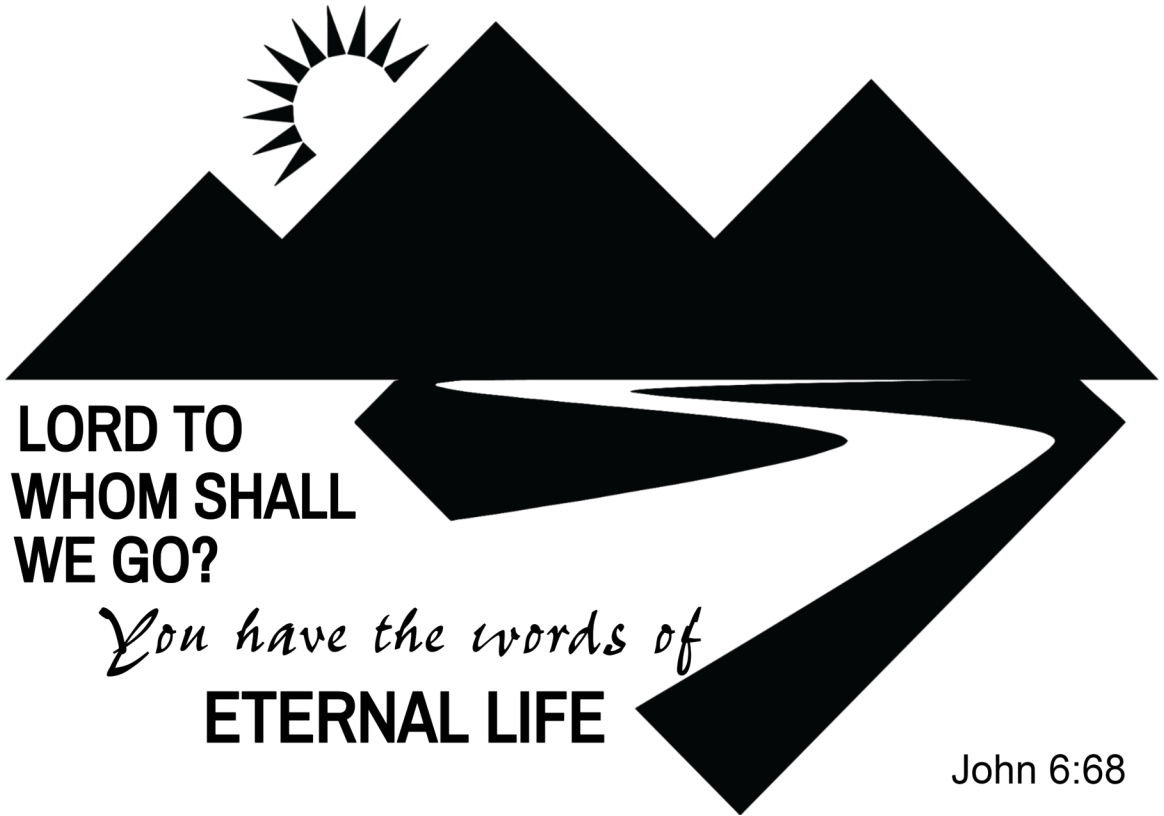


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ AUGUST 25, 2024



**LORD TO
WHOM SHALL
WE GO?**

You have the words of
ETERNAL LIFE

John 6:68

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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

“Blessed Assurance”

#638

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

“When Morning Guilds the Skies” #853 vs. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Joshua 24:1 - 2a, 14 - 18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15-22

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God’s ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10 - 20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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Gospel Acclamation

"When Morning Guilds the Skies" #853 vs. 3 & 4

Gospel

John 6:56 - 69

The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This 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." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#810

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

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Offertory

“When Morning Guilds the Skies”

#853 vs. 5

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

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

#494

“You Are the Way”

#758

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

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

#408

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

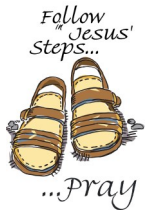
"GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS"



Welcome: We invite you to lay before God all cares and concerns and enter into worship, trusting him for all you need today. Welcome.

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.

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.



"Little Blessings" Day Care will open their doors on Monday, September 9, at 7:00 a.m. Preschool will open their new year on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30 a.m.

Our Day Care director, Barbara Metscher, will begin work on Monday, August 26, to prepare for the upcoming opening. Staff will meet with her for a brief orientation on September 3.

Our present day care enrollment is at 18 little ones, with preschool enrollment being 11 kiddos. Openings do remain for additional toddlers in our Day Care.

With the carpet in the basement cleaned this past Friday, we can finalize the placement of furnishings and materials in the upcoming week. Again, **thank you to all** who have donated toys, pack n' plays, highchairs, books, puzzles and much more!! We are now looking for some outdoor items for a temporary playground area: slides, outdoor toys, playhouse, benches, etc.

Continued **prayers** as St. Paul's embarks on this new venture of service to the community!

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **August 26th** at 9:00am in the church basement.



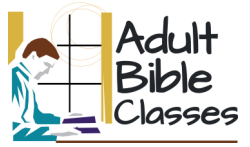
Sunbeam: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **August 28th** at 3:00pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **August 29th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Christian Education: Mark your calendars for a new year of Sunday School which will begin on Sunday, **September 15th!**

Adult Class: The Adult Sunday School class will resume classes on Sunday **September 15th** at 9:00am in the Chapel. This Fall we will begin a study of Psalms. While we won't study each Psalm individually, we will take a look at some favorites. Hopefully this study will increase our understanding of this important book. Join us for some great discussion and new insights. We would love to see you! All you need is a Bible!"



Senior Sunday: On Sunday, **September 22nd** 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.

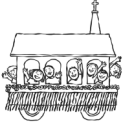
Don't Forget: Our World Hunger Fish Fry will be Sunday, **October 13th**. As always, we welcome all donations of crappie fillets. So if you need an excuse to go fishing, here it is!



~ * ~ **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"

COLE CAMP FAIR



Float Work: With fluffing and pleating wrapped up we will be moving to the shed for stuffing, gluing, trimming, and assembly on Monday-Friday beginning at 5:30.

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 the United Church Ladies 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.

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



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



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 1, 2024

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistants At the Altar
Reader
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Miranda Gerken & Jace Tinney
Flowers Arlene Schlesselman