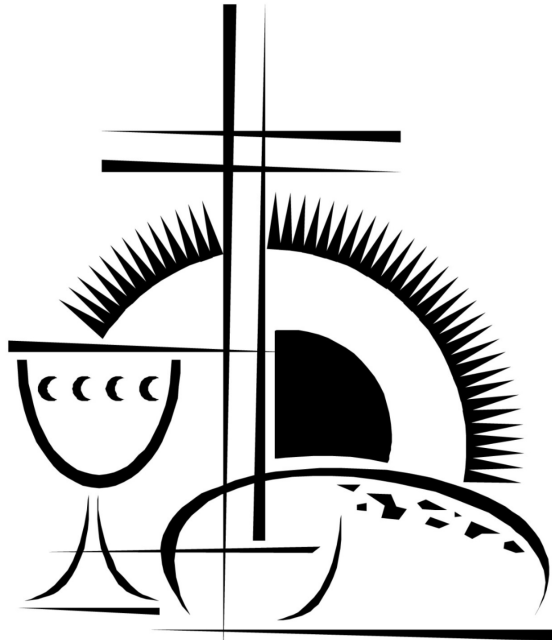


THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ AUGUST 18, 2024



Those who eat my flesh and  
drink my blood abide in me,  
and I in them.

JOHN 6:56. NRSV

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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

Gathering Songs

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.....**Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1 - 6

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, <sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says, <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:9-14

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15 - 20

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Children's Sermon

Jennifer Rehmer

*please stand in body or spirit*

Gospel

John 6:51 - 58

The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*please be seated*

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

Hymn of the Day

Back to School Blessing

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

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

#### 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

#### Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# "GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS"



**Welcome:** "Great are the works of the LORD!" Long summer days, meteor showers, lakes and forests, time for vacation and rest. Let us worship our generous God.

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

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



Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Dustin Woods, Liz Smart, Don Gibbs, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Averi Kroenke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), 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), 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.

**Potters Wheel:** We welcome back musical guests, Potters Wheel, to lead music in our morning worship service. Potters Wheel is a bluegrass gospel group out of Lebanon, Missouri, who proclaim the gospel message through their music. We are thrilled to have them with us once again!



**Back-to-school Blessing:** As schools gear up for another school year, we give thanks to God for the gift of learning and for those who take on this endeavor as their vocation. During worship **today** we'll offer our prayers and blessings upon students, teachers and administrators as this new school year begins.

**"Little Blessings" Preschool and Day Care** is planning on opening the doors of the day care on Monday, September 9th. Preschool will open for their new year on Tuesday, September 10th. The new adventure is beginning!!



Our daycare director is Barbara Metscher, who comes with a long list of working in education - classroom teacher, Special Services aide, and with Headstart. Our teacher aides include: Sidney Jones, Ashley Wright, Jillian Synder, and Kristina Casdorff. Susan Goosen and Joyce Schlesselmann will join us as substitutes.

We also have **two openings** in our day care for toddlers (ages 2-4). Contact Rhonda or Janice if interested.

**Thank you** to all who have made donations of toys and furnishings. Donations may be brought to the Gathering Space or the church basement. In addition to gently used toys, we also need cabinets (with doors) and low shelving units.

**Prayers** for a successful year!!



**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.



**One Stitch at a Time:** The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **August 19th** at 9:00am in the church basement.

**Circle:** Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **August 19th** at 7:00pm at the home of Janice Gerken.



Worship Team

**Planning:** Worship & Music will meet on Wednesday, **August 21st** at 3:30pm.

**Meeting:** Evangelism will meet on Wednesday, **August 21st** at 7:00pm.



**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **August 22nd** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

**Don't Forget:** Our World Hunger Fish Fry will be Sunday, **October 13th**. As always, we welcome all donations of crappie fillets. So if you need an excuse to go fishing, here it is!





# COLE CAMP FAIR



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

**Sign up Sheet:** The Fair Stand Schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the link. A link to the online schedule has been posted on the church's facebook page. If you are unable to work the hours listed, please feel free to write in hours that fit your time or abilities. Thanks to all who have already signed up. Thank you!



**Fair Stand:** The food stand will be put up on Sunday, **September 1st** at 1:00pm and taken down on Sunday, **September 8th** at 1:00pm.

**Fair Pies:** Each family is asked to bring two fruit pies according to the following schedule, divided alphabetically by last names. There are pie tins available for your use in the gathering space.



Thursday, September 5th..... A - C  
Friday, September 6th..... D - M  
Saturday, September 7th ..... N - Z



**Baking Pies:** If anyone would like to order pies for the Cole Camp Fair we will be making pies and delivering as usual. The cost will be \$11.00 for fruit and \$13.00 for pecan, same as last year. We will take orders thru **September 1st**. Call/text Tammy Thompson at 660-287-0360 or mail check with order info (name to go on pie (s), which day you would like them delivered, and church name) to 26744 Seven Hills Road.

~ \* ~ **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!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, August 18:</b>	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations Back-to-school Blessing Potter's Wheel
<b>Monday, August 19:</b>	9:00am 7:00pm	Sewing Esther Circle
<b>Tuesday, August 20:</b>	5:30pm	Float Work
<b>Wednesday, August 21:</b>	3:30pm 5:30pm 7:00pm	Worship & Music Float Work Evangelism
<b>Thursday, August 22:</b>	8:00am 5:30pm	BCHD Float Work
<b>Saturday, August 24:</b>	5:30pm	Casual Worship
<b>Sunday, August 25:</b>	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations



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

September 1 .....	Set Up Fair Stand
September 2 .....	Labor Day
September 5, 6, 7 .....	Cole Camp Fair
September 9 .....	First Day of "Little Blessings Daycare"
September 10 .....	First Day of "Little Blessings Preschool"

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Ministers** ..... The Whole Congregation  
**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller  
**Organist** ..... Lois Viebrock  
**Pianist** ..... Jeannette VonHolten  
**AV Technicians** ..... Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk  
**Altar Guild** ..... Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann  
**Ushers** ..... Justin Tinney, Head Usher  
..... Victoria Fox, John Oelrichs, Braden Poe & Ryan Schlesselman



## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 18, 2024

**Assisting Minister** ..... Anne Goosen  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Luther League  
**Reader** ..... Susan Goosen  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Jennifer Rehmer  
**Acolytes** ..... Grant Kullman & Mason Randall  
**Flowers** ..... Glenalee Dillon



## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 25, 2024

**Assisting Minister** ..... Tom Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Trisha Goosen & Stephanie Randall  
**Reader** ..... Lynn Schear  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Paul Fuelling  
**Acolytes** ..... Tristan Fox & Kaylan Poe  
**Flowers** ..... Kathy Oelrichs