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Weekly Announcements

August 16, 2026



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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



Save the Date

St. Paul's Lutheran School Fundraising Gala
Thursday, October 29
Dockhounds Stadium

School Supplies & Garden Abundance 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, Target or Walmart. If you prefer to purchase the actual supplies, please drop them off by Monday, August 31st. 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 purchased school supplies 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 or 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.

Also, 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: 8/17, 8/31, 9/14 and 9/21. Thank you for your prayers for the families that we serve and for our dedicated volunteers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School is one of the best hours of the week!

Adventure, creativity, and faith come together every Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 am. Kids will explore Bible stories, make new friends, and enjoy activities designed to help them understand God's love in exciting ways. Bring your energy, your curiosity, and your smile—we can't wait to see you on Sunday mornings!

Sunday School begins on September, 13th! We're excited to welcome all kids back for a new year of learning and growing in God's Word. Join us at 9:15 am each Sunday as we begin another year of faith, friendship, and fun.

Please scan the QR code to register your child or children for this year of Sunday School! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Amber Butler, Tina Gartzke, or Wendy Petersen.



Small Group Bible Study - *Daniel*

Are you interested in an in-depth, personal, small group Bible study? All are welcome to join a 9-week small group Bible study of the book of Daniel, starting after Labor Day. We will use the CPH LifeLight series, which consists of short, daily lessons that class members do on their own, followed by a weekly group session on Tuesday evenings. If interested, please contact Neil Anderson at neil.anderson@splco.org or the church at office 262-567-5001. Group size will be limited to eight; if more sign up, a second group will be created.

Attention Parents!

We are excited to announce plans to form a baby/toddler group to meet during Sunday Adult Bible Study. We will be hosting an informational meeting to discuss our ideas and logistics. We will meet in the 4K classroom on Sunday, August 16th, at 9:15am. Parents of young children (3 years and under), please join us to share your ideas and learn more about our vision for this group. If you have questions or are unable to attend the meeting but want to share your ideas, please contact Delaney Heffern at 414-813-0888 or Colette Greve at 414-217-6143.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT INFORMATION

Young Adults

St. Paul's Young Adults (SPLCO YA)

We provide opportunities at St. Paul's for young adults (18 - 30) to be together in community and build one another up.

Upcoming SPLCO YA Events

- Summer Book Series: Spirituality of the Cross by Gene Veith (6:30pm @ SPLCO)
08/20 - Chapter 6 - "Conclusion: Worshiping God" (137-143)
- Reformation Tap Society: Third Sunday of the Month starting September



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DATE:

September 22, 2026

TIME:

6:00 – 7:30 PM

LOCATION:

210 E. Pleasant St.,
Oconomowoc, WI

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Parents, Grandparents, Guardians,
Students & Church Families

PRESENTED BY:

April DeValkaenaere,
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Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: *The God Who Has Mercy on All*

August 16-23, 2026

The God Who Has Mercy on All

Isaiah 56 announces the Lord's intention to gather—to bring near those once far off. The God who keeps justice and righteousness extends His covenant mercy beyond Israel, drawing foreigners to His holy mountain and making His house a place of prayer for all peoples. The Lord's promise is expansive, not narrow; His salvation creates a people by grace, not pedigree.

Romans 11 reveals how that promise unfolds. Israel's stumbling is not final, nor is the Gentiles' inclusion accidental. Paul insists that the same God who chose Israel from the beginning still works through their story—using their rejection to bring mercy to the nations and using mercy to the nations to stir Israel again toward life. All are shut up under disobedience so that God may have mercy on all. Salvation rests not on human faithfulness but on God's relentless, surprising grace.

In Matthew 15, that grace takes flesh. A Canaanite woman cries out for help, and though the disciples resist and Jesus tests, she clings to Him in faith. Her plea is answered. The Lord who came first to Israel extends His healing to one outside the covenant, revealing that His mission breaks boundaries and His mercy reaches those who have no claim except need.

The God who gathers outcasts, who weaves Israel and the nations into one story of mercy, and who answers the cry of a foreign woman is the same Lord who draws near to His people today. Christ gives Himself through His Word and Sacraments so that “we may receive grace upon grace.” In these gifts, He makes us His own and brings us into the fellowship of His mercy.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Order 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: Matthew 15:27b Even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

Psalm: Psalm 67 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB**, p. 304

Catechism: *Lord's Prayer—Third Petition*

<i>The Lord's Prayer (Third Petition)</i> Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.	1 st Grade +
<i>How is God's will done?</i> God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.	3 rd Grade +

