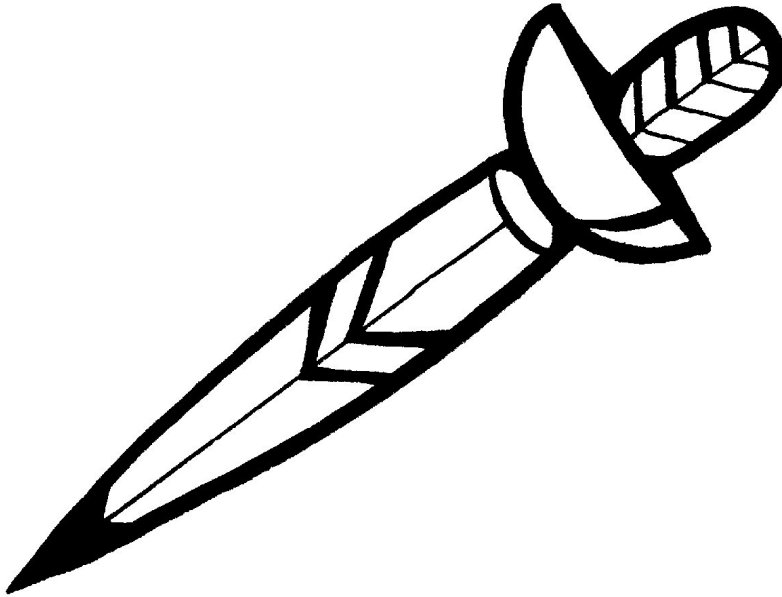


**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 14, 2024**



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**“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”**

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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

*please stand in body or spirit*

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 the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

#556

## 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.**

Hymn of Praise

“We Praise You, O God”

#870 vs. 1

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*please be seated*

First Reading

Amos 7:7 - 15

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” <sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 3- 14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

*please stand in body or spirit*

Gospel Acclamation

“We Praise You, O God”

#870 vs. 2

Gospel

Mark 6:14 - 29

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples’ preaching,] for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” <sup>15</sup>But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” <sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*please be seated*

Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

*please stand in body or spirit*

Hymn of the Day

“When Our Song Says Peace”

#709

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.**

*please be seated*

Offering

*please stand in body or spirit*

Offertory

“We Praise You, O God”

#870 vs. 3

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **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.**

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

“Faith of Our Fathers”

#812

“Just A Closer Walk with Thee”

#697

*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.....Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more  
than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now  
strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

### Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be  
upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

# "GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS"



**Welcome:** Brothers and sisters, thank you for your presence at worship today. Our praise is stronger and our prayers are deeper because of each precious individual enriching the whole. Welcome!

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

**In Our Prayers:** "Unspoken prayer concerns", Marcy Cash, Jean Healan, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Judy Smith, Renee Weller, Gordon Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Don Brooks, Berneda Brooks, Dustin Woods, Liz Smart, Josephine Heimsoth, Don Gibbs, Melvin Oelrichs (grandpa of Nicholas Dieckman), Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Averi Kroenke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Jamie Simon, Dena Sikoutris, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), 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, and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home:** Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. 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, SSG Nick Smith and Cpt. Joseph Strathman.







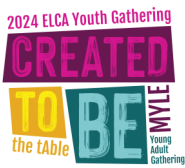
**Prayers:** If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

**"Little Blessings" Preschool and Day Care:** There are daycare positions available for anyone wishing to work with young children (infants and toddlers). The Day Care Committee is looking to fill the position of Day Care Director and 2 - 3 aides. For more information, please contact a member of the Day Care Committee: Jake and Sara Jackson, Josh Jackson, Rhonda Schlesselman, Sue Rusk, Lesa Warden, Meghann Smith, and Janice Gerken.



**Teachers:** The Sunday School is in need of a 4th-6th grade teacher. The lesson materials are planned out and easy to follow with student handouts and a teacher book. This is a fun age with great thoughts and ideas! Contact Anne Goosen if you are feeling called to help support our children's ministry or if you have any questions.

**Float Work:** Float work will be on a regular schedule of Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm-7:00pm.



