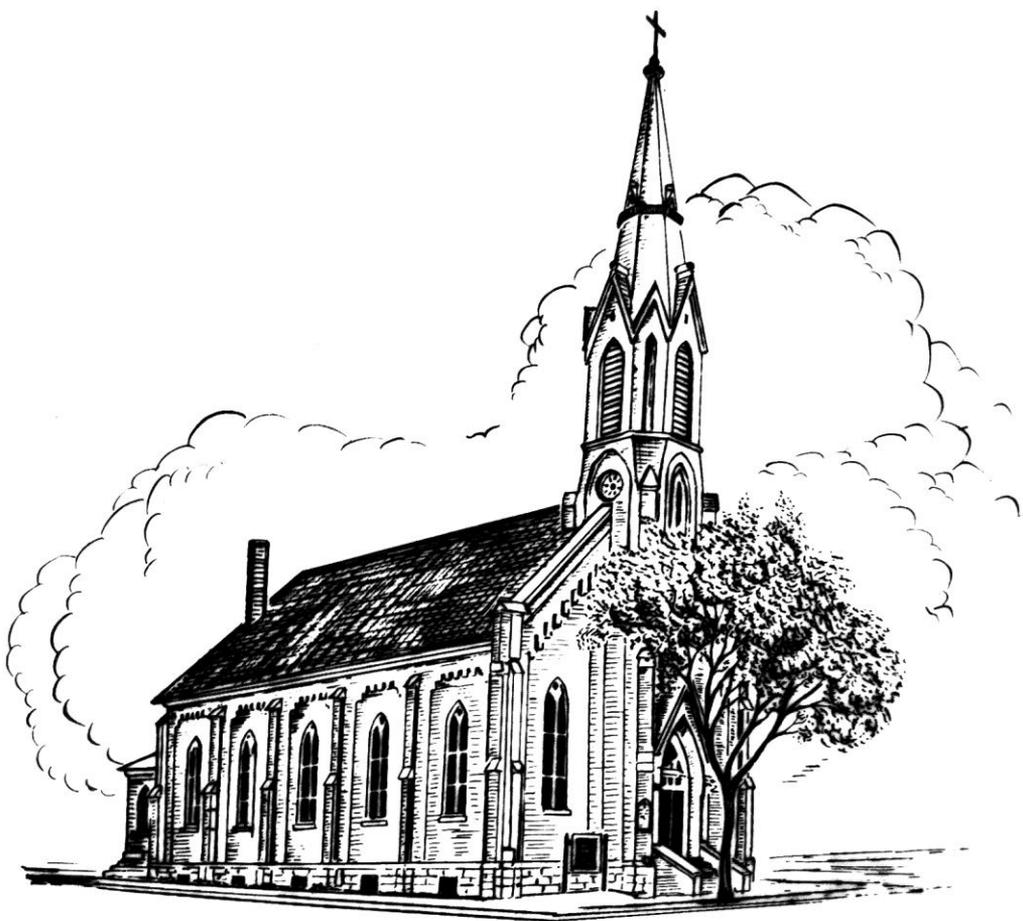


# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Paul Lutheran Church  
September 5 & 6, 2020

September 05, 2020 - 5:30pm

September 06, 2020 - 9:00am

## **WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP**

Jesus has invited you here today.

Here, Jesus stills quaking hearts. Here, Jesus forgives the unspeakable. Here,

Jesus comforts the lonely. Here, Jesus makes joy complete!

Here you will meet others Jesus has grabbed with His grace.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

## **OUR MISSION**

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**To Our Guests:** We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

**To Those Communing Today:** God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the material in this bulletin under "For Meditation During The Distribution" to guide you in self-examination.

