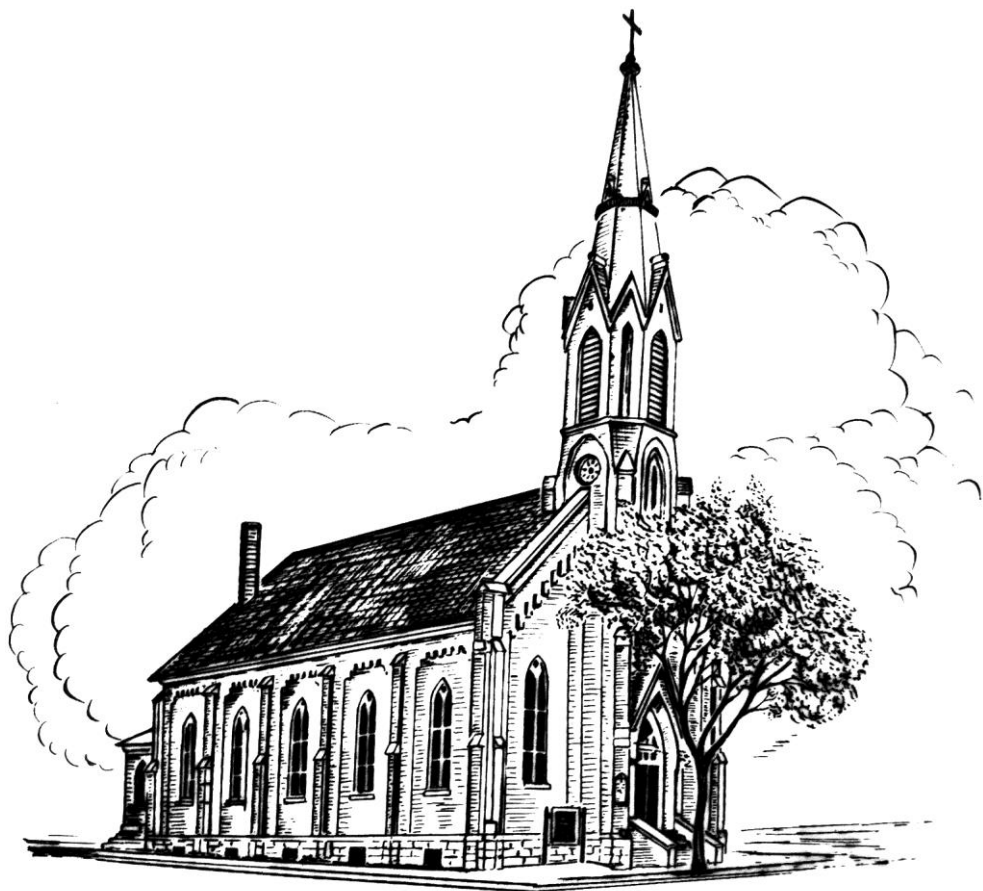


The Time of the Church

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Oct 21 & 22, 2023

Welcome to St. Paul

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.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

P: LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

What is the “Prayer of the Church”?



The Prayer of the Church, or the “general prayer” as it’s sometimes called, is the part in the service where the pastor leads us through a series of petitions, or prayers, with responses from the congregation. For example, after each petition the pastor may say: **“Let us pray to the Lord,”** and the congregation may respond with **“Lord, have mercy.”** See if you can find the Prayer of the Church in your hymnal. Try to find the other response that the pastor and congregation might say.

R: LORD, HAVE MERCY



Why do we do this in the Divine Service?

Do you know anyone who needs praying for? Wouldn't you like to have the rest of the congregation praying for that person too? During the Prayer of the Church, we pray for all of the people of our congregation, particularly those who are sick and shut-in. We also pray for our missionaries, for our government, for all believers and many others. No wonder it's called the Prayer of the Church!



Parents: Before the Divine Service, remind your children to pay close attention to the words of the prayers. Encourage them to join in the responses with the rest of the congregation. Try using these responses in your prayers at home.