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: *The God Who Has Mercy on All*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	The Lord Saves Esther: Esther 5-9	Psalm 103, 117, 139	Mt 15.21-28
Mon.	Waiting for God's Messenger: Malachi 2-4	Psalm 5, 84, 29	Heb 2.1-18
Tue.	The Birth of John Foretold: Luke 1	Psalm 42, 102, 133	Heb 3.1-19
Wed.	The Birth of Jesus Foretold: Luke 1	Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33	Heb 4. 1-16
Thur.	Mary Visits Elizabeth: Luke 1	Psalm 97, 16, 62	Heb 5. 1-14
Fri.	The Birth of John: Luke 1	Psalm 51, 142, 65	Heb 6. 1-20
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.13-20	Psalm 104, 118, 111	Heb 7. 1-28

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

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 – Andy Helwig; George Menden; Jim Abel; Roger Fisher; Art Schuck; John Wickersham; Joyce Anderson; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin—cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer—cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert—acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel—lung cancer; Karen Meyer—cancer; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Dave Hansen—lung cancer; Birdy—5 year-old with neuroblastoma; Gina—brain cancer; Paige (Bill Merten's daughter); Dan (Bill Merten's brother); Sandi Oechsner (Tricia Burlage's mom)—stage 4 lung cancer; Lisa (nee Rhodee) Liarakis—breast cancer; Bob Duchow (Dorothy's son); Sue Malone (Dan & Brenda Maynard's friend)—brain cancer; Janice Mulvaney Krueger—lung cancer; Della—Diana Radtke's sister; Dana; Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)—mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda—breast cancer; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack—COPD; Jeff—stage four colon cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)—breast cancer; Dawn—lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad)

Other: Scott Kleist; Connie Roth—stroke; Priti—spinal surgery; Consuelo W. (friend of Bill & Kathy Granzin); Laurie—mental and physical health issues; Dean Wilcox (Tina Gartzke's brother); Dorothy—Alzheimer's; Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Greu; Madelynn Matthews—Air Force; Trevor Thiel—Alaska (Fort JBER); 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 and family; Daniel & Marie Lowitz (Dominican Republic); 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

Anniversary: Neil & Traci Anderson—22nd—August 14th

Thanksgiving: Scott Kleist—healing

Public Reception of New Members: Tom Schrader
Eric & Shelley Allen
Aidan O'Donnell
Krista Stewart
Kathi Sellers

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week: *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

LSB 683

Looking forward to the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost + Back to School Services

August 23, 2026

Hymns: 647, 561 (685, 691, 865) 825

Son of the Living God (Pastor Schockman)

Jesus asked His disciples: *“But who do you say that I am?”* (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is *“the Christ, the Son of the living God”* (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even *“the gates of hell shall not prevail”* (Matt. 16:18–19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness *“will never be dismayed”* (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church. It is in Jesus that we are *“rooted and built up”* (Col 2:7), so that *“joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song”* (Is. 51:3). Therefore, *“according to the measure of faith that God has assigned”* (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves *“as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God”* (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Dear Friends of St. Paul's Lutheran School,

We invite you to become a sponsor of the **St. Paul's Lutheran School Fall Fundraising Gala** and help us reach our goal of raising \$50,000 to strengthen Christ-centered education for our students.

This year's gala will benefit the **Fred Boldt Fund-a-Family Scholarship Program**, providing tuition assistance to families who desire a Christ-centered education for their children, but need financial support to make it possible. Your sponsorship is an investment in the lives of students and helps ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

This year's gala theme, Rooted in Christ, is inspired by Colossians 2:6-7:

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

At St. Paul's Lutheran School, we believe education is about far more than preparing students for the next grade level. We are preparing young people for lives of faith, service, leadership, and purpose. In every classroom, students are challenged to pursue academic excellence, while discovering their God-given gifts in a caring, Christ-centered community.

For generations, St. Paul's has partnered with families who desire an education grounded in biblical truth. Our students learn to think critically, serve compassionately, lead confidently, and live faithfully, knowing their identity is firmly rooted in Jesus Christ.

Your support makes this possible. By investing in the Fred Boldt Fund-a-Family Scholarship Program, you are opening the doors of a Christ-centered education to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend St. Paul's. Together, we can continue equipping young people with a strong academic foundation, unwavering faith, and a heart for serving others.

We hope you will prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor of this year's gala. Thank you for investing in the mission and ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran School. Together, we will continue helping children grow deeply rooted in Christ and prepared to serve Him wherever He leads.

