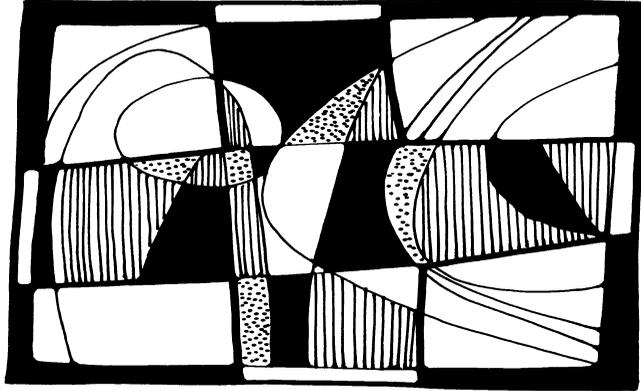
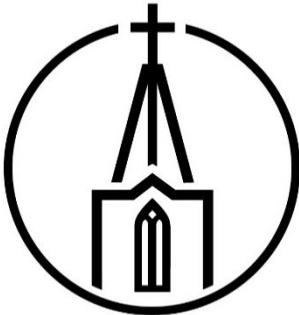


Saturday & Sunday, September 24 & 25, 2022
The 16th Sunday after Pentecost



*WHOEVER
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Welcome to Our Worship!

We're so happy that you're joining us for worship today! If you need any help, please don't hesitate asking one of the ushers. Restrooms are located in the narthex, across from the car-port entrance on the west side of the church. A cry/changing room with a live-stream is also available in that same area..

St. Paul's is a member of the WELS...the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Just what is that?!?!

Wisconsin – In 1849, a group of Christians first joined together for like-minded Gospel ministry in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area. Today, although our name only says “Wisconsin,” WELS congregations exist in all fifty states and in more than 25 countries.

Evangelical – This word simply means “good news.” The “Good News” of God’s grace and forgiveness through Jesus is the heart of our faith and teaching.

Lutheran – In 16th century Europe, the church had strayed away from the Scriptures, and was teaching that a person is saved by his/her good works. A man by the name of Martin Luther worked to return to the basic Biblical truths that a person is saved by grace alone, through faith alone, which comes by Scripture alone. Our congregation continues to build on these three Biblical truths.

Synod – This word means “walking together.” For over 150 years, St. Paul’s has been blessed as part of a church body, a synod, which consists of over 1,200 congregations, “walking together” in the same faith and the same ministry of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S SERVICE THEME...

God's gifts of our human minds are powerful tools that can and do accomplish many beneficial things, but it is limited ever since The Fall into sin. It is only through His gift of faith that anyone knows and trusts the wisdom of Jesus Christ and the “foolishness” of the cross!

The Order of Worship Based on CW, p. 15, "The Common Service"

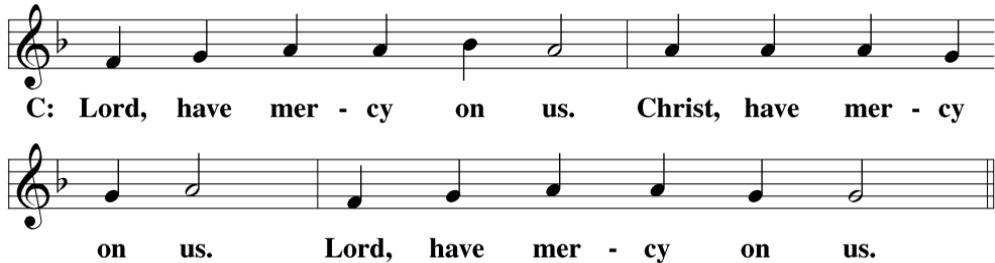
The Opening Hymn #184 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

ALL: 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.



P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

ALL: O Lord, we come to You with hearts that are troubled, sinful and weak. We ask You to comfort us with Your selfless love, cleanse us with Your precious blood, and strengthen us with Your Holy Spirit. Through Your Gospel, fill us with Your divine presence and peace; 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 Epistle Lesson Philemon 1:1-17

Paul makes an incredible request of a fellow Christian...welcome back a runaway slave. It is only through the gift of faith that anyone can lead a truly selfless life.

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—² also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

He provided redemption for his people;^{*}
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;^{*}
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**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.**

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The Gospel Lesson Luke 14:25-33

Faith-filled wisdom realizes that my own sinful resources cannot pull me through any trouble. Only God and His Word strengthens me through any challenge.

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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.

Hymn #181 "Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit"

The Sermon Proverbs 9:7-12

LEARN LASTING WISDOM

- ⁷ Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults;
whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.
- ⁸ Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you;
rebuke the wise and they will love you.
- ⁹ Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- ¹¹ For through wisdom your days will be many,
and years will be added to your life.
- ¹² If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;
if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer.

Sermon Response *All sing!*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The Offering

If you haven't already, please place your thank-offering in the plate located in the back of church. Scanning this QR code works too!



Offering Prayer & Hymn

Holy Father, You've commanded us to give generously and joyfully. Thank-You for the gift of generosity as we both receive gifts from You and then share those gifts with others. You have taught us to be faithful and generous as we use our time, talents and treasures in all we do at church, work and at home. remind us that generosity to You and others also enriches us in many ways. Amen.

#615, vss 1&3 – “We Thank You for Your Blessings”

1 We thank you for your blessings, Almighty Lord, our King;
We thank you for the harvests, Yes, Lord, for ev'rything:
For flow'rs that bloom in springtime, For rip'ning fruit and grain,
For all the precious sunshine, And for the gentle rain.

3 But best of all your blessings, The rainbow of your love,
Are all the many mercies Your Word brings from above.
Our life now has full meaning—Christ Jesus is our God!
Thanksgiving shall be living The way the Savior trod.