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Divine Service

Setting Three (LSB page 184)

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” **LSB 940**

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
 All on earth Thy scepter claim,
 All in heav'n above adore Thee.
 Infinite Thy vast domain,
 Everlasting is Thy reign.

- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
 Angel choirs above are raising;
 Cherubim and seraphim,
 In unceasing chorus praising,
 Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord!

- 3 Lo, the _apostles' holy train
 Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
 Prophets swell the glad refrain,
 And the white-robed martyrs follow,
 And from morn to set of sun
 Through the Church the song goes on.

- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
 Son of God, yet born of Mary.
 For us sinners sacrificed,
 As to death a Tributary,
 First to break the bars of death,
 Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

- △5 Holy Father, holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
 Though in essence only one,
 Undivided God we claim Thee
 And, adoring, bend the knee
 While we own the mystery.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr.
Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, alt.
Tune: Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

A The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C **I lift up my eyes to the hills.**
From where does my help come?

A My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

C **He will not let your foot be moved;**
he who keeps you will not slumber.

A Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

C The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

A The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

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.

A The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

Kyrie

Lord Have Mercy



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn Of Praise

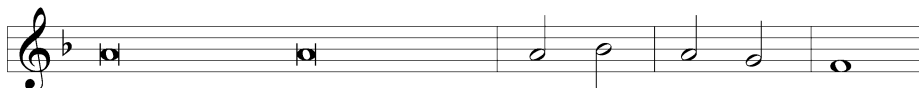
Glory to God in the Highest



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect Of The Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

○ God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

C He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Stand as you are able

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, 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.

Sit

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51 Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Sermon

"God's Unwitting Messiahs"

Isaiah 45:1-7

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



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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.

Prayer of The Church

Greeting of Peace

Service Of The Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

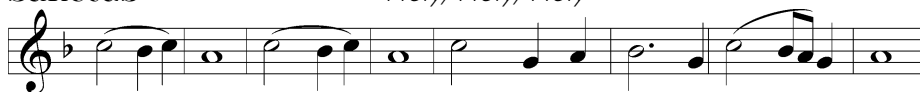
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

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

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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



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



☐ A - men.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

For Meditation During The Distribution

Small Catechism - The Ten Commandments

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

"What God Ordains Is Always Good"

- 1 What God ordains is always good:
His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me,
I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed
In ev'ry need
Knows well how He will shield me;
To Him, then, I will yield me.
- 2 What God ordains is always good:
He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way,
And never will He leave me.
I take content
What He has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.
- 3 What God ordains is always good:
His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup
That my physician sends me.
My God is true;
Each morning new
I trust His grace unending,
My life to Him commending.
- 4 What God ordains is always good:
He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm
Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know
Both joy and woe;
Someday I shall see clearly
That He has loved me dearly.
- 5 What God ordains is always good:
Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
I take it without shrinking.
For after grief
God gives relief,
My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:
 This truth remains unshaken.
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
 I shall not be forsaken.
 I fear no harm,
 For with His arm
 He shall embrace and shield me;
 So to my God I yield me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649-1708; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Tune: Severus Gastorius, 1646-82, alt.

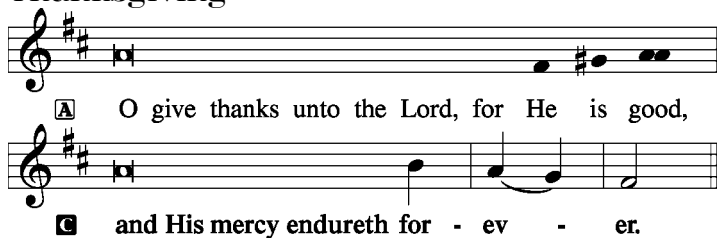
Stand as you are able

Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

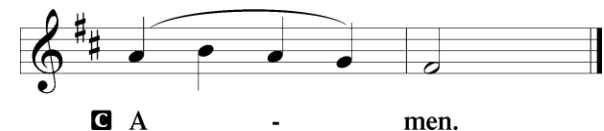
Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

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



C A - men.

