



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost– July 10, 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:
Focused Love Finds A Neighbor Rather
Than Avoiding One**

We tend to think of distraction and focus as opposites. If someone is focused, they are not easily distracted by random events and encounters. If someone is focused, every decision about how to spend time and resources is calculated. Apart from Christ that type of focus spells disaster for our neighbor. We may dismiss the needs of our neighbor, thinking, "If I spend time helping him, that will distract me from other things I should be focused on." Today, Jesus teaches us that he has set us free to live a life of such distractions. No matter the neighbor and no matter his need, we are free to act in ways that seem senseless. We are free to actively seek out a neighbor in need. We are free to bear any cost and go any distance to serve them as Christ would serve them.

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 731 (*st. 1-3*)

Oh, How Good It Is

Stand

Invocation

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Confession (*beginning with “Blessed are they...”*) & **Declaration of Grace**

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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.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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

First Reading

Ruth 1:1–19a

The LORD moves a Moabite woman named Ruth to care for her widowed mother-in-law, even though it meant leaving her people, her country, and her way of life behind.

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹²Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

¹⁴At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25 (*spoken*)

To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul

In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior.

Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1,13–25

Christ has freed us for a life of humble service and love.

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:11

Alleluia. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 10:25–37

In a well-known parable, Jesus teaches us how one loves their neighbor.

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

³⁵The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”
Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 768 (st. 1-5)

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Sermon Text

Luke 10:25–37

Go Out Of Your Way To Show Love

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

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Be seated

Prayer of the Church

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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.

Hymn 643 (st. 1-4)

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

Stand

Prayer (beginning with “Almighty God...”) & **Lord’s Prayer** (traditional) (p. 171)

Blessing (p. 171)

Hymn 506 (st. 1-3)

For the Fruits of His Creation

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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: TODAY, July 10

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Quarterly Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 13

Time: 6 p.m. NOTE TIME CHANGE

Quarterly Voter's Meeting

Date: Sunday, July 31

Time: 10:30 a.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;">7/3 Attendance - 68</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 - \$4,282</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ushers Today</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bob P. Martin M. James M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Parament Colors</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 10 – Green July 17 – Green July 24 – Green July 31 – Green August 7 – Green</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ushers Next Week</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jon L. Trent L. Teagan L.</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 17 – Bernice F., Nancy F.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 7 – Dawn G., Becky H.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July Shut-In Visitors</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bob & Karen Petermann</p>	