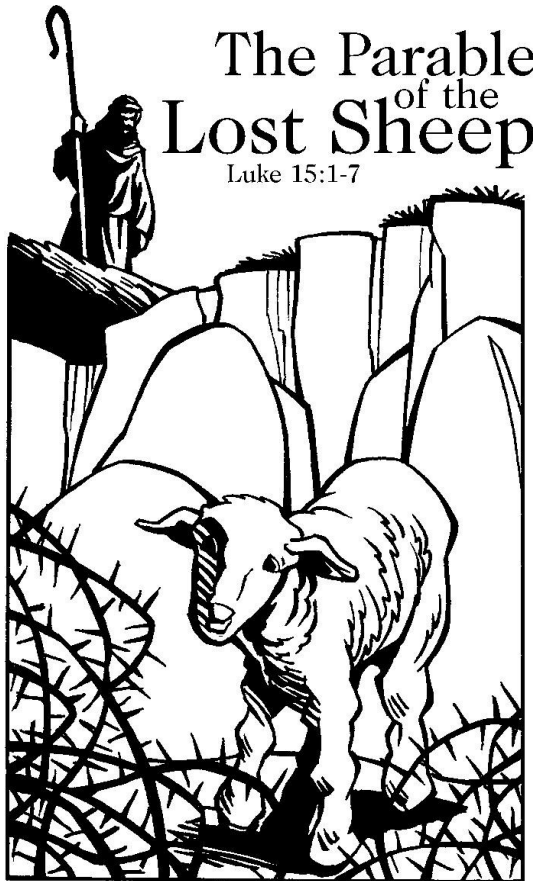


**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**



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**"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."**

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*If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.*



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*please stand in body or spirit*

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*please be seated*

First Reading

Exodus 32:7 - 14

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." <sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with 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 consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 51:1-10

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

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

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

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

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

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

**<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12 - 17

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

*please stand in body or spirit*

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

Luke 15:1 - 10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15th chapter.      **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does

not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*please be seated*

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

*please stand in body or spirit*

Hymn of the Day

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy.     **Hear our prayer.**

## Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*please be seated*

Offering

*please stand in body or spirit*

Offertory

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide our daily bread. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all who are in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words Of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine  
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

*please be seated*

## Communion Hymns

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

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"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

#779

*please stand in body or spirit*

## Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

# "SHOWING AND SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE"



**Welcome:** We gather in the name of God who claims us as beloved children, Christ who feeds and nourishes us and the Holy Spirit who gives us faith. Amen.

*We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!*

**In Our Prayers:** "Unspoken prayer concerns", Joann Brauer, Glen Webb and Kyle Luetjen.

Heavenly  
Father.....

We need  
your mercy.

Jeremiah Crider, Lyle Browning, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Dorothy Schroder (friend of Debbie Vaughan), Esther Schlesselman, Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke), Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home:** Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHoltz & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*. Irene Viebrock: *Homebound*.

**Military:** Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



**Prayers:** If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



**Fair Stand:** The food stand will be taken down **today** at 1:00pm.



**LBPS:** **Today**, the Little Blessings Preschool will have their orientation in the church basement at 6:00pm. They will begin their year on Tuesday, **September 13th**. We are thankful for all those who work so hard to allow us to offer this to our "Little Blessings".

**"One Stitch At A Time":** The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **September 12th** at 9:00am in the church basement.



**Meeting:** The Council will meet on Tuesday, **September 13th** at 7:30pm.

**Meeting:** The Evangelism Committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 14th** at 7:30pm.



**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **September 15th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

**Ambrose:** Pastor Stephen will be offering communion at Ambrose Park on Thursday, **September 15th**, at 3:00pm in their small dining room. All are welcome.



**Young Adult Bible Study:** The Young Adult Bible Study is starting back up their monthly gatherings. Not to be limited by our name, anyone is welcome! In your 20's, 30's, 40's, or beyond? Please join us. We will gather on Friday, **September 16th**, 6:30 pm, at the home of Justin and Lindsey Tinney. Bring your Bible and a side to share, and join us for an evening of fellowship and conversation.