Salutation And Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

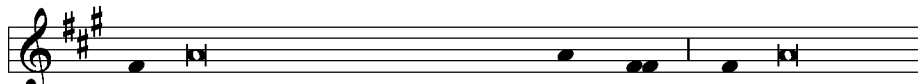


A Bless we the Lord.

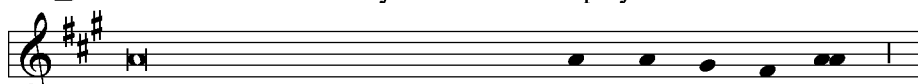


C Thanks be to God.

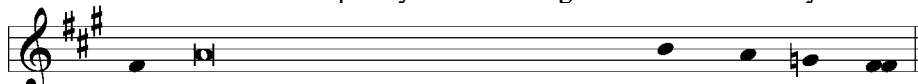
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



A-men, a-men, 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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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 28 & 29 - Reformation Weekend

Revelation 14:6-7, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19



Flowers On The Altar

To the Glory of God

Worship Assistants

	Sat. Oct 21 - 5:30pm	Sun. Oct 22 - 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	Jon Lutz
Organist:	Dr. David Pitt	Dr. David Pitt

Anniversaries This Week

22-Ray & Wendy Schickel

24-Kip & Tamra Weland

Baptismal Birthdays

21-Tammy Henry

21-Teri Riechmann

21-Charlotte Tigges

22-Elaine Rohde

25-Annabelle Schaal

Birthdays This Week

22-Alex Calonder

23-Jon Lutz

25-Annette Purnhage

October 14 & 15 Statistics

In-Person Attendance:	54
Views* on Facebook:	19
Overall Participation:	73

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

- **Food Pantry** - For the month of October, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:
Shampoo Soup Hot Chocolate Paper Towels
Coffee Jelly Canned Fruit Salt & Pepper
- **Building Healthy Families:** *"He's got the whole world in His hands..."*
Do you remember the words to this Sunday School song? More than just a fun song, these lyrics speak truth about how much God loves us and is in control of our world - even during the uncertain times we're living in today. Be assured: He has not forgotten or abandoned us. He has a plan, and it's a good one. *"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."*
1 John 4:9 Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org
- **Turkey Day** is right around the corner on Saturday, November 4th 8am to 12pm in the lower level of the church. We will have turkey and dressing sandwiches to go again, a baked sale and our rummage sale. If you are able to make some baked items, please bring those down on **Friday, November 3rd** (it gets a little rushed to try and price things on Saturday morning). Any rummage sale items please bring down by **Wednesday, November 1st**. Remember **NO** summer items and **NO** electronics (computers, printers, etc. radios are fine). If anyone is able to help set up for the rummage sale, that would be greatly appreciated- Many hands make for light work. There are signup sheets in the fellowship hall. Also remember the Women of St. Paul will be donating the proceeds from this and match it up to \$1000. Thank you everyone.
- **Mailboxes:** The mailboxes in the fellowship hall have been redone. Needed to add people so some of the boxes have been moved. Just look for your name and your mailbox is under your name.
- **Directories:** The new photo directories are now available if you have not picked yours up. Please check off your name if you took a directory.
- **Divine Call** – Earlier this month Pastor Crawford received a Divine Call to serve as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Virginia. He announced his decision to decline that call last weekend.

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)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
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)
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)
Brittni Strege (niece 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 Charlotte Tigges)
- the Walker family
- Wendy Daly
- Mary LuGrain

**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 will be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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Schedule For The Week

21st Sun aft Pentecost Sat. Oct 21	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
21st Sun aft Pentecost Sun. Oct 22	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School
Mon. Oct 23		
Tues. Oct 24		
Wed. Oct 25	8:00am	TOPS
Thur. Oct 26	12pm - 1:30pm 5:30pm - 7pm	Brown Bag Bible Study Confirmation
Fri. Oct 27		
22nd Sun aft Pentecost Reformation Sat Oct 28	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
22nd Sun aft Pentecost Reformation Sun. Oct 29	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School