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# Weekly Announcements

September 1, 2024



St. Paul's

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## Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Garden abundance and Lord's Cupboard**

Donations of your surplus garden vegetables will be welcomed by our LC guests when they are ready! Please drop off any of your extra vegetables in the kitchen for our distribution days and mark them for the Lord's Cupboard. Upcoming dates: 9/7 (Senior apartments food delivery), 9/9, 9/16. *Thank you for your prayers for the families that we serve and for our dedicated volunteers.*

### **School supplies for our Lord's Cupboard guests**

We would like to help the families that come to Lord's Cupboard and have school supplies available for their kids. We are requesting monetary donations and/or gift cards (\$10-\$25 increments) to Dollar Tree or Walmart. If you prefer to purchase the actual supplies, please drop them off prior to Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. A list of items to purchase is on the Lord's Cupboard bulletin board across from the elevator outside of the Fellowship Hall which is also where the school supplies purchased can be put. You can make a monetary donation to Lord's Cupboard online <https://splco.org> Scroll down to "Lord's Cupboard" or put a check (purchased gift cards also) in an envelope marked Lord's Cupboard and put it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office. Thanks so much!



**Deuteronomy 4:6 – “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’”** There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a

life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us, so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.

### **Life Thoughts in the Church Year – Lutherans for Life**

The Lord Jesus insists that visible qualities like age, appearance, and ability do not subtract value from life or impart worth to it (Mark 7:18-23). Rather, invisible sinfulness disqualifies us all from both bodily rights and spiritual privileges. But invisible forgiveness—and God’s grace in creating, redeeming, and calling—delivers sanctity to every member of our race. May this truth proceed forth from our hearts and out of our lips!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pastor Schockman's Doctor of Ministry Research Project**

Please consider filling out the survey that Pastor Schockman is using to collect data for his Doctor of Ministry Research Project. There are two ways to get to the survey. You can type <https://forms.gle/gcizVAeafacj52E66> in your web browser address bar OR you can scan this QR code with your phone's camera and open the link.



### **St. Paul's Kid's Zone**

Get ready to have some fun at the Kid's Zone Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, in our parking lot. Volunteer shifts are about two hours long (but you're welcome to sign up for more than one). Set-up shifts start at 8:30am. The Kid's Zone closes at 4pm (cleaned up by 4:30).

Thank you for participating as we engage our community right where we are.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CACA72EA6FEC16-50826352-fall#/>

### **Full-time Facilities Manager**

The Board of Operations is taking applications for this full-time position. Applications and information are available at <https://www.indeed.com/>.

### **Ladies Aid**

Oh, my goodness, it's almost here! What is almost here, you might ask? A new year of Ladies Aid is approaching, that's what! Mark your calendars for September 5<sup>th</sup> when Ladies Aid meets to kick off another year of fun, food, and fellowship. Please join us at 5:30 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> to hear all about what we have planned for you this year. Oh, and by the way, we'd love it if you brought a friend to join us!

### **Church Choir begins!**

Church choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, in the church balcony. Choir is open to everyone of confirmation age and older who wants to share God's Word with the congregation through song. We rehearse weekly and sing for services about twice a month, with more services during festival seasons.

### **Modern Bloom will be filling our weekly flower orders going forward**

Cost \$43.00 - Please place payment in an envelope marked "flowers"

Please include your phone number on the Flower Chart

If you wish to have something unique, please contact Modern Bloom to arrange one week prior to the weekend of your order.

262-569-2400

(There may be an additional cost based on choices)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# Journeyman ACT LIKE MEN II Saturday, September 28th 8:00am to 10:00am

*Act Like Men* is a multigenerational event for Men and Boys, ages 5th grade and up.

It's a time for men to:

- Study God's Word on what Christlike Masculinity is and how Men should live out that example
- Food Catered by 4 Men and a Grill
  - Menu: Scrambled Eggs with Bacon, Sausage, French Toast, and more!
- Learn life skills
- Have some fun!



