



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost– July 17, 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 Worship Seeks Service From
Jesus More Than Service For Jesus**

We call worship a "service." Which raises the question: who is serving whom? In answering that question, it is easy to focus on what we do in worship. "I set aside time in my week to come to church. I am singing praise to God. I brought him an offering. Clearly, I am serving him." True enough. However, as God speaks this week, he clarifies our focus, letting us see that worship is primarily about him serving us. Through Word and sacrament, he delivers every spiritual gift he wants us to receive. Our service to God is good. His service for us is perfect. Our service to God is important. His service for us is essential. God loves our service to him. But we desperately need his service for us. Receiving his service is actually the highest form of worship. "God wants to be worshipped through faith so that we receive from him those things he promises and offers" (Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article IV).

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 Two (p. 172)

Hymn 919

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stand

Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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Lord, Have Mercy (*sung*)

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Glory to God in the Highest (*sung*)

(p. 176-177)

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; 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

Genesis 18:1–14

With his gracious visit and his gracious words, the Lord serves Sarah with exactly what she needs—a strengthened faith.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

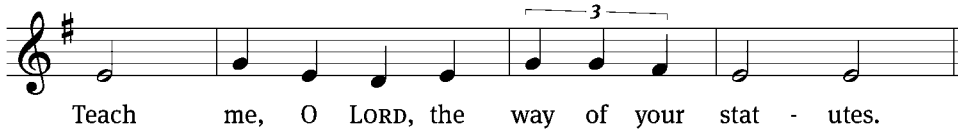
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119B

Teach Me, O LORD

Refrain



Tone



Teach me, LORD, the way of / your decrees,
that I may follow it / to the end.

**Give me understanding, so that I may / keep your law
and obey it with / all my heart.**

Direct me in the path of / your commands,
for there I / find delight. *Refrain*

Turn my eyes away from / worthless things;
preserve my life according / to your word.

**Fulfill your promise to your / servant,
so that you / may be feared.**

How I long for your / precepts!

In your righteousness pre- / serve my life.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul prays that God would serve the Colossians through the gospel, rescuing them from the dominion of darkness and empowering them to produce the fruit of good works.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 55:11



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what / I desire and achieve the purpose for which I / sent it.

Refrain

Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

One sister served Jesus, which was lovely. The other sister wanted to be served by Jesus, which is the one thing needed.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 645

One Thing's Needful

Sermon Text

Luke 10:38–42

What Can Jesus Do For You?

Stand

Nicene Creed

(p. 180-181)

Be seated

Prayer of the Church (p. 182)

Offering (p. 182)

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

Stand

Preface (*sung*) (p. 183)

Holy, Holy, Holy (*sung*) (p. 184)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer (*traditional*) (p. 185)

Words of Institution (p. 186)

Jesus, Lamb of God (*sung*) (p. 186)

Be seated

Distribution Hymns:

669 **In This Holy, Blest Communion**

633 **Speak, O Lord**

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.

Stand

Thanksgiving & Prayer

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Blessing

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Hymn 925

On What Has Now Been Sown

Acknowledgments

Setting Two 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.

Pastor On Vacation

Pastor & Amanda will be on vacation July 17, after Bible Study, through the 21. Contact Rev. Kenneth Rodrigue, (608) 354-5370 or Elder Dave Schley, (715) 250-2394, in case of an emergency.

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

Church Family Night

Date: TODAY, July 17

Time: 4 - 8 p.m.

Hosts: The McMahon and Dey Families

Place: The McMahon Residence

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>7/10 Attendance - 84</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offerings to the Lord</u></p> <p>Needed Weekly - \$3,500</p> <p>Offered - \$2,439</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ushers Today</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jon L. Trent L. Teagan L.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Parament Colors</u></p> <p>July 17 – Green July 24 – Green July 31 – Green August 7 – Green August 14 - Green</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ushers Next Week</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nick B. Coulter B. Caleb G.</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>July Shut-In Visitors</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bob & Karen Petermann</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clean-Up</u></p> <p>July 17 – Bernice F., Nancy F.</p> <p>August 7 – Dawn G., Becky H.</p>