



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost- July 3, 2022



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Welcome Guests...

We are honored to have you with us here at St. Paul in Clintonville!

· **Guest Book:** Please sign our guest book near the doors to the worship area.

· **Restrooms:** If you need them, there are bathrooms just to the sides of the main doors.

· **Children:** We are grateful and glad that they are here! If you feel the need to, you can take them to the parent's room or to the back gathering area. Let us know if there are other ways we can help you focus on the Word.

· **Changing Table:** If needed these are in the parent's room and downstairs restrooms.

· **Communion:** guests, please talk with our pastor before coming up for communion.



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**Our Focus Today:
Christ Provides Ministers To Proclaim
His Word**

Christ has not only given us his powerful Word. In his grace, he gives us ministers who proclaim that Word to us in whatever ways we need at the time: words of comfort, words of instruction, or even words of rebuke. Those who are entrusted with the care of Jesus' flock are expected to shepherd that flock just as Jesus would. They humbly assume that privilege, not to proclaim their own ideas or opinions, but to speak Jesus' own words. They share Christ's words, not just when it is welcomed gladly by those who hear it, but also when it is not. Ministers carry out their calling, not because of what they might gain from the flock, but because of what the flock might gain from Jesus through them. God's words possess God's power. Therefore, God provides us with ministers to proclaim God's Word, so that God's kingdom might come powerfully among us.

Vision

Our passion for the Gospel will make us the chosen place of worship in our community.

Mission

We will share the life giving and inerrant Word of God as written in the Bible.

Core Values

We will proclaim the law and the gospel so that all may have eternal life.



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The Service – Setting One (p. 154)

Hymn 900 (*st. 1-4*)

Lift High the Cross

Stand

Invocation

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Confession (*beginning with “If we claim...”*) & **Absolution**

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Lord, Have Mercy (*spoken*)

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Glory Be to God (*sung*)

(p. 157-159)

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send your messengers to preserve your people in true peace, that, by the preaching of your Word, your church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Devotion – What does a minister do?

Preach The Word

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:9—3:11

Ezekiel was called to proclaim the word of the LORD to his fellow exiles, regardless of whether they listened or failed to listen.

⁹Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, ¹⁰which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.

¹And he said to me, “Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel.” ²So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

³Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

⁴He then said to me: “Son of man, go now to the people of Israel and speak my words to them. ⁵You are not being sent to a people of obscure speech and strange language, but to the people of Israel— ⁶not to many peoples of obscure speech and strange language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely if I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you. ⁷But the people of Israel are not willing to listen to you because they are not willing to listen to me, for all the Israelites are hardened and obstinate. ⁸But I will make you as unyielding and hardened as they are. ⁹I will make your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not be afraid of them or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people.”

¹⁰And he said to me, “Son of man, listen carefully and take to heart all the words I speak to you. ¹¹Go now to your people in exile and speak to them. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says,’ whether they listen or fail to listen.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 605 (based on Psalm 117) (st. 1-2)

From All That Dwell below the Skies

Devotion – What does a minister do?

Be A Shepherd

Second Reading

1 Peter 5:1–4

Ministers are to shepherd God's flock exactly as Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, would himself.

¹To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (*spoken*)

Isaiah 52:7

Alleluia. How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news. Alleluia.

Devotion – What does a minister do?

Go Where God Calls

Stand

Gospel

Luke 10:1–12,16–20

Jesus sends out messengers of his Word who were to serve the people they met exactly as Jesus would have if he had been there himself.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ²He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹“Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 901 (st. 1-4)

O Christians, Haste

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Lead the citizens of our land to honor the useful foundations of society.

Care for those who are sick or have been injured. Calm those who are disappointed and depressed. Provide guidance to those who care for people in trouble or in need.

Lead us to provide help when we can and to pray at all times.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offering

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Our offering is our reaction to God's Word. Do not feel obligated to give here, we are just thankful you are here. Offerings are collected in the golden plates next to the worship area doors. Your offerings here support the ministry here at this church, along with the mission work of our larger synod.

