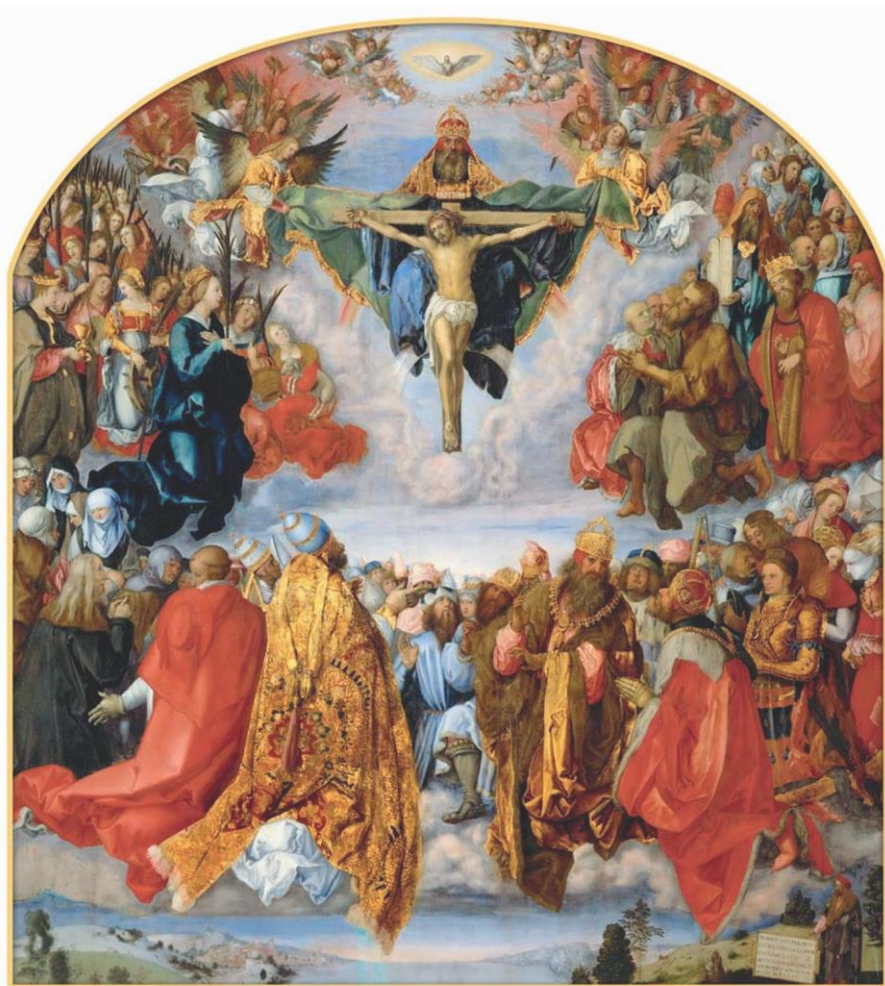


The Time of the Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sept 30 & Oct 1, 2023

Welcome to All Who Worship

We are **broken** and **blessed** followers of Christ providing a **home** for all who wander the weary road.

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 meditation material in this bulletin to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by an usher with a tray of individual cups. The pastor will then follow with the Chalice.

Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

Divine Service

Setting Two (LSB page 167)

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand as you are able and face the baptismal font

"Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned"
(Large Catechism)

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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

Sit

Entrance Hymn

"At the Name of Jesus"

LSB 512

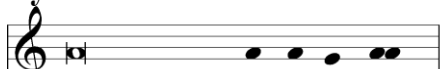
- 1 At the name of Jesus Ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess Him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.
- 3 Humbled for a season, To receive a name
From the lips of sinners Unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious When from death He passed;
- 4 Bore it up triumphant With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, To the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory Of that perfect rest.
- 6 Christians, this Lord Jesus Shall return again
In His Father's glory, With His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.
- △7 Glory then to Jesus, Who, the Prince of light,
To a world in darkness Brought the gift of sight;
Praise to God the Father; In the Spirit's love
Praise we all together Him who reigns above.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817-77, alt. Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Stand as you are able

Kyrie

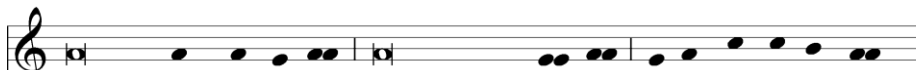
Lord Have Mercy



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



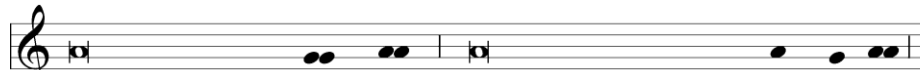
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - - men.

Hymn Of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest



A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
 praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Salutation and Collect Of The Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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.

Sit

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? ³⁰Therefore 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

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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 2:1-18

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. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. 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.