COST - Free-Will Offering to help offset costs of event

To sign up please scan the QR Code or contact Dave Meyer at [dm202124@gmail.com](mailto:dm202124@gmail.com) or 920-279-5860.

### **Women of Joy presents: *Living in His Word***

*Living in His Word* a 4-part series of exploring God's extraordinary women of the Bible, how He used them for His purpose, in His time, and in their imperfect lives.

Save the dates throughout the coming 12 months where we will extend our regular Saturday Women of Joy studies to gather for breakfast, enjoy one another's' company, listen to stories, hear from special guests, and so much more.

✦ Saturday, October 5, 2024:

✦ Presenter: Jennie Williamson (more details coming soon)

✦ Saturday, December 7, 2024

✦ Saturday, February 1, 2025

**Who should come:** This is open to any females from grade school on up.

**Where:** St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 8am-10am

**Cost:** None

Stay tuned for additional information and how to register.

## **Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Stand with UNSHAKEABLE JOY in CHRIST*

September 1 - 8, 2024

### ***Stand with UNSHAKEABLE JOY in CHRIST***

Wickedness and evil come “*from within, out of the heart,*” and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus “*declared all foods clean*” (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is “*your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples*” (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it “*to your children and your children’s children*” (Deut. 4:9). Put on this “*armor of God*” by hearing what He speaks to you, that you may “*stand firm*” in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). What Paul lays out for us in verses 14-16 are the gifts that God has given us by His Spirit in Christ. Truth. Righteousness. The gospel of peace. Faith. Salvation. And finally, the WORD OF GOD which calls us to pray for all the saints. Also, for those who speak the Gospel, that the good news of the unshakeable joy in Christ would be rightly shared.

### ***Order of Meditation and Prayer***

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

#### ***Invocation***

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

#### ***Apostles’ Creed***

**Verse:** Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever.

**Psalm:** Psalm 84 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

## Catechism: The Ten Commandments – Third and Fourth Commandments

<p>What is the Third Commandment?  <b>Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>                  We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<p>What is the Fourth Commandment?  <b>Honor your father and your mother.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>                  We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.</p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Stand with UNSHAKEABLE JOY in CHRIST*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
<b>Sun.</b>	Joseph's Troubles: Genesis 39	Psalm 103, 117, 139	Mark 7:14-23
<b>Mon.</b>	Joseph Feeds Egypt: Genesis 40-41	Psalm 5, 84, 29	Heb 8.1-13
<b>Tue.</b>	Joseph Forgives: Genesis 42-45	Psalm 42, 102, 133	Heb 9.1-28
<b>Wed.</b>	Jacob Blesses His Children: Genesis 48-49	Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33	Heb 10.1-18
<b>Thur.</b>	The Birth of Moses: Exodus 1-2	Psalm 97, 16, 62	Heb 10.19-39
<b>Fri.</b>	Moses and the Burning Bush: Exodus 2-4	Psalm 51, 142, 65	Heb 11.1-40
<b>Sat.</b>	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Mark 7:31-37	Psalm 104, 118, 111	Heb 12.1-29