The Sacrament

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Preface (*spoken*)

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Holy, Holy, Holy (*sung*)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer (*traditional*)

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Words of Institution

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O Christ, Lamb of God (*sung*)

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Be seated

Distribution Hymns

742

On Galilee's High Mountain

588

Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit

Our Practice of Close Communion

Based on the words of Scripture, we believe that partaking in the Sacrament of Holy Communion is one of the highest forms of fellowship we have this side of heaven—both with our Risen Savior and with our fellow believers. By partaking in the sacrament, we confess that we believe what this congregation teaches and confesses. Because we don't want to put anyone in the uncomfortable position of having to state their full agreement with us before we've had an opportunity to explain it to them, we respectfully ask that only those who are communicant members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS congregation come forward to receive the Sacrament. If you would like further explanation of our practice, Pastor Rothfuss would be more than willing to explain after the worship service.

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Thanksgiving & Prayer

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Blessing

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Hymn 774

God Bless Our Native Land

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Our Guests & Members

We Are Glad You Are Here!

Stick around after the service and join us for snacks and fellowship. There will be a quick 19-minute bible study today.

Reminder to the congregation: Please turn in your receipts from Tadych's Marketplace Foods. The month of July is when the receipts are turned in for money for the Sisters in Christ.

Sisters In Christ Baby Bottles

There are baby bottles in the narthex to take home to collect coins for New Beginnings in Milwaukee. We ask that you return these by Labor Day, Sept. 5. New Beginnings provides a loving and supportive place for single mothers to start a new life. This Christian-based home for mothers allows a resident to become a responsible parent by raising her new baby in a caring environment.

Council Position: Education Coordinator

The Elders are looking for someone to fill the recently vacated Education Coordinator position. More information about the position is available in the church newsletter which is in your mailboxes.

"Angel Packet" Volunteers

The Elders are looking for volunteers to help distribute these packets. More information is available in the church newsletter. Contact Dave Schley if you are interested in helping.

HOLY LAND TOUR: You are invited to join retired Pastor Eugene Kock on his 28th tour of the Holy Land. The dates of the 10-day tour are March 27 – April 5, 2023. Walk where Jesus walked! Sites that will be visited include Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee (boat ride), garden of Gethsemane, House of Caiaphas, Garden Tomb and much, much more. After the tour, you will read the Bible like never before! For more information contact pastorkock@yahoo.com.

Important Dates to Note

Ordination/Installation of WLS graduate David Ticks at Friedens, Bonduel

Date: Sunday, July 10

Time: 3:30 p.m.

The Ladies of Friedens plan to have a meal after the service, to which all are invited. If you are planning to stay for the meal, please let Pastor Rothfuss know by July 3 so numbers can be passed on to the ladies to plan accordingly.

Quarterly Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 13

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

Date: Wednesday – Friday, August 10-12

Time: 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Who: Pre-K through 8th grade

Cost: \$5 per participant (\$20 Max per family)

Register online: stpaulclintonville.com/vbs

WELS/ELS Single Retreat

Dates: Friday, November 11 – Sunday, November 13

Time: Arrival on Friday 4 – 7 p.m.

Where: Camp Phillip, W9944 Buttercup Ave, Wautoma, Wisconsin

Did you know that November 11 is International Singles Day? This will be a weekend of fun and fellowship. For more information about the event and to register, check out our webpage: wels-els-singles.com

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Last Week</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6/26 Attendance - 88</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offerings to the Lord</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Needed Weekly - \$3,500</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Offered - \$2,371</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Grateful to God</i></p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ushers Today</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tom L. Chuck S. Austin R. Evan R.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Parament Colors</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 3 – Green July 10 – Green July 17 – Green July 24 – Green July 31 - Green</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ushers Next Week</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bob P. Martin M. James M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Communion</u> <u>Distribution for July</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aaron W.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clean-Up</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 3 – Lizzie B., Melissa L. July 17 – Bernice F., Nancy F.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July Shut-In Visitors</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bob & Karen Petermann</p>	