

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 2021



Welcome to
St. Paul Lutheran
Making Disciples of All Ages

*We are happy to have you with us this morning and pray that your
time of worship will be a blessing to you.*

THE LORD'S SUPPER We welcome members of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ's teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). Those who do not receive the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing their arms over their hearts. Anyone who would like to discuss this practice at more length is encouraged to make an appointment with any of our pastors.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER Thatcher Hawk, Carolyn Reisetter, Nathan Baggett, Betty Cornelius, Barb & Gary Graves, Donna McCulloch, Lonnie Brickey, Steve Greiert, Cheryl Hallquist, Tony Bruscato, Pat Estes, John Horton, Mike Gibson, Carol Almanza, Chuck Horstman, Doug Duncan, Lois Lucas, Don Peterson, Carlyn Kline, Michelle Biesemeyer, Jeff Ellis, Tim Brammeier.

CROSS FLOWERS are for God's blessings for 10 years of marriage of Terry and Noreen Gastineau.

ABOUT THE COVER Receiving Jesus means receiving the One who sent Him. We receive Jesus through the preaching of the Word. We receive Jesus through Holy Baptism. We receive Jesus through the Lord's Supper. We receive Jesus first and foremost because we have a Father in heaven who gives and does not stop giving to us in abundance. In receiving Jesus, the One who was sent, we receive the Father, who looks in loving kindness upon His children.

Hymn
Calls Us

915 Today Your Mercy

Invocation and Confession [Stand]

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, hear our confession, have mercy on us, and forgiveness us according to Your gracious will.

C: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

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.

Amen.

Introit

Psalm 37

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

The Feast Sung

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Refrain **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.** *Refrain*

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are His.** *Refrain*

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.** *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** [Sit]

Old Testament

Jerimiah

11:18-20

¹⁸ The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts, who judges

righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Alleluia. If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.

Solo Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It (Crosby/Kirkpatrick) Lance Waldow

Epistle

James

3:13-4:10

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that

the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.** [Stand]

Alleluia Sung

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel

Mark

9:30-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C: ***Sung Glory to You, O Lord.***

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know,³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?”³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in

my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. The third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen. [Sit]

Hymn

World to Me

730 What Is the

Sermon

Vicar Oliver LaMie

Offering

(All worshipers please sign an attendance card)

(Please pass the cards to the aisle for an usher to pick up)

You may also give online.

Prayers and Lord's Prayer [Stand]

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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 Our Lord

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 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 is My ✠ blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

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

Agnus Dei

Sung

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. [Sit]

Distribution Hymns

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

690 Hope of the World

Post-Communion Collect [Stand]

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

605 Father Welcomes

Benediction and Greeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	Worship/Communion	8:15, 10:45 am
September 19	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:30 am
MONDAY	Finance Board	5:45 pm
	Church Council	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Pizza Hut Night	4:00 pm
	Jr & Sr Youth at Pizza Hut	5:30 pm
	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Next Sundays Lessons Bible Study	7:00 am
SATURDAY	Men's Bible Study	7:30 am
	Youth Can Drive	8-11 am
SUNDAY	Worship	8:15, 10:45 am
September 26	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:30 am
	Youth Group	6:30 pm

Attendance Last Week: 230 Last Year: 182
Offering Last Week: \$25,121
Debt Owed: \$0
Building Fund Last Week: \$1,185
Building Fund Needed Monthly: \$10,000

Sunday School Attendance: 101
Received Year: \$425,442
Expenses This Year: \$520,334
Received Year: \$160,730
Received September: \$23,345

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL the children hear about the healing power of God as He heals the Syrian commander Naaman from leprosy. God continues to heal today – healing us from our most deadly disease of sin through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus. Talk with your family about God’s healing power. Compare Naaman’s cleansing in the Jordan with our cleansing through Holy Baptism.

MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE Please help us by checking your contact information in the Narthex, initial, and update it if necessary. The Elders have been making phone calls to our members with this information and have found many of the phone numbers disconnected and addresses to be outdated. We will be using this information for a new church directory. Thank you.

OFFERING ONLINE Go to splcc.org, click on *Church* then click on the *Gift* at the top. You can also mail your envelope in the mail. If you have any questions on any of this please give us a call.

FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY this week will be led by Pastor Cundiff and will begin a Hot Topics series. We will cover Angels, Satanism and the Occult, the End Times, Evolution, Holy Spirit, History of the LCMS, Jesus and Communism, Refugees, and Prayer and Devotional Life.