With gratitude,

The St. Paul's Lutheran School Gala Committee

Jennifer Adams
Stacey Balistreri
Jill George
Jill Jaeger
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Codi Peschek
Megan Shanks



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2026 FALL FUNDRAISING GALA

Sponsorship Commitment

ROOTED IN CHRIST

"Rooted and built up in Him..."
- Colossians 2:6-7

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY August 17	Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru & Meal	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
TUESDAY August 18	Church Leadership Team Meeting	Room 202	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY August 19	Summer Lakeside Worship	Backyard	6:30 pm
THURSDAY August 20	SPLCO YA Bible Study Praise Team Rehearsal	Room 219 Church	6:30 pm 6:30 pm
SATURDAY August 22	Journeymen Divine Worship	Maxim's Church	7:30 am 5:00 pm
SUNDAY August 23	Divine Worship 7/8 Grade Confirmation Meeting Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship	Church Room 219 Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall
The Book of Romans

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym
SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON 9/13
Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am

Women of Joy

Saturday (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 am
Whelan's

Journeymen

Saturday (2nd & 4th) - 7:30 am
Maxim's

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Is 51.1-6	Rom 11:33-12.8	Col 2.6-7
Altar Guild	Bernita Krenzke	Ingrid Kowieski	Barb Star
Elders	Ryan Schneider	Matt Dinnauer	Erik Benes
Greeters	March & Sue Baganz	Dave & Bonnie Schlieuwe Dutch & Lynda Holland	Tom Miller
Live-Stream	N/A	Granzin	N/A
Radio	N/A	Aaron DeWitt	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Maynard	Rick Zastrow	Erik Benes

AUGUST 23, 2026

**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +
BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICES**

Pastor: Jason A. Schockman

Theme: *Son of the Living God*

5pm & 8am Worship

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 1, pg. 151

10:30am Worship

Special Order

5

PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 68:5-6, 35, 1, 3, 7, 10, 19

God is in His holy habi- / tation.*

He gives a home to the / desolate.

The God of Israel is He who / gives strength*

and power to His / people.

Let God arise, Let His enemies be / scattered;*

let those also who hate Him flee be- / fore Him.

But let the righteous be glad: let them rejoice be- / fore God;*

yes, let them rejoice ex- / ceedingly.

O God, when you went out before Your / people,*

you, O God, provided from Your goodness / for the poor.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with / benefits,*

the God of our sal- / vation!

6

SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Romans 10:17

“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”

7

READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8

PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, who are always more ready to hear than we to pray and give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

9

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10

SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

TLH 329, LSB 607

Martin Luther



1. From depths of woe I cry to Thee,
Lord, hear me, I implore Thee.
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,
My prayer let come before Thee.
If Thou rememberest each misdeed,
If each should have its rightful meed,
Who may abide Thy presence?

2. Thy love and grace alone avail
To blot out my transgression:
The best and holiest deeds must fail
To break sin's dread oppression.
Before Thee none can boasting stand,
But all must fear Thy strict demand
And live alone by mercy.

3. Therefore my hope is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit;
It rests upon His faithful Word
To them of contrite spirit
That He is merciful and just:
This is my comfort and my trust.
His help I wait with patience.



1

BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:

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

2

SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

3

PRAY THE LORD'S 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.

4

PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have kept me this night from all
harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also
from sin and every evil, that all my
doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend
myself, my body and soul, and all
things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive
me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands, I
commend myself, my body and
soul, and all things. Let Your holy
angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.

Around the Word Devotions + the week of August 16-22, 2026

THEME OF THE WEEK: Believing Humility

The stance of the Christian is always to receive. We receive Jesus' word into our ears and hearts, and there God creates and sustains faith. Through this faith, God counts us righteous for the sake of Jesus. The Christian life therefore is a life of continual reception of the things that God has to give. We do not puff up ourselves with our works of charity and piety and present them to God, but rather we in humility count our works as rubbish even as we do them for love of God and neighbor. Our sufficiency is of Christ alone.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:9-14 – Humility Before God

Two men go up the temple to pray. One stands by himself and praises himself. The other stands far off and begs mercy from God, and God gives it. He “went down to his house justified,” that is, forgiven and reconciled to God. Righteousness is given as a gift to those who know their great need, as the tax collector did. But those who would assert their own righteousness, ironically, are unrighteous before God. Christ has come for sinners. If you would have Him and His righteousness, count yourself as such.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner! Amen.

MON

SCRIPTURE: Ps 119, eleventh part (KAPH v81-88) – The Assurance of Salvation in the Midst of All Things

The Word of God, His truth and decrees, are certain and sure. They last forever. In all things we rest secure in that very life-giving and life-sustaining Word. What else builds us up and comforts our wearied souls except the delight that we find in His Law and precepts. Only the Word of our God (written and Incarnate and spoken) can shield us from sin, death, and the devil. As certainly as His Word is set in the heavens and the earth has been established in its place, so too, as assuredly, does our Lord deliver to us His salvation. *O Lord, I am Yours; save me! Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15:1-10 – His Grace is Not in Vain

If Christ is not raised from the dead, nothing matters and everything is futile! If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith and the apostolic preaching of the Gospel is in vain! “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor. 15:20). Your faith, the apostle's preaching, and God's grace toward you is not in vain! Christ bled, died and rose for an unworthy apostle who persecuted His Church and He bled, died and rose for every unworthy sinner born of Adam. Rejoice and give humble thanks to the One who died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures (v.3). His grace for Saint Paul, for you, for me, is not in vain! *O Lord, we give thanks for Your grace in Christ Jesus that is never in vain. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 22:21-29 – Christian Humility

