



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

## MINISTRIES

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## Holy Communion

### Part One: **The Gospel**

#### **What is the Sacrament of the Altar?**

*It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.*

If someone were to ask you what the gospel is, you might say something like, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16, after all, is the "gospel in a nutshell."

But it's interesting that when Martin Luther described the gospel he often went directly to the Words of Institution of Holy Communion. Luther wrote:

*For if you ask: What is the gospel? you can give no better answer than these words of the New Testament, namely, that Christ gave his body and poured out his blood for us for the forgiveness of sins.*

*In the first place, we have often said that the chief and foremost thing in the sacrament is the word of Christ, when he says: "Take and eat, this is my body which is given for you." Likewise also, when he took the cup, he said: "Take and drink of it, all of you, this is the cup of a new testament in my blood which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you do this, do it in remembrance of me."*

*Everything depends on these words. Every Christian should and must know them and hold them fast. . . Language cannot express how great and mighty these words are, for they are the sum and substance of the whole gospel.*

We often think of the gospel in terms of a verbal message that is preached and taught and heard and learned. Luther embraced the gospel in the tangible consecration, distribution and reception of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is the gospel!

On Maundy Thursday, as he ate the sacrificial Passover lamb with his disciples, Jesus prepared his disciples for the sacrifice of another lamb—the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The blood of the New Testament was spilled to remove sin and to reconcile sinners with God. As Jesus gave his disciples bread and wine in the supper, together with the earthly elements he gave them to eat and drink the very body that was given for them and the very blood that was spilled for them for their salvation.

What a wonderful mystery we receive in the Sacrament! All the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ is wrapped in those simple elements. The incarnation and humiliation of God; Jesus' virgin birth; his suffering, death and atoning sacrifice; his conquest of Satan; the purchase of forgiveness—all of these truths are communicated and become ours most intimately and personally in this holy Supper. As the word of Christ is joined to earthly elements, the living Lord Jesus is really present in the sacrament to feed us with his living body and blood. As Luther wrote:

*But now the entire Gospel and the article of the Creed—I believe in . . . The holy Christian Church, . . . The forgiveness of sins, and so on—are embodied by the Word in this Sacrament and presented to us.*

God wants you to know beyond a shadow of a doubt the extent of his love for you. He washed you in his love in Baptism. He bestows his love upon you in Scripture whenever the word is read or preached. He announces his love to you when the pastor absolves you of your sins.

But in Holy Communion he draws even more intimately and personally near to you. Christ on the cross died for the sin of the world, but Christ in the Sacrament is for you! At Calvary Jesus atoned for the guilt of all sinners, but in Communion that forgiveness is given to one sinner in particular—to you!

Luther observed:

*We treat of the forgiveness of sins in two ways. First, how it is achieved and won. Second, how it is distributed and given to us. Christ has achieved it on the cross, it is true. Be he has not distributed or given it on the cross. He has not won it in the supper or sacrament. There he has distributed and given it through the Word, as also in the gospel, where it is preached. . .*

*If now I seek the forgiveness of sins, I do not run to the cross, for I will not find it given there . . . But I will find in the sacrament or gospel the word which distributes, presents, offers, and gives to me that forgiveness which was on the cross. Therefore, Luther has rightly taught that whoever has a bad conscience from his sins should go to the sacrament and obtain comfort . . .*

Holy Communion is the gospel, for in Communion there can be no doubt that all the grace of salvation, all of God's love, all of Christ's merit are personally, intimately and completely given to you!

*To be continued: Part Two – Preparation*

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## Worship Schedule

**Sunday services: 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., & 10:30 a.m.**

**Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.**

***Our 8am Sunday services are on facebook live and can also be heard on WNAM 1280 AM.***

10/4, 10/5	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Our God is inconceivably gracious
10/11, 10/12	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Our God wants real repentance
10/18, 10/19	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – The need for Christian Community
10/25, 10/26	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – The Lost are now found

## Official Acts

### Transfer In:

Mark & Tammie Beitz Kelsey Gaffney

### Transfer Out:

Faith Pomeroy Emma Luehring  
Adrian Haertl Rebecca Rehberger

### Released:

Matt & Sarah Olson and children

### Baptisms:

Atlas Baehman, son of Joseph & Anna Baehman  
Blake Butch, son of Brian & Megan Butch

### Children Confirmed:

Danial Bacon Kelley Buyeske  
Gabriel Dierks Graham Feidt  
Adrian Haertl Caitlin Holz  
Brooklyn Johnson Emma Luehring  
Faith Pomeroy Isaiah Sievert  
Jonah Toppe Maizy VanLinn  
Storm Wilson

### Marriages:

Lauren Eaton & Scott Evers on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Forever with the Lord:

June Gorges departed this life on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the age of 97 years, 3 months, and 5 days.