### *Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's*

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **Daily Themes for Prayer**

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

## **In Our Prayers this Week**

**Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS** – Ann Duggan; Mary Hlavenka; Dale Jaeger; Jim Duggan; Marilyn Marohn; Ralph Andrus; Sally Eubanks; Carol Fellin; young member—under doctor's care; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert—acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel—lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer—cancer; Dick Thurow; George Menden—prostate cancer; Diane Gartzke; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Richard Schultz; Vernon Schilling—cancer; Marcus Pankow—cancer; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Lisa Kruk (Hannah Christiansen's mom); Pat Venes (Sue Beles' sister-in-law); Barry (Steve Panozzo's dad)—terminal cancer; Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); John Scheuer (Bill's son)—prostate cancer; Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)—mantle cell lymphoma; Tim—friend of Duke & Debbie Maynard; Rhonda—breast cancer; Hailey—13 year-old w/ brain tumor; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack—COPD; Dave; Jeff—stage four colon cancer; Dick Watt; Betty Dow (Linda Uttech's cousin)—Leukemia; Jeff—non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Trish Lederer—breast cancer; Jayne Roberts' husband—lymphoma; Patrick McLees (Kelly Edwards father)—leukemia; Cheech Counsell (Dona Thurow's son-in-law); Tyler; Christopher—cancer; Tanner—2 year-old with cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)—breast cancer; Dawn—lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad); Jim (Laura Grubba's brother-in-law); Phyllis; Mike; Elizabeth—breast cancer; Kayla—thyroid cancer; Kelly Bratz (Bob's daughter-in-law)—breast cancer; Erin (Mileager)—Rayborn—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)—breast cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

**Other:** Jonathan Cooper Gartzke (Glenn & Tina’s grandson)—born prematurely; Jackson (Prost’s nephew)—motorcycle accident; Brent (Barb Allwardt’s brother)—Alzheimer’s; Katy—HG w/ pregnancy; Cindy Counsell (Dona Thurow’s daughter)—massive stroke; Paul; Bob; George; Paul; Liz Peronto (Barb Allwardt’s sister); Doug—CCL; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Kurtis Bueltmann; Joe; Sam Duggan; Justin Michener; Zach Howard; Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke; Jacob; Brian; Randy; Kyle; Jake; Jeff; Matt; Brad; Ben; Mike & Rob

**Those serving God as missionaries:** Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump & family; Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess, Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

**Birth:** Victoria Skye, daughter of Sierra (nee Ebert) & Patrick Meyer, born August 25<sup>th</sup> – proud grandparents: Mark & Renee Ebert

*Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism*

*Hymn of the Week: O God, My Faithful God*

LSB 696

**Looking forward to the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 8, 2024**

**Hymns: 528, 545 (846, 524, 842) 797**

***Anxious Hearts Find Comfort in Him Who Does All Things Well (Pastor Schockman)***

The Lord proclaims the Gospel *“to those who have an anxious heart”* to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He opens *“the eyes of the blind”* and *“the ears of the deaf,”* and He loosens *“the tongue of the mute”* to *“sing for joy”* (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word and does *“all things well,”* so that you may now speak *“plainly”* (Mark 7:31–37). In Christ, you can confess the truth of God to the glory of His holy name. Call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also *“love your neighbor as yourself”* (James 2:8). Show your faith *“in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,”* by loving without partiality. For God has *“chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom”* (James 2:1–5).



## You're Invited!

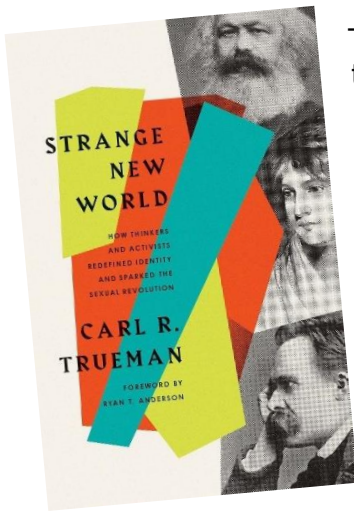
### Parent Partnership Workshops

*Open to St. Paul's and public-school parents, and all who are interested*

St. Paul's '24-'25 Church and school theme explores many facets of grit and endurance under the theme, "Unshakeable Joy in Christ." The theme verse is Roman 5.2b: ". . . *We rejoice in hope of the glory of God,*" and our theme hymn is "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

As part of the exploration under this theme, many St. Paul's leaders will be reading Carl Trueman's *Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution*.

