Karen Pufahl		
Radio Broadcasters: Darwin Dusseau / Marianne Bloomquist		
Television Broadcast Technician: Darol Dusseau		
	On Duty This Week:	On Duty Next Week:
ELDER:	Joel Wiedeman	
GREETERS: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Henry & Mary Kamphaus Dave & Linda Papstein	Walt & Marian Tinius Darrel Bohn & Rosemary Bohn
USHERS:	Tiffany Henning / Grace Kenny	
TECHNOLOGY:	Kyle Abernathy / Abby Braun	
CLEANING TEAM:	# 10	

“HONOR TO THE LIVING LORD!”

ATTENDANCE: Sat. 6:30 PM - 66; Sun. 9:00 AM - 132; **TOTAL = 198**
 Sunday School - N/A; Sunday Bible Study - 54
 Bible Info. Class - N/A; Wednesday Bible Class - N/A; Christian Teachings Class - 3
 Known to be Worship Visitors: 24

“GIVE THE LORD REGULAR FIRSTFRUITS”					
WEEK #30	Projected Need for Year End 2010	Budgeted Need as of Last Week	Actual Received as of Last Week	Income Needed Per Week	Income Received Last Week
General Fund Offerings / Misc	\$410,775.00	\$237,000.00	\$215,402.34	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 6,225.35
Synod Mission Offerings: undesignated	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 16,170.00	\$ 15,372.44	\$ 539.00	\$ 359.00 \$ 700.00
NELHS Offerings:	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,640.00	\$ 11,424.43	\$ 288.00	\$ 129.50
SPECIAL OFFERINGS: Property Improvement Fund			\$ 1,548.00		\$ 21.00

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OUR WEEK WITH CHRIST

- Sun./1 - 9:00 AM WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION!**
 "Worship With The Word" Radio Service over KNEN-FM 94.7 live broadcast
 - 10:30 AM Sunday Bible Class
- Mon. - 7:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE at Immanuel Lutheran, Hadar, NE (in school)**
- Tues. - 7:00 PM Sunday School Teacher's Meeting**
 - 7:30 PM Christian Teachings Class
- Wed. - 9:00 AM Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable (Channel 14)**
 - 10:00 AM Bible Study
 - 6:30 PM Board of Elders Meeting
 - 5:30-8:00 PM Cream Can Supper / Mission Festival at Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church
- Thurs. - 9:00 AM Ladies Aid**
 - 2:00 PM Spanish Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable (Channel 14)
- Fri. -**
- Sat./7 - 9:00 AM Area Reformation Meeting**
 - 10:00 AM Double Region NELHS Regional Meeting (at St. Paul's)
 - 6:30 PM WORSHIP! Organist: Mrs. Diane Herbolsheimer
- Sun./8 - 9:00 AM WORSHIP!**
 - 10:30 AM Sunday Bible Class

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