

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



...WHATEVER YOU
bind on
earth
SHALL BE
bound in
heaven...

MATTHEW 18:18, ESV

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be God, the Creator who forms us, † the Christ who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humbleness, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making things new. In † Christ, you are and are always forgiven. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Earth and All Stars!"

#731

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7 - 11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Reading

Romans 13:8 - 14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."
¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.
¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.
¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

Matthew 18:15 - 20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

"Our Father, We Have Wandered"

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Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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Offering

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Offertory

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

#204

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving


The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,". The second staff continues: "heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The third staff continues: "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fourth staff concludes: "san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases ending in a double bar line.

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san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#522

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#836

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Holy Meal. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

#864

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

"Humbly Carrying the Cross"



Welcome: Welcome, friends! On this marvelous Sunday, let us open our spirits to the loving presence of God that we may be spiritually fed and renewed by his grace.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Frank Kreisel, Renee Weller, Cecelia Wiedemann, Lois Barr, Teresa Viebrock, Jon Beckman, Gordon Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Anita Snell (sister of Teresa Viebrock), Ken Jenson (friend of Connie Gerken), Cora Lee Fuchs (mother of Greg Bredehoeft and grandmother of Angela Alcorn), Rodney Ingram, Becky Allen (grandmother of Adrienn Allen), Linda Mehrens (sister of Teresa Viebrock), Jamie Simon, Dena Sikoutris, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Bill Talbot (friend of Connie Gerken), Annie Bright, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Huth Schlesselman, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Lois Barr: *Lincoln Community Care Center*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



Fair Stand: The fair stand will be taken down and put away **today** at 1:00pm.

LBPS: The Little Blessing Pre-School is gearing up for another year. They will have an open house **today** at 2:00pm. Pre-school will begin on Tuesday, **September 12th**. We are thankful for all those who work so hard to allow us to offer this to our "Little Blessings".



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **September 11th** at 9:00am in the church basement.

Meeting: Council will meet on Tuesday, **September 12th** at 7:30pm.

Planning: Worship & Music will meet on Wednesday, **September 13th** at 3:30pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **September 14th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Christian Education: A new year of Christian Education begins here at St. Paul's on Sunday, **September 17th**. Children in preschool through 6th grade will meet in the classrooms in the Fellowship Hall. Youth in 7th & 8th grade will meet with Pastor Stephen in the Church Basement. And the adult Sunday School class will meet in the Meeting Room behind the Chapel. Sunday School classes start at 9:00 am each Sunday, while the Confirmation class starts each week at 8:45 am. We hope you'll take advantage of one of these classes so that you can continue to grow in your faith

Senior Sunday: On Sunday, **September 17th** we will be celebrating Senior Sunday. This is in recognition of all our members who have at least reached their 75th birthday. We will be celebrating during service and then immediately afterwards there will be a carry in lunch. The meat, potatoes and drinks will be provided. We are asking everyone **(except the honored guests)** to bring a couple of side dishes such as salads, vegetables and/or deserts. We hope everyone will be able to attend.



Esther Circle: The Esther Circle will meet Monday evening, **September 18th** at 7:00 in the home of Ellen Harms. **NOTE:** The study will be on page 26, "The First Commandant".

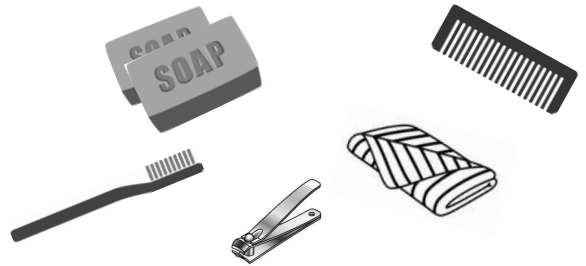


Animal Shelter: Families are invited to meet at 2:00pm on Saturday, **September 30th** at the Sedalia Animal Shelter for a time to share some love with the animals. We'll be able to play with the cats and dogs and walk the dogs!

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits: "In-gathering" of items for **Personal Care Kits** begins **today** and will continue until Sunday, **October 15th**. The items collected will be assembled into kits the following week. On Saturday, October 21, the kits, together with the quilts pieced by the "One Stitch at a Time" ladies will be taken to Jefferson City for pick-up and then delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul, MN. The items for the kits include:



- * 2-3 bars of soap (8-9 oz.)
- * 1 sturdy wide-toothed comb
- * 1 bath towel (dark color)
- * 1 toothbrush
- * 1 nail clipper



The items may be dropped off in the Gathering Space. **Thank you** for your generous giving in helping our neighbors both here and aboard.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 10:	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	1:00pm	Take down Fair Stand
	2:00pm	LBPS Orination
Monday, September 11:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, September 12:	8:00am	LBPS
	7:30pm	Council
Wednesday, September 13:	8:00am	LBPS
	3:30pm	Worship & Music
Thursday, September 14:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, September 16:	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, September 17:	9:00am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Senior Sunday Lunch



~ * ~ **Coming Events** ~ * ~

September 17	Sunday School For All Ages Begins
September 17	Senior Sunday

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers Kelly Viebrock, Head Usher
Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman, Melinda Strathman & Steve Triplett



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 10, 2023

Assisting Minister Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants Susan Goosen & Erin Oelrichs
Reader Logan Jackson
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle- Zeller
Acolytes Hudson Kullman & Lane Smith
Flowers Mary Balke



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 17, 2023

Assisting Minister Luke Goosen
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Lynn Schear
Children's Sermon Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes Grady Elliott & Jace Tinney
Flowers Debbie Vaughan