**Want to better understand why your children and young people think the way they do? Want to live more faithfully, sympathetically, and hopefully in Christ?**



Trueman's book help us understand why we moderns think as we do, but Trueman is not a bombastic, conservative jerk. His work represents a sympathetic reading of the source material and a faithful pastoral perspective that helps Christians live faithfully and hopefully.

Given the value that this study represents, Pastor O'Donnell is offering an opportunity for parents and others to a series of *Parent Partnership Workshops* that will occur on many Sundays when the middle school youth group meets. This will give parents the opportunity to join the study while the youth group is meeting. The **first class is Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall** (ground floor, below the sanctuary).

Participants will want to buy *Strange New World* (\$10.37 from Amazon) and its accompanying study guide (\$8.99 from Amazon).

# SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

## Calling ALL Children 4K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sunday School starts *next Sunday!* Join us every Sunday for friends and fun (and sometimes food!) while learning how God loves you and is a part of your everyday life.

We encourage ALL St. Paul families (regardless of what school kids attend) to participate in Sunday School.

Sunday School begins September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

4K (must be potty-trained) – 6th Grade

9:15 – 10:15 am

Starts in school gym

Ends in the classroom (parents will be given classroom assignments)

Online registration:



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You can also register by filling out this form and turning it in to the church office or by placing it in the offering plate.

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES: \_\_\_\_\_

ANYTHING ELSE WE NEED TO KNOW: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office.)

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>MONDAY</b> September 2	<b>NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b> September 3	LWML	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> September 4	Lutheran Basics	Room 219	6:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> September 5	Ladies Aid Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall Balcony Church	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b> September 7	Women of Joy Fall Fest Kids Zone Divine Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Parking Lot Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> September 8	Divine Worship Sunday School Public School Confirmation Class Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship	Church Meet in Gym Room 219 Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Life Application Bible Study

**Sunday: 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall**  
262-567-5001

#### Lutheran Basics

**Wednesday: 6:30 pm – Room 219**  
262-567-5001

#### Women of Joy

**Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 am**  
Whelan's

#### Journeymen

**Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) - 7:30 am**  
Maxim's

## NEXT WEEKEND

**5:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 35:4-7a	James 2:1-10, 14-18	Mark 7:31-37
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jackie Meyer	Ingrid Kowieski	Karen Dentice
<b>Elders</b>	Dave Meyer	Arno Kirchenwitz	Tom Showen
<b>Greeters</b>	Char Binney	Duane & Sharon Peterson Jim & Marlene Steinberg	Jim & Anne Fait
<b>Live-Stream</b>	N/A	Hertneky	N/A
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Dave Meyer	Gary Flanagan	Mike Neff

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Pastor:** Jason Schockman

**Theme:** *Anxious Hearts Find Comfort in Him  
Who Does All Things Well*

**5pm & 8am Worship**

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 1, pg. 151

**10:30am Worship**

Special Order

# September 2024



# MITES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Joshua * 25¢	2 Labor Day 25¢ if you worked today 15¢ if you celebrated with family	3 10¢ for each pair of sandals/flip-flops you own	4 Moses * 20¢	5 Is your car White-25¢ Green-30¢ Other color- 20¢	6 20¢ if you ate ice cream this week	7 15¢ for each cup of coffee today
8 10¢ for each Bible you own	9 Grandparents' Day 20¢	10 20¢ if you have a family member who served in the military If not, 25¢	11 Had 7-8 hours of sleep - 25¢ If not - 50¢	12 Enjoy listening to the birds 25¢	13 Bake a Cake 20¢	14 Walked around the lake 20¢
15 Attended Bible Class - 30¢ Would like to attend Bible Class - 20¢	16 Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor & Martyr * 20¢	17 International "Talk like a Pirate" Day 25¢	18 15¢ for each family birthday this month	19 Enjoy Thursday! 25¢	20 15¢ If you ate breakfast Not-30¢	21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist * 25¢
22 Autumnal Equinox 20¢	23 Kiss the Kids still in your home today 25¢	24 Johnny Appleseed Day 50¢	25 Kiss and/or call your kids who are on their own - \$1	26 Show your 'Mission" heart by this gift to LWML - 30¢+	27 Rain today? Yes- 15¢ No- 30¢	28 5¢ for each pair of socks you own
29 St. Michael & All Angels' Day * 50¢	30 Celebrate September 15¢	*Commemoration Days				

MITES MAY BE RETURNED in the Large Mite Box in Narthex. Additional Mite Boxes for personal use are also available.