Special communion procedures have been developed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please follow the instructions of the pastor and ushers. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

# DIVINE SERVICE

*Setting Four - Lutheran Service Book P. 203*

## PRELUDE

### HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

LSB 966

*Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.*

- 1 *Before You, Lord, we bow,  
Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below,  
Boundless in pow’r and love.  
Our thanks we bring  
In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise  
To You, our King!*

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 92:1-4*

- P** How great are your works, O LORD!  
Your thoughts are very deep!
- C** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- P** to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,
- C** to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.
- P** For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** How great are your works, O LORD!  
Your thoughts are very deep!

### KYRIE

- C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

“Glory to God in the Highest”

- C** 1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.
- 2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high—
- 3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Ezekiel 33:7-9**

7“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

*After the reading*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 32:1-7

**P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**C** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**C** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**P** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**C** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when  
you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

**P** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

## EPISTLE READING

**Romans 13:1-10**

1Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. 8Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

*After the reading*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**C** Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 18:1-20**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eighteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

1At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. 7Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! 8And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9And if your eye

causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. 10See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. 15If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

*After the reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

OF THE DAY

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

LSB 437

1 *Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
And did my sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?*

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5 *But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
 The debt of love I owe;  
 Here, Lord, I give myself away:  
 'Tis all that I can do.*

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### OFFERING & ATTENDANCE CARDS

- An offering plate will be placed near the door as you exit
- To give online, go to [stpauldbq.com/give](http://stpauldbq.com/give)
- You can also mail in or drop off your envelope in the mail slot next to the office entrance of the building

### NOISY JAR OFFERING

There is a jar set up in the fellowship hall by the door to the church. You can place your donation upon entering or exiting the church. This change is collected to support Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Projects.

### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Merciful Father,

**C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI "The Peace of the Lord"

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

- C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## FOR MEDITATION DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

### Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament Of The Altar

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," shows us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

### **Psalm 50:1-15**

*A Psalm of Asaph*

The Mighty One, God the Lord,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.  
Our God comes; he does not keep silence;  
before him is a devouring fire,  
around him a mighty tempest.  
He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:  
"Gather to me my faithful one,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"  
The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is Judge! *Selah*  
"Hear, O my people, and I will speak;  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.  
Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
Your burnt offerings are continually before me.  
I will not accept a bull from your house  
or goats from your folds.  
For every beast of the forest is mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.  
I know all the birds of the hills,  
and all that moves in the field is mine.  
"If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the world and its fullness are mine.  
Do I eat the flesh of bulls  
or drink the blood of goats?  
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and perform your vows to the Most High,  
and call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."!

## Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You suffered in Your holy body and shed Your precious blood to redeem Your fallen creatures. Grant us to come often to Your Supper, trusting in Your promise, and so to receive to our everlasting benefit the gifts You give in Your body and blood: the forgiveness of our sins, life with You, and eternal salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Nunc Dimittis”

- C** 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.
- 2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** We give thanks to You ... one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

1 *God loves me dearly,  
Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me. Refrain*

ref *Therefore I'll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.*

4 *Jesus, my Savior,  
Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior,  
Paid all I owed. Refrain*

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**POSTLUDE**



**PREPARING YOURSELF FOR WORSHIP**

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

**September 12 & 13 - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

To the Glory of God

**AUGUST 29 &30 STATISTICS**

<b>In-Person Attendance:</b>	69
<b>Views* on Facebook:</b>	32
<b>Views on YouTube:</b>	10
<b>DVD's Distributed:</b>	8
<b>Overall Participation:</b>	119

\*The number of devices playing our service for one minute or longer. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	<b>Sat., Sept 5 @ 5:30pm</b>	<b>Sun., Sept 6 @ 9:00am</b>
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Dennis Fry	Jon Barz
<b>Organist:</b>	Laura Bee	Laura Bee

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

None

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

8-Laura Walker      10-Patty Thumser

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

5-Arlene Elliott      7-Ray Schickel  
9-Dennis Paar      10-Dennis Waugh  
11-Sara Hiris

