

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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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/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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stubborn children. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

#527

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.....**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1 - 4; 2:1 - 4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 37:1 - 9

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶ The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1 - 14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#858 vs. 3

Gospel

Luke 17:1 - 10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for sin are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come! ² It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Be on your guard! If a brother or sister sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. ⁴ And if the same person sins against you seven times a day and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive." ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#858 vs. 4

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our 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

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

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

#850

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

#818

“Faith of Our Fathers”

#812

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

#545

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the text. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines, which end with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand, often using chords and moving lines.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

"NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



Welcome: Sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to this house of worship! May our praise and prayers be pleasing to God, and may we be eager recipients of his Word.

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

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Joann Kreisel, Jack Tatum, LaDonna Logan, Randy Oelrichs, Susan Kyle, Nathan Vanderlinden, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Larry Vaughan, Jason Sash, Bredlee & Jessica Stillfield (friends of Melisa Balke), Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Ashley Campbell, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eickhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eickhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).



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



October is Pastor Appreciation Month: Give Pastor Stephen a call, card, or personally tell him how much we appreciate his ministry and witness among us and into the community.

First Communion: **Today** we rejoice with three young Christians who will receive their first Holy Communion. We pray that partaking of our Lord's body and blood will be a regular practice throughout the lives of Lauren Jackson, Nora Mullins and Evan Randall.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **October 6th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to join them.

Meeting: The Council will meet on Wednesday, **October 8th** at 7:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **October 9th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Flu Shot Clinic: The Benton County Health Department will have a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Thursday, **October 9th**. It will be held at St. Paul's under the canopy from 9:00am until 12:00pm. They accept medicare and medicaid. If you do not have insurance a donation will be appreciated. Please mark your calendar and get prepared for the flu season.





Ask the Pastor: Another gathering to “Ask the Pastor” will be held on Thursday, **October 9th**, at 6:00 pm. We will meet at Missouri Made Shop & Café in downtown Cole Camp where dinner and drinks are available for purchase. This is a casual gathering meant for fellowship, discussion, and asking the questions that sometimes keep you up at night. Or, really, asking anything that’s on your mind! We hope to see you there!

Hope5One: Our benevolence recipient this year is Hope5one, an organization in Warsaw that works to educate the community and prevent human trafficking. Executive Director Connie McCray will be here on Sunday, **October 12th**, to share a brief presentation immediately after worship about the work that they do. Those who have heard her before know that the information she shares is extremely important. We hope that you will plan to join us to hear more about their work and why we want to support them!



Personal Care Kits: We at St. Paul’s are invited to share God’s love with our neighbors by gathering items for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. We will be collecting the personal care items through **October 12th**. Listed below are the needed items for our neighbors to stay healthy in these most challenging times. Together with a Thrivent grant and your generous giving, we hope to be able to assemble at least 60 kits. The kits, together with our quilts, will be taken to Jefferson City on Saturday, October 18.

- 2-3 bars of soap to equal 8-9 oz.
- 1 sturdy wide-toothed comb
- 1 bath towel, dark color (20”x40” or 52”x27”)
- 1 toothbrush (**NO** toothpaste)
- 1 nail clipper

Free Yoga Class: Every Monday at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.



~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~



Concert: State Fair Community College presents its Fall Instrumental Concert on Tuesday, **October 7th**, beginning at 7:00 pm in Stauffacher Theater on campus. This concert features the Jazz Band and the College/Community Concert Band. The event is free and you'll see some familiar faces on stage.

Chicken Dinner: Cole Camp R-1 Freshman Class will have a fundraiser dinner on Sunday, **October 19th**, from 11am - 1pm. Please come support these new high schoolers as they begin their journey. Menu will be: Chicken Dinner, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, roll with salads and desserts. Prices: \$15 Adult, \$12 Ages 8-12, Free 5 & under.



Socktober: Hosted by Care Connections for Aging Services and the Cole Camp Senior Center, each year the RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) collects socks for Christmas that will be given to isolated and homebound seniors who receive home delivered meals through their local centers. Any leftover socks get donated to nursing homes and/or veteran's homes. Over the last 3 years, they have collected over 8500 pairs of new socks! If you can donate new socks this month, please drop them off in the bucket located in the Link.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 5:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar
Monday, October 6:	9:00am	Sewing
	6:30pm	Yoga
Wednesday, October 8:	7:00pm	Council
Thursday, October 9:	8:00am	BCHD
	9:00am	Drive thru Flu Shot Clinic
	6:00pm	Ask the Pastor
Saturday, October 11:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, October 12:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
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October 9	Flu Shot Clinic
October 9	Ask the Pastor
October 12	Hope5One
October 26	Reformation

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	Victoria Fox, Assistant Head Usher
.....	Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Braden Poe



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 5, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants	At the Altar
Reader.....	Luke Goosen
Children's Sermon	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes.....	Fred Goosen & Hudson Kullman
Flowers	Sharel Wienberg



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 12, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Melinda Strathman
Communion Assistants	Trisha Goosen & Stephanie Randall
Reader.....	Ethan, Ben & Fred Goosen
Children's Sermon	Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes.....	Logan Jackson & Evan Randall
Flowers	Tiffinay Nash