## Financials through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

	Aug.	July – Aug.
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 177,618</b>	<b>\$ 299,860</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$ 207,929</b>	<b>\$ 340,542</b>
<b>Behind / Ahead</b>	<b>\$ -30,312</b>	<b>\$ -40,682</b>
<b>All bills are paid; all obligations are met.</b>		

Report Date 9/18/2020

UPDATE ECC MORTGAGE-INVESTORS BANK			
Original Note Date	4/10/2015	Next Maturity Date	10/20/2021
5 year locked interest (4.40%)			
Regular Payment for September 2020	\$9,170	P-\$8,607.51	I-\$562.49
Extra Payment on Principal For September 2020	-----	P-\$14,615.00	

Starting Mortgage Value	11/20/2015	\$ 2,000,000.00
Amount paid off of Principal as of	9/18/2020	\$ 1,873,721.31
<b>Mortgage value as of</b>	<b>9/18/2020</b>	<b>\$ 126,278.69</b>

ECC Debt Retirement Effort directly to debt	<b>\$ 1,595,692.16</b>
Money applied from normal monthly payment to debt	\$ 278,029.15
<b>Total Payments on Principal</b>	<b>9/18/2020 \$ 1,873,721.31</b>

Total interest saved over 20 years at 4.4% by ECC Debt Retirement Program

ECC Debt Ret.	Int %	Interest Saved
<b>\$ 1,595,692.16</b>	4.4%	<b>\$ 1,404,209.10</b>

To make an offering for ECC Debt retirement use any envelope in your packet or a normal envelope. Your envelope number must be on the envelope so your contribution can be recorded. **TO HAVE IT APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF THE LOAN, WRITE "ECC DEBT RETIREMENT" ON THE ENVELOPE. To God be the Glory.**

## Retire the ECC Debt this year!

A member of the congregation has generously offered a matching donation challenge. If the congregation can pay half the remaining ECC debt by the end of the year, they will match that amount to end the debt. There is approximately \$120,000 left on the debt as of right now. Any gifts you can give to meet this challenge will be greatly appreciated and will help us save thousands of dollars in debt payments.

## School News

### **Mission Statement:**

*Using God's Word as our guide, St. Paul Lutheran School will raise up future generations of Christians in our community by assisting parents in the Christian teaching of their children and by striving for excellence in all areas of instruction.*

**Thanks Be to God!** At the writing of this article, the LORD has provided St. Paul Lutheran School with 4 successful weeks at your school with no quarantining of classrooms or school-wide closures. We have been blessed to have continued health and healing at your school. We are grateful to our school families for keeping children home if they have any signs or symptoms of illnesses. Your faculty and staff are grateful for the outpouring of support and prayers that you have provided during this time period in history! Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated! Your school has provided an excellent Lutheran education for children for the past 142 years, and through God's grace will continue to accomplish this mission with you. May the Gospel continue to bring the peace, hope, and healing that our families and community so desperately need during this time period. God is still in control of all things for our eternal good! If you have any questions about your school ministry or would like to serve your school with your time, talents, or treasures, please contact Principal Jason Kelley.

**Children's Christmas Service:** Due to the advance preparation that occurs for our Children's Christmas Service, the leadership team and the Board of Education decided to have a Virtual service this year. The parts will be recorded by December 11 to provide ample time to put the service together and provide it to families on Christmas Eve. We are looking for individuals knowledgeable in putting a Virtual Service together. If you have these abilities, please contact Pastor Holtz or Mr. Kelley.

**An online St. Paul Falcon Apparel Store is now available!** Please follow this [LINK](#) for more information. Orders can be placed online until September 27. Once the window is closed, items will be prepped and shipped to the school office for you to pick up. Item specific questions can be directed to Fox Cities Embroidery of Hortonville (920-779-9560).

