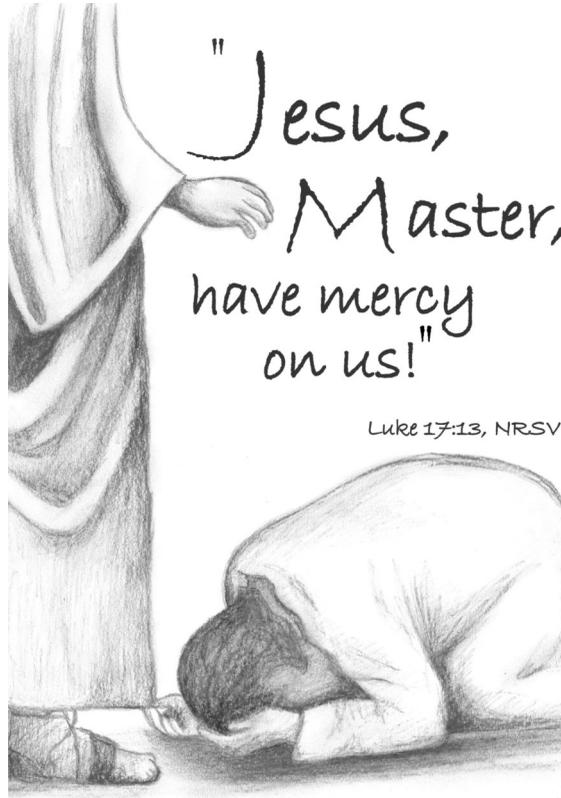


**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 12, 2025**



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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/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

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

#618

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.....**Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1 - 3, 7 - 15c

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the

man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 111

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8 - 15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself. ¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to

present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#858 vs. 3

Gospel

Luke 17:11 - 19

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

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

#864

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

“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

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

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

#848

“How Great Thou Art”

#856

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.....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

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#543

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

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“NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE”



Welcome: Welcome to worship in the name of the Creator who paints autumn leaves, the Savior who teaches us to warm hearts with love, and the Spirit who guides us through life's seasons. Amen.

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.



Deanna Browning, Debra Eichler, 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.

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 is here on **today** 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 **today**. 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

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **October 13th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to join them.





Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **October 16th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Worship: There will be NO Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **October 18th**.



Esther Circle **Circle:** The Esther Circle will meet in the home of Janice Gerken on Monday, **October 20th** at 7:00 pm.

Planning: The Worship & Music committee will meet on Wednesday, **October 22nd** at 3:30pm.



Reformation: On Sunday, **October 26th** we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! Though we give thanks for the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for that day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

BE SURE AND WEAR YOUR RED!

Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **October 29th** at 3:00pm.



Meeting: The Evangelism committee will meet on Wednesday, **October 29th** at 7:00pm.

All Saints Worship: As part of our worship on All Saints Sunday, **November 2nd**, we will read the names of those saints of St. Paul's who have died during the past year. At another point in the service we will read a longer list of the saints who have played a role in our lives. If you would like the name of that saint (family member, friend, mentor, etc.) read during this service, please give those names to the church office by October 26th.





Free Yoga Class: Every Monday at 6:30pm 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** ~ * ~

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.



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

October 12.....	Hope5One
October 26.....	Reformation
November 2.....	All Saints Sunday
November 2.....	Daylight Saving Time Ends

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



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



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 19, 2025

Assisting Minister Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Norma Schlesselman
Children's Sermon Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes Tristan Fox & Lexi Goyette
Flowers Theila Luetjen