

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



“YOU CANNOT SERVE
GOD AND MONEY.”

LUKE 16:13, ESV

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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

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

#759

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.....**God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Amos 8:4 - 7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1 - 7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

Luke 16:1 - 13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'
³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'
⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'
⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'
⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.
¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been

faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

#818

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

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Offertory

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

#184

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

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

#494

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

#592

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#812

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

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

"SHOWING AND SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE"



Welcome: With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all.

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.



Clyde & Phyllis Ulm (friends of Lois Barr), 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 VonHolten & 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.



Senior Sunday: Today 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. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

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 6th 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 7th and 8th grade, will meet each Sunday at 8:45 am in the Church Basement.

Christian
Education



Adult Bible Classes: Have you ever wondered what will Heaven be like? Or what the Bible says about Heaven? The Adult Sunday School class are at 9:00 a.m. 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.

"One Stitch At A Time": The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **September 19th** at 9:00am in the church basement.



LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **September 20th** and Wednesday, **September 21st** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

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



Planning: The Worship & Music committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 21st** at 4:30pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **September 21st** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.





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

Sunday, September 18:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Senior Sunday Lunch
Monday, September 19:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, September 20:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, September 21:	8:00am	LBPS
	3:00pm	Sunbeam
	4:30pm	Worship & Music
Thursday, September 22:	8:00am	BCHD
		First Day of Autumn
Saturday, September 24:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, September 25:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations



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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



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



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 25, 2022

Assisting Minister	..... Melisa Balke
Communion Assistant	.....Trisha Goosen & Stephanie Randall
Reader	..... Sara & Logan Jackson
Children's Sermon	..... Janice Gerken
Acolytes	..... Kaelyn Keith & Leighton Tinney
Altar Flowers	..... Kathy Gerken