ST. PAUL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, September 24 at MLA

7:00pm St. Paul 5/6 vs Hope 5/6; 7:45pm St. Paul 7/8 vs Hope 7/8;

8:30pm St. Paul 5/6 vs MLA 5/6; 9:15pm St. Paul 7/8 vs MLA 7/8;

Saturday, September 25 at Calvary

10:30am St. Paul 5/6 vs Timothy 5/6; 11:15am St. Paul 7/8 vs Timothy 7/8;

12:00pm St. Paul 5/6 vs Calvary 5/6; 12:45pm St. Paul 7/8 vs Calvary 7/8.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS Beginning on Sunday, September 19th, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library Steve Greiert will be teaching a new set of Sunday School classes on the Psalms. All are welcome to attend.

PIZZA HUT At this time we are still planning on our Pizza Hut fund raiser. If the dining room is not open, be sure to mention your flyer when ordering carry-out. YOUTH we will meet in the party room **5:30-6:30** this month (if the dining room is open.)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY begins this Tuesday, September 21, 7:00-8:30. We will meet in the Sr. Youth Room in the YMC. If you have not yet paid for your book, please bring your \$10 Tuesday evening.

NEW MEMBER CLASS will begin Sept. 29 @ 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Pastor Moore.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT! Hey kids kindergarten through 4th grade, join us Friday night, October 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 for a special showing of Veggie Tales "Jonah" in the fellowship hall. FREE popcorn and drink! Parents, enjoy a night out while the children enjoy Christian fellowship with their Sunday school friends. (Sponsored by Educ. Board)

LWML ST. JOSEPH ZONE FALL RALLY The LWML St. Joseph Zone Fall Rally will be held Saturday, October 2, 2021, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Smithville, Missouri, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The theme of the rally is, "Connected to the Vine" based on John 15:5. The ingathering offering will be donated to The Farmers House. Items needed include paper towels, toilet paper, disinfectant wipes, cleaning supplies, and art supplies such as colored pencils, drawing pads, etc. We hope to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER PARTNERS return October 3. Sunday school and confirmation students will be partnered with an adult from the congregation. Partners will be encouraged to regularly pray for each other and meet on the first Sunday of each month at the beginning of the Sunday school hour. If you would like to be a partner, a sign-up sheet is posted on the *bulletin board in the fellowship hall*.

TRASH BAG SALE The youth are selling trash bags to help raise money for their trip to the National Youth Gathering. Trash bags are \$11 per roll and come in a variety of sizes. Bags may be purchased Sunday mornings (cash and carry). Look for our table in the lounge before and after Worship or contact one of the youth. These bags are great for leaves!!

SAVE THOSE CANS! The youth are sponsoring an aluminum can drive during the month of September. Save your cans then bring them by to the church this Saturday, September 25, between 8:00-11:00 a.m. Cans do not need to be crushed, but bagged is helpful. All proceeds will be used toward the National Youth Gathering.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Need a spiritual re-charge midweek? Join us Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM as we study the Scripture readings for the upcoming

Sunday. Great discussion and fellowship...and sometimes donuts! Won't you join us?

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THANK YOU The family of Doug Duncan wishes to thank members of the prayer chain and prayers from the congregation on Doug's heart surgery and rehab. He is doing well.

THANK YOU Gary Caton would like to thank everyone for their prayers. He is home and doing well.

PRAYER CHAIN Be added to St. Paul's prayer chain. Keep up to date on church members and their friends and family that need our prayers. Email Kristy at: krrademann@gmail.com.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATES need to be emailed by *Wednesday morning* to Kristy at secretary@splcc.org.

OCTOBER MESSENGER ARTICLES Please submit articles for the October messenger by September 27th to Kristy at secretary@splcc.org.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following groups who found all 12 answers plus the bonus on Rally Sunday's Seek and Find!! (*Note: I'm still not sure of the total number of stained-glass windows, so everyone got credit for that one!*)

Sharon Judkins, Jeff Judkins, Barb Wickham, Terry Wickham, and Caden Schultz

Jeff, Lori, Emily, Nic, Kus and Natalie

Karen and Caylin

Darrell, Heidi, Joyce, and Keegan

Gary Roach, Jane Roach, Esther Hadsall, and Joanna Hopkins

Ally Cornett, Kelsey Macrander, and Shawna Macrander

Carrie Fett and Brooklin Hill

Marsha Miller, Justin Brandt, and Boyd Brandt

Kristin Quinlin and Brian Hill

Mrs. Sandy, MeMa, and Arabella