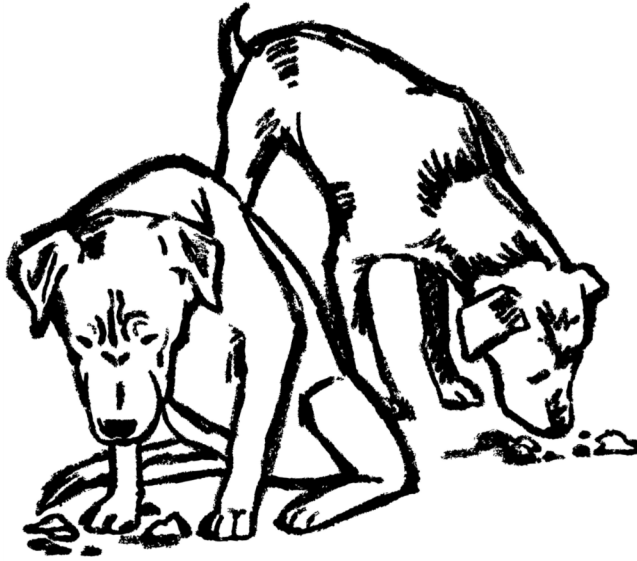


SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



"Even the dogs under
the table eat the
children's crumbs."

Mark 7:28

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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

“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.**

Hymn of Praise

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #886 vs. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4 - 7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

James 12:1 - 10, 14 - 17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

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Gospel Acclamation "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #886 vs. 3 & 4

Gospel

Mark 7:24 - 37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be

fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter."³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

#612

Day Care 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

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#886 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

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

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

#527

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

#617

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.....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

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

#537

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

"GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS"



Welcome: This is the Lord's house. The Lord is here to welcome all who have come. Let us join in the spirit of love and peace for all who worship the Creator of us all.

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.



Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Dieckman), Pastor Linda Daniels-Block, Bill Barrick, 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 **Need Prayer?** prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

St. Paul's



Little Blessings Preschool and Day Care: The "Zero Hour" is almost here!! Our day care will open **tomorrow** at 7:00 a.m. Staff met for orientation this past Tuesday - All is ready!! Tonight there will be an Open House at 6:00 p.m. This will allow the parents and kiddos to view the facilities, meet the staff, and highlight some items in the handbook.

We have 16 children in day care with 3 being half-days. Preschool has 11 children enrolled. There are still **two openings for toddlers** in the day care .

We would appreciate any monetary donations for the installation of a playground fence. **Thank you to all who have donated items and their time to bring this new calling of the congregation to fruition!!**

Prayers for the staff and a successful year!!

Fair Stand: The food stand will be taken down **today** at 1:00pm



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

Meeting; Council will meet on Wednesday, **September 11th** at 7:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **September 12th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Christian Education: Mark you 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 Rhonda Schlesselman. Sharel Wienberg will be the Bible Study leader.

Planning: Worship & Music will meet on Wednesday, **September 18th** at 3:30pm.



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.



Personal Care Kits: The annual Personal Care Kit Collection will begin on Sunday, **September 22nd** through Sunday, **October 6th**. Items for the kits include: bath-sized towel (dark color), two or three 8-9 oz. bars of soaps, toothbrush, sturdy/wide-toothed comb, and nail clipper. Our quilts and kits will be delivered to Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Jefferson City) on Saturday, October 19th for the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering. These items do much to improve the health and well-being of people living in life's most challenging situations.



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.



Trunk-or-Treat: The Evangelism Committee is considering the possibility of offering a Trunk-or-Treat in front of the church on Halloween during the town's trick-or-treat night. We envision multiple vehicles parked out front, each decorated how you like, with people at each vehicle handing out candy. This is a great opportunity for anyone who lives outside town to hand out candy. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board starting next week to see if there is enough interest to move forward. Please speak to anyone on Evangelism with any questions.

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 9 First Day of “Little Blessings Day Care”
- 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



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 8, 2024

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Ruth Ann Kreisel & Sharel Wienberg
Reader Ethan, Ben & Fred Goosen
Children's Sermon Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes Ben Goosen & Lane Smith
Flowers Mary Balke



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 15, 2024

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Tiffinay Nash
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Tristan Fox & Lexi Goyette
Flowers Debbie Vaughan