\*Commemoration Days are examples of those in whom the saving work of Jesus Christ has been made manifest to the glory of His holy name and to the praise of His grace and mercy





## The Osthoff Resort

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**St. Paul's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Marriage Retreat

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November 15th-17th, 2024

COME JOIN US!

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music  
Jill George, Principal

Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor  
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm (Monday-Friday)

### ***The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

#### **Old Testament: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. . . .

Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

#### **Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

#### **Holy Gospel: Mark 7:14-23**

[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

September 1, 2024



# St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

## Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



### Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066

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# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School, & Early Childhood Center

- + Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate.
- + *As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.*

## GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! We're delighted that you've joined us for worship.

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, a greeter, elder, or pastor will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

We welcome young children to the service. Try sitting closer to the front by a side aisle. There are activity bags located behind the back pews, and a simulcast downstairs if necessary.

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is not a private meal, but a body-and-soul communion with Christ and His body, the Church. In keeping with the Lord's instruction (cf. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34) and with the common historical practice of the church, St. Paul's welcomes only those who are in full confessional agreement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you hold a confession differing from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or are not yet confirmed in our confession of faith, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing (Please indicate by folding your hands over your heart.). If you are physically unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion. Those communing should mark this on the attendance card. If you have questions, our pastors will be pleased to speak with you.

### Distribution and Communion Wine

Please place open hands out to receive the Body of Christ and also to indicate whether you are receiving the Blood of Christ from the common cup or the individual cup. The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are dark in color.

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 69      Wed – 20  
 8:00 am – 153    **Total: 402**  
 10:30 am – 160

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## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
<b>Celebrant</b>	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
<b>Preacher</b>	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
<b>Musicians</b>	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Tesch Vivian Grubba (train)	Megan Miller Pam Kroupa (train)	Karen Gotthardt Lilly Menzel (train)
<b>Elders</b>	Mike Tesch	Chuck Laabs	Tom Showen
<b>Greeters</b>	Char Binney	Rick Zastrow Bruce & Mary Bojko	Tom Miller
<b>Live Stream</b>	N/A	Scheuers	N/A
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Mark Baganz	Bob Bratz	Tom Showen

### Prayer before communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Altar Flowers:** In praise to God for the wedding of Heather Gartzke & Daniel Murdick on August 31<sup>st</sup>

**Radio Broadcast:** Audrey Martens in loving memory of Gertrude Picha

## ST. PAUL'S MEDIA

- + **Radio: LIVE Sunday at 8am on WTKM (104.9 FM)**
- + **YouTube: LIVE Sundays at 8am (stpaulsev.lutheranchurch7279 )**
- + **Web: Anytime at [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org) or YouTube**

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# Stand with UNSHAKEABLE JOY in CHRIST

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The 15th Sun. after Pentecost (Pr 17)  
1 September, A.D. 2024  
Deut 4.1-2, 6-9; Eph 6.10-20; Mk 7.14-23

What do you think about how Paul uses such military language for the Christian life?

What do we really wrestle against?

How does that wrestling manifest in your life?

What comfort do we have in the way Paul repeats words he's already used in describing our foe, especially when we might think we are losing?

What does Paul call us to do three separate times?

Where do you find the strength to do that?

What happens when we try to muster up that strength on our own?

Specifically, where and how can you "take up the armor of God"?