**Youth Gathering:** The Luther League will be headed to New Orleans this week of for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering! Please support them in this journey with your prayers for safe travels, fellowship, and fun. You can "join" us for the event by watching the livestream of the Mass Gatherings. They occur July 16 - 19, from 7:00pm until 9:15pm, and July 20, from 9:30am until 11:00am. Links can be found at [ELCA.org/Gathering](http://ELCA.org/Gathering).

**Bible Camp:** The annual Mid-MO Bible Camp will be held **Sunday, July 14 - Thursday, July 18**, at Camp Rising Sun in the Lake of the Ozarks State Park. We pray for a week full of fun and growing in faith.



**One Stitch at a Time:** The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **July 15th** at 9:00am in the church basement.



**Circle:** Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **July 15th** at the home of Sharel Wienberg.

**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **July 18th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



**Casual Worship:** There will be NO worship service on Saturday, **July 20th**.

**Newspaper:** The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **July 24th** at 3:00pm.



**Undies Sunday:** In addition to clothing available for purchase, families with young children will be given new undergarments at the Clothing Sale. In years past we asked for in-kind donations of these undergarment items. This year we are requesting **financial contributions**. We have found a source to purchase bulk clothing items, and plan to repackage them into smaller packs to provide for a more equitable distribution of undergarments to local families. Those contributions can be made at any time, but our Undies Sunday will be the weekend of **July 21 & 28**. (We will still accept packages of underwear if you have already purchased those items.)

**Vacation Bible School:** Mark your calendars for an out of this world Vacation Bible School here at St. Paul's, **July 29 - August 2**, 6:00-8:30 pm each night. Our theme is Stellar, where we will learn how to shine Jesus' light into the world. Mark your calendars now and mention it to a friend! VBS is for Pre-K (potty-trained) thru 6th grade. Adults and older youth are encouraged to volunteer. There is a registration link for participants and volunteers on the church's Facebook page.



~ \* ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ \* ~



**Kid's Meals:** Once again this summer, the Salvation Army of Benton County is distributing summer kid's meals for families across our county. This program provides a weekly bag of groceries to help supplement meals while kids are home from school for the summer. Nearly 100 kids in Cole Camp alone benefitted from this last year with thousands of meals distributed across the county. Can you help support this program? We will have buckets in the back of the church if you would like to make a financial contribution. Or include it in your offering, designated for "Kid's Meals." Thank you!

**Ice Cream Social:** Please come join us for some food, fun, fellowship, and fireworks at Mt. Hulda Lutheran Church. Mt. Hulda will be hosting an ice cream social **today** from 5:30 pm - dark. Food and fellowship will open at 5:30 pm, the menu will include hotdogs, chips, cake & ice cream, and drinks. Entertainment will begin at approximately 6:30 pm and will include singing, instrumentalists, a pie auction, and Bible trivia. At dusk, weather permitting, we will be having a fireworks display. Proceeds from this event will be used to help our fellow community members in need. We look forward to seeing everyone so please make plans to attend. It will be a great social gathering for neighbors and friends!



~ \* ~ Coming Events ~ \* ~

- July 14-18..... Mid-MO Bible Camp
- July 16-20..... ELCA Youth Gathering
- July 21 & 28 ..... Undies Sunday
- July 29 - August 2..... Vacation Bible School
- August 3..... Back-to-School Clothing Sale

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Ministers** ..... The Whole Congregation  
**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller  
**Organist** ..... Lois Viebrock  
**Pianist** ..... Jeannette VonHolten  
**AV Technicians** ..... Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk  
**Altar Guild** ..... Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann  
**Ushers** ..... Melinda Strathman, Assistant Head Usher  
Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett.



## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 14, 2024

**Assisting Minister** ..... Darin Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Glenalee Dillon & Sharel Wienberg  
**Reader** ..... Hudson Kullman & Jace Tinney  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller  
**Acolytes** ..... Miranda Gerken & Mason Randall  
**Flowers** ..... Ruth Ann Kreisel



## Nineth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 21, 2024

**Assisting Minister** ..... Tom Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Luther League  
**Reader** ..... Dennis Moellmann  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Joyce Schlesselmann  
**Acolytes** ..... Logan Jackson & Khloe Viebrock  
**Flowers** ..... Carolyn Eickhoff