



St. Paul  
Lutheran  
Church

**Fifteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
**September 10, 2023**  
**9:00 am**

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## **Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: ELW #522 “As We Gather at Your Table”**

**Greeting-** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Kyrie:** pg. 147

**Hymn of Praise:** pg. 149 “**This Is The Feast**”

**Prayer of the Day-** Let us pray.

**O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Word**

### **Childrens Sermon**

#### **First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11**

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?”

<sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40**  
**(Please read responsively.)**

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
give me life in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.**

**Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: pg.151**

**Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**     *“Seize the Day!”*

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #603 “God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People:**

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**Offering**

(We invite the children to gather dollar bills and change for the mission jug.)

**Create in Me a Clean Heart– p. 186** (*hymn section*)

**Offering Prayer**

**Meal**

**The Great Thanksgiving: pg. 152**

**Preface**

**Holy, Holy, Holy: pg. 153**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Lamb of God: pg. 154**

**Distribution Songs: ELW #482 "I Come with Joy"  
ELW #838 "Beautiful Savior"**

**Communion Blessing**

**Blessing–**

**Sending Hymn: ELW #731 “Earth and All Stars!”**

**Dismissal**

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## Announcements

**A special thank you to Pastor Dennis Hanson for providing pulpit supply today. We really appreciate you!**

**Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Carol Brumwell in memory of her parents, Hal and Mary Lee Jahnke. September is Mary Lee's birthday month. We thank her for this ministry gift.**

**God's Work, Our Hands– We plan to visit our members that are in care centers, assisted living or homebound this afternoon. We are still in need of people to make those visits. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.**

**St. Paul Sunday School: Please consider committing to bringing your children to Sunday School. We have a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. We really would like to get the children involved but it's a challenge when the children do not come. Along with the sign up sheet is a registration form.**

**The Board of Worship and Music will meet this Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7:00 pm.**

**September 14:** Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Radcliffe has invited us to the annual guest night salad supper on Thursday, September 14. Guest Speaker will be Kathy Taggart. *Longing for Love Letters...* Kathy Shares a variety of love letters we may be receiving and sending.. Both the good ones and the not so good! Our God, most definitely, sends the very best love letters.. It's time we re-read them. It's time we learn how to send them to others. Kathy offers a warm and witty look at ourselves, and an important message about the God who love us and call us to act. There is a sign up sheet to carpool in the fellowship hall.

**The church office will be closed on Friday, September 15.**

**The deadline for notices in next Sunday's bulletin is Thursday, September 14 at 9:00 am.**

**Compassion Flights and the HD CAL Wrestling Boosters** are hosting a fundraiser breakfast today at the Hampton Airport. 7:00-11:30 am. They will be serving pancakes, sausages and drinks. Airplane rides will be available for \$30, there will be aircraft to check out and hopefully the medical evac. helicopter will be able to come!

**The "Say Their Name" grief support group will start a new session of six to seven weeks of meetings starting Thursday, September 21st.** Everyone experiences grief in their lifetime whether it be a parent, spouse, child, good friend or even a beloved pet. "Say Their Name" is led by lay people. They are not therapists, but people who have experienced grief and survived it. This group is faith based (all religions) but everyone is welcome. It is free, and it is confidential. If you are interested, have questions or know someone who would benefit from this.

## This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Worship Services - 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee and Fellowship—10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Quilting -9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour -10:00 a. m.

<b>9/10/23</b>	9:00 am	<b>Offering 9/3/23</b>	
<b>Presiding Pastor</b>	Pastor Dennis Hanson	<b>General:</b>	\$ 3,218.00
<b>Reader</b>	Larry Alquist	<b>Building:</b>	\$ 320.00
<b>Organist</b>	Pam DeVries	<b>Radio</b>	\$
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jayson and Jaymes Stevens and Dorothy Matzke	<b>Automated Giving General Bldg</b>	\$ 1,120.00 \$ 50.00
<b>Greeters</b>	The Clint Burmester Family	<b>Total</b>	\$ 4,708.00
<b>9/17/23</b>	9:00 am		
<b>Reader</b>	Della Speich		
<b>Greeters</b>	Paul and Sue Flint		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jacob Donnenwerth and Jo Coonley		



### Prayer List:

Terry Wheeler, Justin Mejia, Steve Sandvig, John Sandvig,  
Verna Humburg, Ev Fink, Jo Klein,  
Nancy Knipfel, Nancy Showalter, Leland Dhondt,  
Michael Norman (son of Sheena English),  
Grant and Nicole Woodley and the Call Committee Process.

**Online: Facebook– St. Paul Lutheran of Hampton Page–  
Sunday 9:00 am  
After broadcast, available on demand on Facebook and at  
splchampton.com  
Radio Broadcast on KLMJ at 8:00pm**