## Flu Shot Clinic

Adam Huth (Registered Pharmacist with Walgreens) is offering a flu shot clinic in the St. Paul gym on Sunday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 1pm. They are able to bill your insurance for you. **Appointments are required** – to sign up, please follow this link: <https://wagsoutreach.com/ss/STP057674>. Prior to your appointment, you will need to complete the 'Community Off-Site Administration Record' ([LINK](#)) and bring it along. Copies of this form are available for pick up in the narthex.

## LWMS

You're Invited!

LWMS Paperland Circuit Fall Rally will be held Saturday, October 24, 2020, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm at Riverview Lutheran Church, 136 Seymour Street, Appleton. Registration is from 8:00-9:00 am, with lunch served following the rally. The theme is "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors" with Emily Kom (former International LWMS President) sharing information about her mission journey trip to Russia and Jerry Worden (one of our BAMs), staff minister at The Word in Steven Point will speak on the Campus Ministry there. The building is handicap accessible and childcare will be available. Contact Connie Frey if you have any questions or would like to register for the rally, [conniefrey@hotmail.com](mailto:conniefrey@hotmail.com) or 920-428-5623. Registration deadline is October 8, 2020.

A message from Pastor Thomas Unke, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, Nevada:

When people think of Las Vegas, they think of Sin City with lights, casinos, and lots of tourists. Shepherd of the Hills is a WELS mission that serves the northwest part of Las Vegas, more than a half-hour's drive from the legendary Strip where all that happens. A new worship and education facility was recently built and the Lord's blessings are being enjoyed. Worship attendance has increased by nearly 50 percent since we moved in, and a second service was added to serve all the new people.

Many people have been reached with the newest social networking media sites like Facebook and Nextdoor. Those apps allow us to target the area that we'd like to reach and even to specify the demographics. They are wonderful communication tools as we seek young families to share the news about our new preschool. We recently had a wonderful Fall Festival with about 350 people in attendance, most of whom were reached by social media apps.

These tools of technology help us to reach people with the hope that we can share the gospel with them. Since so many people are new to Las Vegas, they seem to be looking for safe places for family fun and for making new friends. Shepherd of the Hills members not only

enjoy making friends, but they also love to share Jesus and the hope of heaven. The gospel in Word and sacraments remains the only tool we need for reaching hearts and rescuing souls.

We're also thankful for audio and video technology that simplifies communication in worship and provides valuable teaching tools during sermons and Bible classes.

*Pastor Thomas Unke, Shepherd of the Hills  
Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada*

## ECC Update

Sept. 1st marked the start of the 3K/4K school year in the ECC. We currently have 19 children enrolled in 3K and 14 children enrolled in 4K. While these numbers are slightly lower than expected on a "normal" year, we are thrilled at our current enrollment levels given the current health crisis! We know a few of our expected families changed their minds and decided to forego 3K/4K this year due to uncertainty and feeling more comfortable staying home, but God sent new families to us at the end of summer that we were not expecting.

Another blessing we give thanks for is the continued number of children that are on our enrolled waiting list for the infant room. Five of our currently enrolled families are expecting and have their infants enrolled, 1 former and 1 current staff are also on our enrolled list, and 5 new to the center families are enrolled for the future. Our enrollments go into September 2021! Thank you for spreading the word and recommending St. Paul ECC to those in need of childcare!

All praise and thanks to God for blessing our efforts to provide quality, Christ-centered education and care to our families and our community! *(taken from the St. Paul ECC mission statement)*

## St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church and School Project Wish List

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|----|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. | ECC Loan              | \$126,000 |
| 2. | Push Bars for Door    | \$2,000   |
| 3. | ECC Playgrounds       | \$10,000+ |
| 4. | Classroom in Basement | ??        |
| 5. | ECC Basement          | ??        |

Any donations (large or small) given toward these items is greatly appreciated. Some of these items/projects have been purchased/completed and we are looking for members to help in covering any part of the costs involved.

For a closer look at these items as well as giving options, including 'Easy Tithe', please follow this link: [Wish List Giving](#). As always, THANK YOU for your support.

## FVL NEWS

**Boys and girls in grades 3-8** who are planning to attend FVL can sign up for the FVL Hoops Club (boys) or Nothin' But Net (girls) basketball programs for the 2020-21 season. Find details at [fvlhs.org/youth-sports](http://fvlhs.org/youth-sports). Practices start soon.