- **FOOD PANTRY** - For the month of September, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:  
*Dish Soap    Potatoes of any kind    Mac & Cheese    Laundry Soap*  
*Tuna          Garden Produce          Oil*
- **FLOWER CHART:** Starting the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> the flower chart will be on the table in the fellowship hall. If you would like to have flowers on the altar please sign up. We have 7 open weekends. We have 2 weeks in Oct, 2 weeks in Nov & 3 weeks in Dec.
- **MISSION CIRCLE** will have their yearly planning meeting on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. We will not be able to set around a table and have pizza like normal, so we will meet at our usual time at 7pm. This will be a short meeting to try and discuss the year's calendar but mainly to discuss Turkey Day's. We will skip the Bible study unless everyone decides they would like to have it. If anyone has any thoughts, concerns or ideas please do not hesitate to call me. Nancy Henry at 563-599-3885.
- **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Starting on September 13<sup>th</sup> there will be Bible class will be held in the Sanctuary. The class will be lead by Jon Barz. The topics will be Galatians, Philippians and Colossians. There will be NO food or drink provided. Participants are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing.

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEYS:** All surveys that were sent out to the parents of Sunday School students need to be either emailed or called in to Janell Wollschlager at [janellwollsch@gmail.com](mailto:janellwollsch@gmail.com) or 319-238-9176. This is for input of doing in-person classes or at-home only option. Sunday School has been pushed back to start in October.
- **BROWN BAG:** Brown Bag Bible Study will resume on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 12pm - 1:30pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring your own lunch with a drink. There will be NO food or drink provided. Participants are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing.



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

### ***For those undergoing cancer treatment:***

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)

Rae Ann Wegner (sister of Kim Weed)

Jayme Niemeier (relation to Dave & Sue Krause)

Donna Sue LeTendre (niece of Delores Lindsay)

Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)

Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)

Tom Engler (brother of Nancy Clark)

Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)

Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)

Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)

Sally Bennett (sister to Delores Lindsay's son-in-law)

Jill Adams (daughter of Becky Clark)

Mike Howes, Dan Pergande

### ***For our members who are homebound:***

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Katheryn Moyer (Care Initiatives), Lorraine

Tegeler (Luther Manor), Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Marlene

Lenaburg (Luther Manor), Doris Pergande, Nancy Clark, Judy Pergande, Dusty

Colby, Georgia Knuth (Luther Manor Apts.)

### ***For our Healthcare Workers, Teachers and Paraprofessionals:***

Laura Ayers, Elizabeth Capacchione, Erica Frey, Brianna Fry, Sue Hagemann (daughter of John & Marlene Weber), Angela Kelley, A.J. Osterkamp, Lauren

Rusch (granddaughter of Dan & Carol Rusch), Stephanie Schap,

Lydia Wehrspann, Sheila Zasada, Deanna (daughter of Bill & Sandi Heller),

Becky (daughter-in-law of Bill & Sandi Heller), Jon Barz (University of

Dubuque), Laura Bee (UW Platteville), Laura Walker (UW Platteville), Lisa

Wehrspann (Table Mound), Heather Wood (Bellevue Elementary)

### ***Additional Prayer Requests***

- Brenda Litka

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Dick & Charlotte Tigges)

- Dennis Paar

*\*Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month.*

*If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sun aft Pentecost</b> Sat. Sept 5	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.</b> Noisy Jar Offering in Fellowship Hall
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sun aft Pentecost</b> Sun. Sept 6	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.</b> Noisy Jar Offering in Fellowship Hall
Mon. Sept 7	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tues. Sept 8		
Wed. Sept 9	8:00am 7:00pm	TOPS - WEIGH IN ONLY “Prayers from the Parsonage” with Pastor & Katy (Facebook)
Thur. Sept 10	12pm - 1:30pm	Brown Bag Bible Study
Fri. Sept 11		
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sun aft Pentecost</b> Sat Sept 12	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sun aft Pentecost</b> Sun. Sept 13	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.</b>