



"Why do your disciples... eat with defiled hands?"

Mark 7:5, 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

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and turn to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God, **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

#836

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

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

#685 vs. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1 - 2, 6 - 9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**
⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

James 1:17 - 27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Gospel Acclamation

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

#685 vs. 3 & 4

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. ²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

#772

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

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

#685 vs. 5 & 6

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

At the Altar

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.

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do not wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.

Communion Hymns

"For the Beauty of the Earth"	#879
"This Is My Father's World"	#824
"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"	#681

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with our neighbors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful ✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

#534

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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"GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS"



Welcome: On this Labor Day weekend, we're glad to welcome each worshiper. May we all dedicate ourselves to labor for the Lord and to help make the world as God would have it be.

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

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



Pastor Linda Daniels-Block, Bill Barrick, Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Dustin Woods, Liz Smart, Don Gibbs, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Averl 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.

New Birth: Congratulations to Jordan and Emily Kyle on the arrival of their daughter, Kinnley Charlene Kyle. She was born on Saturday, August 17th. Kinnley Charlene is the granddaughter of Susan Kyle and Bryan and Cindy Schlesselman.



The red rose on the baptismal font is in celebration of new life.



Little Blessings Preschool and Day Care: We are in the "count down" mode for the opening of our day care on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. The preschool will open their doors on Tuesday, September 10, at 7:30 a.m.

We have 12 children enrolled in day care full time with 2 children attending half days. **We do have openings for two toddlers.** Preschool has 12 children (ages 3 and 4) enrolled.

We have been working hard preparing the basement for our opening. You are invited for a "walk through" to see our progress. This is all very exciting!!

Our playground will be located on the east side of the church (approx. 20' x 60'). We have several playground items that have been donated. Also, a Benton County PHIL Grant is in process of submission to provide additional items. We will be installing a anti-climb fencing (temporary) for the area. This is a rather pricey item (approx. \$900), we therefore, would appreciate any monetary donations to the project, which would help to offset the cost to the congregation.

Any questions, please visit with Jake Jackson or Janice Gerken.

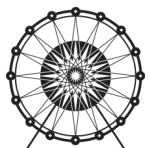
Prayers for a successful year!

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will not meet on Monday, **September 2nd** on Labor Day.

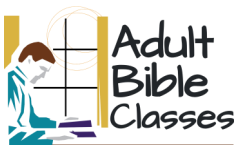


Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **September 5th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Saturday Worship: There will be no worship service on Saturday, **September 7th.** Enjoy the fair!



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!"

Acolyte Training: The term "Acolyte" comes from an ancient word that means *helper*. Youth in the 4th through 8th grades here at St. Paul's serve as acolytes, helpers, in our Sunday worship services. They light the candles, assist the ushers with the offering plates, and serve in other ways as needed. We are grateful for these youth (and their families) for their help each and every week. Pastor Stephen will be hosting an Acolyte Training session right after worship on Sunday, **September 15th**, for anyone who would like to become an acolyte, especially our current 4th graders. We will hold another training session a few weeks later for anyone who cannot make it on the 15th. Please let Pastor Stephen know if your child can attend training on the 15th. Thank you!




Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **September 16th** at 7:00pm at the home of Sharel Wienberg.

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.



Ask The Pastor: Join us for the next “Ask the Pastor” night, an opportunity to have casual conversation around just about anything. Instead of a predetermined Bible Study, you bring the topic and the questions and we’ll do our best to answer them together, or at least have some interesting conversation about it! Join us on Thursday, **September 26th**, at 6:00 pm, meeting at Missouri Made Shop & Comfort Café (105 E Main St.) Food and drinks will be available for purchase.



 **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

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 1:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion at the Altar
	1:00pm	Set up Fair Stand
Monday, September 2:		Labor Day!
	NO	Sewing
Thursday, September 5:	8:00am	BCHD
		Cole Camp Fair
Friday, September 6:		Cole Camp Fair
Saturday, September 7:		Cole Camp Fair
	NO	Casual Worship
Sunday, September 8:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
	1:00pm	Take Down Fair Stand



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

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"
September 15	Christian Education Begins
September 15	Acolyte Training
September 22	Senior Sunday

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 Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers Melinda Strathman, Assistant Head Usher
..... Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 1, 2024

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



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 8, 2024

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants
Reader Children
Children's Sermon Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes Ben Goosen & Lane Smith
Flowers Mary Balke

