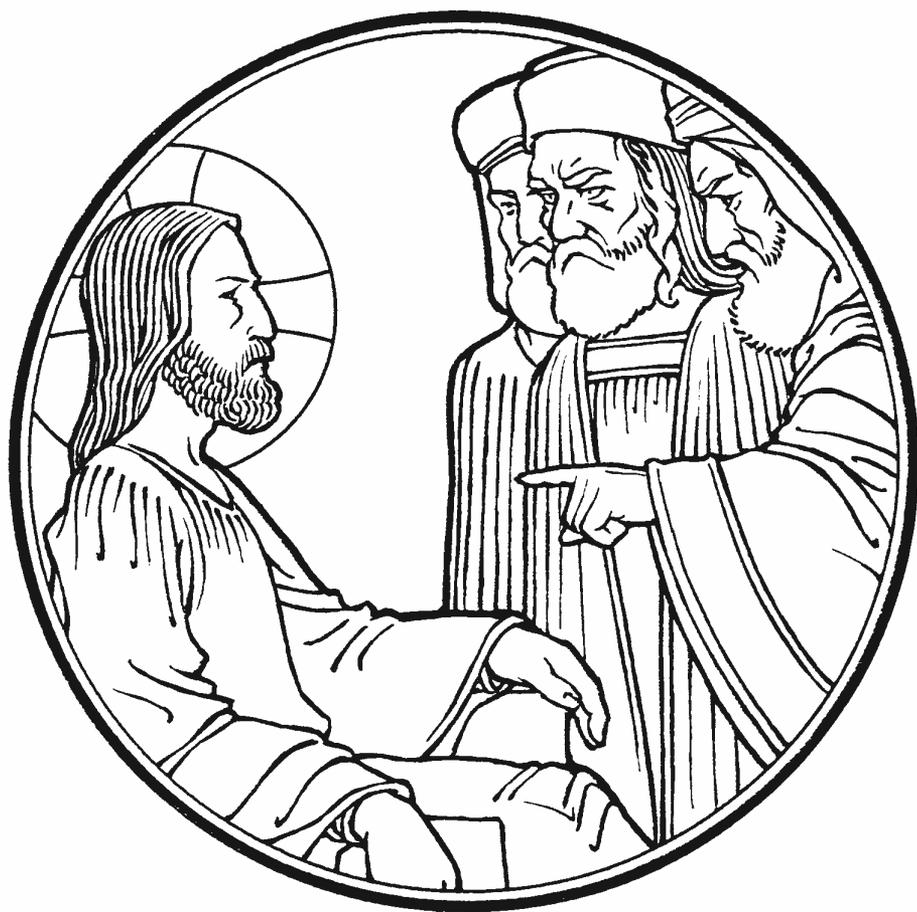


Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost



St. Paul Lutheran Church
September 26 & 27, 2020

September 26, 2020 - 5:30pm

September 27, 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

PRELUDE

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Lord, Whose Love
through Humble Service”

LSB 848

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

1 *Lord, whose love through humble service* *Soloist (Sun Only)*
*Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that You impart.*

3 *As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.*

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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 147:1-6

P The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

C **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

P The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

C **He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.**

P He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

C **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

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 The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

KYRIE

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

- 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.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

1The word of the LORD came to me: 2“‘What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’ 3As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 4Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die...25“‘Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? 26When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. 27Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. 28Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 29Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? 30“‘Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your

transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. 31Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

P To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

C O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

P Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

C Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness,
O LORD!

C Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

P He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

C All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

1So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others... 14Do all things without grumbling or questioning, 15that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 17Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C Alleluia. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

23 When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. 28 "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O God, My Faithful God”

LSB 696

2 *Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.*

3 *Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.*

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SERMON

“Change Your Mind”

Matthew 21:23-32

HYMN

“O God, My Faithful God”

LSB 696

4 *Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.*

6 *And on that final day When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.*

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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

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;
He remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just;
All his precepts are trustworthy;
they are established forever and ever,
To be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people;
He has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, on the night of Your betrayal, You established the supper of Your body and blood for us Christians to eat and to drink. Give us faith to trust in the words of Your testament and so rightly receive the fruits of Your suffering and death and through Your merit finally be brought to rejoice in the marriage feast of the Lamb, where You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit 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.

CLOSING HYMN

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

LSB 854

- 1 *Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.*
- 5 *For Thee delightfully employ
Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.*

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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.

October 3 & 4 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE FOR

Margaret Fox

in memory of George Sr. & Shellie Pfab

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20 STATISTICS

In-Person Attendance:	65
Views* on Facebook:	23
Views on YouTube:	9
DVD's Distributed:	7
Overall Participation:	104

*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 26, 5:30pm	Sun., Sept 27, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Walker	Jon Lutz
Accompanist:	Laura Bee	Laura Bee
Soloist:		Becky Clark

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

28-Rod & Nancy Henry

30-Richard & Judy Pergande

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

26-Delores Lindsay 26-Julianna Thibadeau

27-Dennis Paar 27-John Weber

29-Jaxson Taylor 30-Emily Fry

1-Tatum Worden 2-Ray Schickel

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

27-Cindy Hass 1-Colin Anderson

1-Charlotte Tigges

- **FOOD PANTRY** - For the month of October, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

<i>Shampoo</i>	<i>Canned Fruit</i>	<i>Soup</i>	<i>Paper Towels</i>
<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Hot Chocolate</i>	<i>Jelly</i>	<i>Salt & Pepper</i>

- **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 & 1 weeks in Dec.
- **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Bible class has started 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!
- **REMINDER:** Sunday School will be starting next Sunday, October 4th at **10:15am**. The adult bible class will also be starting at **10:15am**.

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), Kathryn 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)
- Don Hanson (nephew of Damaris Eichman)

**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

17th Sun aft Pentecost Sat. Sept 26	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
17th Sun aft Pentecost Sun. Sept 27	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
Mon. Sept 28		
Tues. Sept 29	7:00pm	“Prayers from the Parsonage” with Pastor & Katy (Facebook)
Wed. Sept 30	8:00am 4:30pm - 6pm	TOPS Zoom - Confirmation
Thur. Oct 1	5:00pm	Board of Elders Meeting will be in-person
Fri. Oct 2		
18th Sun aft Pentecost Sat Oct 3	5:30 pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm. “Noisy Jar Offering”
17th Sun aft Pentecost Sun. Oct 4	9:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm. “Noisy Jar Offering”