



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:15 AM

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Divine Service II- Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRESERVICE MUSIC “In Christ Alone” (*Jane Holasek-Flute Solo*)

CHURCH BELLS/WELCOME TO WORSHIP

HYMN #728: “How Firm A Foundation”

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

INTROIT

P: It is good to praise the Lord

C: and make music to your name, O Most High.

P: Trust in the Lord and do good;

C: dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

P: Delight yourself in the Lord

C: and he will give you the desires of your heart.

P: Commit your way to the Lord;

C: trust in him and he will do this.

P: The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord;

C: he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit;

P: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen

P: It is good to praise the Lord

C: and make music to your name, O Most High.

KYRIE (spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

COLLECT

Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS.....Isaiah 50:4-10, James 3:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON.....Mark 9:14-29

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN #541: “‘Away From us!’ the Demon Cried”

SERMON “Help My Own Belief” (*Mark 9:14-29*)

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (*inside back cover of Lutheran Service Book*)

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*inside back cover of LSB*)

BENEDICTION

HYMN #849: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

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Memory Verse:

Mark 10:15- “Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Calendar of Events

Sun. Sept. 12 th	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study WORSHIP Special Congregational Meeting (following service)
Mon. Sept. 13 th	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Release Time Classes Begin LWML Meeting Council Meeting
Wed. Sept. 15 th	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin Confirmation Classes
Thurs. Sept. 16 th	8:30 a.m.	Sandwich Ministry
Sun. Sept. 19 th	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Acknowledgement:

+ A memorial for Leonard Zuehl was received in the amount of \$10.00 for the General Fund.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will reconvene TODAY, Sunday, September 12th, following the 10:30 am service.

2. SANDWICH MINISTRY- Volunteers and donations are needed to help with the Sandwich Ministry. This month’s date is September 16 at 8:30 am. Sandwich Making events take place the third Thursday of every month at 8:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to help with this servant event.

3. T-SHIRT ORDERS- Forms are now available for the 2021-2022 T-Shirt. Orders are open to all congregation members. Please pick up a form from the table in the Upper Narthex, or use the form on the website to place your order. Forms and money are due by September 26th.

4. GREETER SCHEDULE- *September 19th-* 1st service: Maxine Almquist, 2nd service: Shirley Dibb; *September 26th-* 1st service: Audrey Litzau, 2nd service: Joyce Miller

YOUTH

5. CONFIRMATION STUDENTS/PARENTS- Please check your emails! An email was sent out (to whatever address was listed on the sign-up sheet or registration form) with the link to sign-up for Acolyting. Deadline to sign-up is September 20th, otherwise you will be scheduled by the Church Office. Please make sure you sign up for 5 services. Sign up link is:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca4a829a6fccf8-acolyte>

LWML

6. LWML MEETING- St. Paul LWML meeting will take place on September 13th (due to the Labor Day holiday). We will meet in the lower narthex at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of St. Paul congregation: please join us for devotion, monthly meeting and Christian fellowship. Our September donation is designated toward the mission of The Lutheran Hour and KDUZ broadcast. We will also again be supporting the Adopt a Seminary Student program with a new seminary student of the LCMS. We look forward to seeing you there.

7. FUNERALS- There have been changes regarding funerals at St. Paul's starting immediately. The LWML voted on having all funerals catered due to the aging of the LWML and following the surrounding churches. The caterers chosen were Hollywood Complex, Hillcrest, Bump's, Unhinged Pizza, & Chef Craig's Catering. Your choice can be given to the funeral home at time of arrangements. If anyone would like to chairman this or have any questions, please call Mary Ann Teubert @ 320-395-2105.