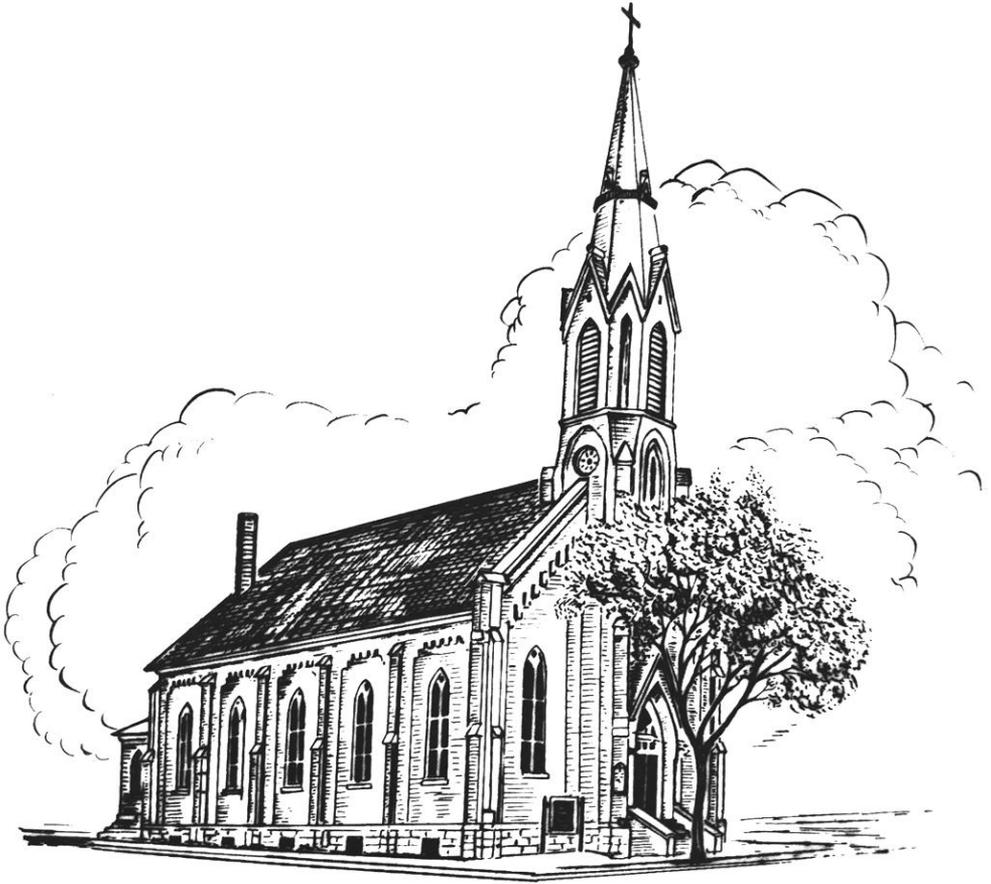


Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Paul Lutheran Church
September 19 & 20, 2020

September 19, 2020 - 5:30pm

September 20, 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

PRELUDE

HYMN OF INVOCATION “Lord of All Hopefulness” **LSB 738**

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

- 1 *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
 Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
 Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
 Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

- 2 *Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

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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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

C What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

P I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

C Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

P O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

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 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.!

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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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

Isaiah 55:6-9

6"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1-9

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

P Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

C One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to
gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

C And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

C You have said, “Seek my face.”

My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

P Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of
my salvation!

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

12I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear...19for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, 20as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. 27Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. 29For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

1“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ 5So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ 7They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ 8And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ 9And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. 10Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 12saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ 13But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ 16So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.

*ref The Lord is my light and my salvation,
The Lord is the stronghold of my life.
Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all,
Whom then shall I fear?*

*1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord:
To dwell in His house forever,
To gaze on the beauty of the Lord
All the days of my life. refrain*

*2 Do not hide Your face, O Lord;
Ev'ry day I will seek Your face.
Though my father and mother may forsake me,
The Lord will receive me. refrain*

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SERMON

“Not Afraid”

Psalm 27**HYMN**

“The Lord Is My Light”

LSB 723

*ref The Lord is my light and my salvation,
The Lord is the stronghold of my life.
Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all,
Whom then shall I fear?*

*3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths;
Guide me, Lord, along a level way.
I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord
In the land of all the living. Refrain*

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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
- You can also mail in or drop off your envelope in the mail slot next to the office entrance of the building

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

Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Psalm 116:1-9

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
Our God is merciful.
The LORD preserves the simple;
When I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I have no worthiness of my own to merit the eating and drinking of Your holy body and precious blood. Trusting not in my righteousness but only in Your promise of the forgiveness of sins, I come to Your altar imploring You for mercy that, delivered from wrath and condemnation, I might live for You alone, always giving thanks for Your undeserved benefits, and finally be brought to praise You forever at the heavenly banquet. 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.

3 *Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

4 *Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

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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 26 & 27 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18, Matthew 21:23-27



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE FOR

Dennis & Barb Waugh
in memory of Barb's mother Berna Sagers

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13 STATISTICS

In-Person Attendance:	53
Views* on Facebook:	32
Views on YouTube:	10
DVD's Distributed:	7
Overall Participation:	102

*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

	Sat., Sept 19 @ 5:30pm	Sun., Sept 20 @ 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Dennis Waugh
Organist:	Laura Bee	Laura Bee

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

22-Tom Jr. & Debra Spear

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

20-Jayson Eichman 24-Jan Anderson
26-Delores Lindsay 26-Juliana Thibadeau

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

19-Sandi Heller 20-Dixie Hassler
20-Jon Walker 20-Jeff Zasada
21-Linda Ayers 21-Dennis Fry
22-Ethan Kelley 23-Will Wehrspann
24-Misty Lutz 25-Joe Henry

- **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:** The flower chart will is on the table in the fellowship hall. If you would like to have flowers on the altar please sign up. We have 5 open weekends. We have 1 week in Oct, 2 weeks in Nov & 2 weeks in Dec.

- **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Bible class will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The class is being 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. Bring your favorite Bible!

- **DERECHO STORM RELIEF:**
 How can I help? King of Kings Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids is coordinating disaster relief efforts in their region. Hands, even non-working ones to help with the homeowners is needed. There are needs for other things as well. There is a list posted on the King of Kings website:
kingofkingscr.org/connect/disasterresponse.



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), Trudy McLaughlen (Eisenhower),

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

- Nate Litka

- Ann Gartner (friend of Margaret Fox)

- Randy Streif (friend of Margaret Fox)

**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

16th Sun aft Pentecost Sat. Sept 19	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
16th Sun aft Pentecost Sun. Sept 20	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
Mon. Sept 21		
Tues. Sept 22	7:00pm	“Prayers from the Parsonage” with Pastor & Katy (Facebook)
Wed. Sept 23	8:00am 4:30pm - 6pm	TOPS Zoom - Confirmation
Thur. Sept 24		
Fri. Sept 25		
17th Sun aft Pentecost Sat Sept 26	5:30 pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
17th Sun aft Pentecost Sun. Sept 27	9:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.