**Christian Education:** As another program year gets underway, we invite you to join us for one of our Christian Education opportunities! Children and youth, preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, meet each Sunday at 9:00 am for Sunday School in the classrooms in the Fellowship Hall. Confirmation class, which is for youth in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, will meet each Sunday at 8:45 am in the Church Basement. All these classes will begin on Sunday, **September 18th**.



**Adult Fall Classes:** Have you ever wondered what will Heaven be like? Or what the Bible says about Heaven? The Adult Sunday School class will start back up on Sunday, **September 18th** at 9:00 a.m. after a summer break and we will be doing a study about Heaven. The primary book we will use is "The Case for Heaven" by Lee Strobel. Lee Strobel is an investigative author who applies his research and analytical skills to show definitive evidence for the existence of heaven. We also will use a supplemental book from a "Touchpoints series" called "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn.



**Adult Bible Classes**



**Senior Sunday**

**Senior Sunday:** On Sunday, **September 18th** we will be celebrating Senior Sunday. This is in recognition of all our members who have at least reached their 75th birthday. We will be celebrating during service and then immediately afterwards there will be a carry in lunch. The meat, potatoes and drinks will be provided. We are asking everyone **(except the honored guests)** to bring a couple of side dishes such as salads, vegetables and/or deserts. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

**Newsletter:** The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 21st** at 3:00pm.



**The Gathering:** Mark your calendars for our 8th annual Gathering event. On Saturday, **October 15th**, we will welcome as our featured speaker KC Wolf, mascot for the Kansas City Chiefs (a.k.a. Dan Meers) who will share stories and inspiration for living a life of influence and making an impact. Speakers and music will fill the morning of the 15th, followed by lunch and some fun hands-on activities. Stay tuned for more information!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, September 11:</b>	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	1:00pm	Take Down Fair Stand
	6:00pm	LBPS Orientation
<b>Monday, September 12:</b>	9:00am	Sewing
<b>Tuesday, September 13:</b>	8:00am	LBPS
	7:30pm	Council
<b>Wednesday, September 14:</b>	8:00am	LBPS
	7:30pm	Evangelism
<b>Thursday, September 15:</b>	8:00am	BCHD
	3:00pm	Ambrose
<b>Friday, September 16:</b>	6:30pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Saturday, September 17:</b>	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
<b>Sunday, September 18:</b>	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations



**~ \* ~ Coming Events ~ \* ~**

September 11 .....	Take Down Fair Stand
September 11 .....	Little Blessings Preschool Orientation
September 18 .....	Beginning of Sunday School Classes
September 18 .....	Senior Sunday
October 2 .....	Conference Gathering
October 9 .....	First Bibles
October 15 .....	The Gathering

## Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Ministers** ..... The Whole Congregation  
**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller  
**Organist** ..... Lois Viebrock  
**Pianist** ..... Jeannette VonHolten  
**Altar Guild** ..... Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan  
**Ushers** ..... Kelly Viebrock, Assistant Head Usher  
..... Jim Gumbel, Mark Oelrichs, Justin Tinney & Bruce Wienberg



### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 11, 2022

**Assisting Minister** ..... Anne Goosen  
**Communion Assistant** ..... Debbie Eckhoff & Sharel Wienberg  
**Reader** ..... Mary Haluptzok  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller  
**Acolytes** ..... Logan Jackson & Wyatt Keith  
**Altar Flowers** ..... Mary Balke



### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 18, 2022

**Assisting Minister** ..... Tom Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistant** ..... Luther League  
**Reader** ..... Bill Viebrock  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Joyce Schlesselmann  
**Acolytes** ..... Lauren Brown & Khloe Viebrock  
**Altar Flowers** ..... Debbie Vaughan