Prayer of the Church & 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 Blessing

*P: 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.

Closing Hymn #462 “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

Serving In the Lord's House Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Hirsch

Radio Broadcasters: Glynn Grebe

Elder: Curt Dinkel

Ushers: Leon Sweigard & Zach Kruse

Power Point: Weinrichs (Sat.), Katrina Moyer (Sun.)

Organist: Mrs. Alicia Moyer

Video Tech: Chad Moyer

Greeters: Curt & Kelly Dinkel (Sun.)

SERVING NEXT WEEK

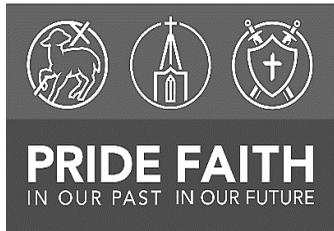
Elder: Dave Nelson

Ushers: Gary Johnson & Don Lau

Power Point: Jett Leuthold (Sat.), Anna Hockabout (Sun.)

Worshipping the Lord

Last Week's Attendance: Sat. 6:30 PM – 51; Sun. 9:00 AM – 143; **Total = 194**
Sunday Bible Class – NA Wednesday Bible Class – 12



Campaign Pledge Update

Total pledges as of 9/15 = \$1,447,642
Total "cash" on hand = \$545,252

The "**Moving Forward Committee**" met this last Monday, September 19, 6:00 PM. The committee is made up of Jim Herbolsheimer, Rick Meysenberg, John Uecker, Scott Uecker, Kristen Paul (who is continuing as our campaign assistant), Principal Aaron Markgraf and Pastor Paul Hirsch.

We discussed moving forward as we look for some funding from three additional resources – St. Paul's School alumni, community businesses/corporations and possible grants. It was very helpful to have Ami Goetsch at the meeting since she's the experienced lead at grant-writing.

Revised plans have been given to us which means we're only getting closer to some firm numbers and options for us to discuss and decide (?) on **Sunday, October 23 (refer to announcement #1 below!!)**.

St Paul's General Fund, September 17 & 18, 2022

Yearly Need	YTD Need	YTD Offerings	YTD Need vs Offerings	Last Week Received	Weekly Need	Difference
\$422,052.00	\$88,301.43	\$78,244.75	-\$10,056.68	\$6,168.50	\$5,113.40	\$1,055.10

Announcements

- 1) **Sunday, October 23 is going to be different!** Instead of having our worship service in the church, we're going to hold it in the school gym. The thinking is to highlight the improvements that have happened in the south hallway, as well as to keep in the forefronts of our minds our bigger school improvement picture. This Sunday we're also scheduled for a **CONGREGATIONAL/VOTERS' MEETING** to hear more information on school plans, and hopefully make some concrete decisions as to how we're moving forward with those plans. Any and all members are invited and encouraged to attend, but when the time comes for final decisions, we'll have the voters of the congregation take up that responsibility.
- 2) **TRUNK or TREAT** It's been decided that we are going to take a break from hosting Trunk or Treat this year and put that effort into another event - possibly in the spring. This doesn't mean it will never happen again, just not this year! If you still want to support or contribute to a Trunk or Treat event this year, Immanuel in Hadar would love the help!
- 3) **JOINT AREA REFORMATION SERVICE** It's been mentioned several times how nice it would be to get back to doing this joint worship service thing again amongst the 5 area congregations, so **Wednesday, October 26 @ Trinity, Hoskins** is the plan set to do that. A meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 at the Hoskins Community Center, with the service starting at 7:00 PM. Pastor Zuberbier, the new guy at Shepherd of Peace, will be the preacher. More information will be coming as far as a joint adult/kids choir.
- 4) **NELHS** (203 Kendall St., Waco) has a busy day next weekend, Sunday, October 2. Their **Fall Auction fund-raiser** begins at 1:00 PM in the north gym. Their **Fall Concert** starts at 4:00 PM in the south gym, and then there's an **Association Meeting** immediately following the concert (starting about 5:00 PM). Those going to the meeting are encouraged to grab some supper served by the north gym and then come back down to the south gym for the meeting.
- 5) **Pack Away Hunger** - We have reserved 3 tables for Saturday, October 1st at 12 pm. Between those who have signed up and EPIC, we should have a good group going. If you are not able to attend, they are asking for donations to help cover the cost of shipping. There is a donation box by the Communication Center, or you can contact Lisa Lindemann at 920-663-1892.

- 6) **ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMED MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S** Fellowship group meets this Sunday at 6:00 pm in the church basement. We eat, have bible study, have a meeting and end up with entertainment. Fun for all! Visitors welcome to join the fun.

FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:

- Sunday, 9/25** = Worship Service, 9:00 AM
Coffee / Bible Study, 10:15 AM
EPIC Bible Study, 3:00-4:00 PM
Fellowship Group, 6:00 PM
- Monday, 9/26** = School Pictures Taken (Grades K-8 and Preschool)
Sisters in Faith, 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, 9/27** = School Pictures Taken (Preschool)
- Wednesday, 9/28** = Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM
Bible Class (Schlieve), 10:00 AM
Public School Confirmation Class, 2:15 PM
- Saturday, 10/1** = Worship Service with Communion, 6:30 PM
Organist: Mrs. Shannon Spreeman
- Sunday, 10/2** = Worship Service with Communion, 9:00 AM
Coffee / Bible Study, 10:15 AM

Church Cleaning Teams:

- Sept. 25** – Team 6: Kristin Bauer, Linda Jensen, Kelly Meysenburg, Daniel & Karen Pufahl, Barb Reeves, Carol Wachter, Veryle Winter
- Oct. 2 & Oct. 9** – Team 1: Chad & Alicia Moyer, Kathy Janovec, Bill & Sue Ulrich
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