“You save a humble people” spoke David in his great song of deliverance “but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.” Humility towards God is nothing else but faith, which is glad to not only speak the same things which God speaks in His Word about our sinful condition, but also will receive His gracious promise of forgiveness through Christ. Humility is therefore the posture of the Christian toward God. The haughty, however, are puffed up with their own merits and ideas about God and despise God and His Word. They will be brought down. Hear what the sacred scriptures speak dear Christian, and learn to say “yes and amen” to it! *Lord God, make me humble that I would receive what You give me. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Luke 7:36-50 – Faith and Love

Do we receive forgiveness by grace alone through faith alone, or do our works contribute something? The sinful woman did not earn forgiveness for her many sins because she loved much. Just the opposite: she loved because she received forgiveness by grace through faith. She trusted in Christ alone for forgiveness. Her faith alone saved her, and the fruit of that faith was seen in her love. So also, our faith receives the forgiveness of sins in Christ alone by His grace alone, and this faith bears the good fruit of love for God and others. *O Christ, grant us forgiveness by Your grace alone, and grant us the fruit of good works that follow. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:4-18 – Ears, Heart, Mouth.

The righteousness of the Law eludes our grasp; in contrast, the righteousness of faith is at hand. Christ comes to us. He is as near as the Word of the Gospel in ear and heart and mouth. The Word is preached, heard, and believed; that faith leads the mouth to confess. This is the message that must go out to all the world: that Christ alone is our righteousness by faith. What a perfect lead in to this Sunday's Gospel, when the Word of Christ will open our ears to hear and our mouths to speak. *Lord, open my ears to hear, my heart to believe, and my mouth to confess. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 147 – Praise the Lord

Teaching His disciples not to be anxious, Jesus rhetorically asks, “Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” (Matt. 6:26). In a similar manner, Psalm 147 teaches us to “praise the LORD,” trust in His providential care and hope in His steadfast love (v. 11). The One who is the Creator of the universe, Who sends rain upon the earth and feeds its animals is the same God Who gathers and saves Israel, Who looks upon your every need and delights to care for you. He saves you by His redeeming love in Christ and fills you with His peace that passes all understanding. Praise the LORD indeed! *O LORD, we praise You for all that You do for us. Amen.*

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Thus says the Lord:

"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

"And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,

to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,

and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,

and holds fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples."

The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
"I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered."

Epistle: Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the

world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.



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- + As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.

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5:00 pm – 44

Wed – 30

8:00 am – 193

Total: 370

10:30 am – 103

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	5pm	8am	10:30am
Liturgist	Ps. Matt Thompson	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
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Elders	Pat Smith	Arno Kirchenwitz	Tom Showen
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Live Stream	N/A	Edwards	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
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The God Who Has Mercy on All

by Matthew E. Thompson, Pastor
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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
16 August, A.D. 2026
Is 56.1, 6-8; Rom 11.1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Mt 15.21-28

What is the central claim Paul makes in Romans 11?

"God has consigned all to _____, that He may have _____ on all."

How does Isaiah describe God's intention for His house?

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for **all** _____. " God promises to gather _____ to Himself.

How does Paul describe the mystery of God's mercy?

God weaves together: Israel's _____ the Gentiles' _____ Israel's _____ the Church's _____ All serving one purpose: mercy in Christ.

How does the Canaanite woman embody this mercy?

"Lord, Son of David, have _____ on me." "Even the dogs eat the _____ that fall from their master's table." "Great is your _____."

How does this pattern shape Confession and Absolution?

We come like the Canaanite woman—empty-handed, humbled, pleading for mercy. Confession acknowledges our _____. Absolution delivers Christ's _____. Christ does not wait for us to reach Him—He reaches us.

How does God deliver His mercy?

In _____ He gathers _____ and makes them _____ _____. In _____ He speaks _____ into ears that still ring with _____. In the Holy _____ He _____ us at the Master's table not with crumbs but with _____ Himself.

Why is the Church a house of mercy?

Because Christ gathers sinners, not the deserving. The Church is a _____ for sinners. It is a _____ of _____ for all nations. It is the place where _____ gives what He _____.

What does this mean for the Church today?

We live by mercy alone. We welcome as Christ welcomes. We kneel beside the Canaanite woman and say: "Lord, have mercy." And He does.

Key Takeaway

God humbles all so that He may have mercy on all. In Baptism, God gathers those once far off. In Confession and Absolution, Christ speaks mercy into our ears. In the Lord's Supper, Christ feeds us at the Master's table— not with crumbs, but with His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins. Faith clings to Christ's mercy alone.