Stand as you are able

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23-27

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²³When [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?" ²⁴Jesus 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. ²⁵The 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?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn Of The Day

"O Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 523

- 1 ○ Word of God incarnate,
○ Wisdom from on high,
○ Truth unchanged, unchanging,
○ Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

- 2 The Church from You, dear Master,
 Received the gift divine;
 And still that light is lifted
 O'er all the earth to shine.
 It is the chart and compass
 That, all life's voyage through,
 Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
 Still guides, O Christ, to You.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt. Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen

Sermon

"Shining Lights on the
 Big Picture"

Philippians 2:1-18

Hymn Of The Day

"O Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 523

- 3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,
 A lamp of burnished gold
 To bear before the nations
 Your true light as of old!
 O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims
 By this their path to trace
 Till, clouds and darkness ended,
 They see You face to face!

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Stand as you are able

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.

Prayer of The Church

Greeting of Peace

Offering

Monetary offerings along with the congregation's gifts of bread and wine to be consecrated for Holy Communion are brought forward and presented to the Lord.

- To give online, go to stpauldbq.com/give

Stand as you are able

Offertory



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Offertory Prayer

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-- our selves, 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 al-so 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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

P 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."

Pax Domini

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

For Meditation During The Distribution

Small Catechism - The Ten Commandments

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Hymn During The Distribution

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" **LSB 655**

Stand as you are able

Post-Communion Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide" **LSB 585**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light,
Shine forth undimmed into the night.

- 2 In these last days of great distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent
Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace
Into each dark and loveless place.
- 4 May glorious truths that we have heard,
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,
Bold, unified in act and song.
- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through—
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

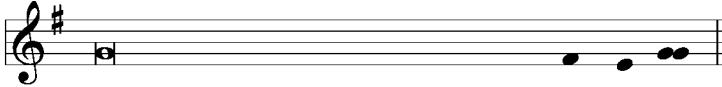
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Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen

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 A - men.

If you have not had a chance to fill out an attendance card today, please do so and place it in the offering plate near the back of the center aisle. Thank you.

Postlude

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Flowers on the Altar Are For
 A.J. & Angela Osterkamp
 To the Glory of God

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 7 & 8 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

Worship Assistants

	Sat. Sept 30 - 5:30pm	Sun. Oct 1 - 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	Mark Litka
Accompanist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt

Anniversaries This Week

30-Richard & Judy Pergande
 2-Joe & Tammy Henry

Baptismal Birthdays

30-Emily Fry	1-Tatum Worden
2-Ray Schickel	3-Barb Waugh
3-Ryan Weber	4-Dennis Fry
4-Lisa Miller	5-Colt Key
5-Gage Mitchell	5-Dennis Waugh

Birthdays This Week

1-Greg Kittle	1-Charlotte Tigges	3-Cael Jorgensen
4-Kaitlyn Miller	5-Teri Riechmann	6-Gage Mitchell

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is the “pulpit”?

You probably noticed that the pastor preaches to the congregation from the same place in the church almost every time. This place is called the pulpit. The word “pulpit” comes from the Latin word “pulpitum,” meaning “scaffold.” Do you know what a scaffold is?

A scaffold is a platform which is raised high up into the air. If you have ever seen someone washing windows on a building, they were probably standing on a scaffold.

Why do pastors preach from a pulpit?

Before the invention of the microphone, it was sometimes hard to hear what the pastor was saying. By raising the place where the pastor preaches, he could better project his voice for all of the people present to hear the wonderful Gospel. Raising the pulpit above everything else also helps to signify the importance of proclaiming God’s pure Word. What a wonderful invention the pulpit is!



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the pulpit to get a better look. Encourage them to step into the pulpit to get a view of the congregation. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy places. During the service, before the sermon, remind them that pastor is about to preach God’s Word and that the pulpit will help them to see and hear him clearly!



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

Canned Fruit Hot Chocolate Soup Shampoo
Paper Towels Salt & Pepper Jelly Coffee

September 23 & 24 Statistics

In-Person Attendance:	80
Views* on Facebook:	11
Overall Participation:	91

*The number of post clicks. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

- **Building Healthy Families:** *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)* Guess what? This instruction isn't just for young people! How are we - young and old people alike - doing at taking care of our physical bodies where God's Spirit dwells? No matter your age, do something this week that will make your body stronger and healthier. Choose a healthy snack, drink less, or go for a walk and invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Shared activity makes it more fun and creates an open door for conversation about wellness, including spiritual wellness. This week, honor God with your body...no matter how many years it's been around! Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

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 (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Mark Goetschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Tiffany Crowe (daughter of Jim & Marion Crowe)
Marlene Lenaburg (sister of Charlotte Tigges)
Connie Telschow (relative of Richard & Kim Weed)
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)
Brittni Strege (niece of Richard & Kim Weed)
Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)
Heidi Zimmer & Pat Zimmer her caregiver (friends of Misty Lutz)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Kathryn Moyer (Care Initiatives),
Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande,
Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby, Anne Prisk (Care Initiatives), Jayson
Eichman (Care Initiatives)

Additional Prayer Requests

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)
- the Walker family

**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

18th Sun aft Pentecost Sat. Sept 30	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
18th Sun aft Pentecost Sun. Oct 1	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School
Mon. Oct 2		
Tues. Oct 3	9am - 11am	Cover Girls
Wed. Oct 4	8:00am	TOPS
Thur. Oct 5	10am 5:30pm - 7pm	Ruth Circle Confirmation
Fri. Oct 6		
19th Sun aft Pentecost Sat Oct 7	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
19th Sun aft Pentecost Sun. Oct 8	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School