

ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Genesis 50:15–21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the

Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."



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Saturday: 5:00 pm

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September 13, 2026

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. The worship service is simulcast downstairs in our Fellowship Hall for your convenience.

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 – 74

Total: 359

8:00 am – 169

10:30 am – 116

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Liturgist	Ps. Matt Thompson	Ps. Matt Thompson	Ps. Matt Thompson
Preacher	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Musicians	Allison DeWitt	Allison DeWitt	Praise Team
Altar Guild	Traci Anderson	Pam Kroupa	Karen Dentice
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Matt Dinnauer	Jerad Luedtke
Greeters	Margie Hertneky Char Binney	Matt Wawrzyn Duane & Sharon Peterson	Al Mueller
Live Stream	N/A	Scheuer	N/A
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushering Team	Rick Zastrow	Joel Tesch	Jerad Luedtke

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored in loving memory of Bob Bratz for his 81st birthday on September 13th by his family

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 or YouTube

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by Rev. Jason A. Schockman, Associate Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 19)
13 September, A.D. 2026
Gen 50.15-21; Rom 14.1-12; Mt 18.21-35

What two things does Paul join together in these few verses, and why does the connection seem strange at first?

According to Romans 14:7-9, whom do we live for and die for — and what did God do in baptism to make that true?

In Jesus' parable, how does the kingdom of God handle debt differently from the kingdom of this world?

Why is the servant afraid before his master, and how big was the debt he owed?

The preacher says the master's forgiveness is not a transaction but an invitation. An invitation to what?

How does the forgiven servant end up in prison by his own choosing?

What are the Christians in Rome fighting over, and what is that fight doing to Christ's body?

Who are the "martyrs in the church," and why does the preacher say small quarrels can do huge damage?

Where does God gather you, what does he give you there, and what does he send you out to do?)

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Weekly Announcements

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML

We are in need of 25 banana boxes (tops & bottoms) by the end of September for packing quilts for shipping. If you would like to help, please check when you shop for groceries it would be appreciated. They can be placed in the LWML room in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pat Menden (262-719-6008) for info or to check if they are still needed.

Fall garden clean-up time is nearing. If you would be able to help, please contact Pat Menden (262-719-6008).

STARTING THIS SUNDAY! “Christ’s Kids”, Ages 0-3 Bible Study

A new baby/toddler group for our St. Paul’s family, called Christ’s Kids, will meet every Sunday from 9:15-10:15am (during Adult Bible Study). Parents of young children (3 years and under) are welcome to join us in the 4K classroom for fellowship and Bible study. This includes Christ-centered activities, hymns and reading Scripture. Please contact Delaney Heffern at 414-813-0888 or Colette Greve at 414-217-6143 for questions or comments.

Around the World Devotions

The weekly ***Around the World Devotions*** will be available for pick-up every weekend in the racks on the east and west walls as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you for those who provided feedback!



Are you thinking about becoming a member at St. Paul’s **OR** do you want a refresher on what Lutherans believe? Join Pastor Schockman for “Lutheran Basics” at our Wednesday evening Bible class, **Word on Wednesday (W.O.W.)**. Childcare will be provided!

When: Wednesdays, September 9th through December 16th

Where: Room 219 **Time:** 6:30–8:00 pm

The Entrusted Life

St. Paul’s is offering a six-week class on Christian Finance Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. The class will begin on October 14th, and run through November 18th. During that time, we will figure out ways to deal with difficult financial decisions, budgeting, how to deal with debt, saving vs investing, preparing for retirement, contentment, giving, and much more. “...but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.” 1 Thessalonians 2:4. God has entrusted us with so much, together let’s figure out how to best steward those gifts. This six-week class will be led by Dale Stratil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT INFORMATION

St. Paul's Youth Group

Students are invited to dive into God's Word, grow in faith, have fun with friends, and serve others through awesome servant events.



New faces & returning friends—ALL are welcome!



Stay connected:

Follow us on Instagram & Facebook-St. Paul's Oconomowoc Youth Group



Want email updates? Email splyouth.group@splco.org with "ADD ME TO THE EMAIL BLAST."

See you at Youth Group!

September

- September 13 High School Youth Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- September 20 MS & HS Youth Group Kick-Off 12:00pm - 2:00pm
- September 27 Middle School Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:00pm
High School Youth Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm

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

- 09/20 | Reformation Tap Society | 4pm @ Brewfinity



BALLPARK = *Bash* =

FOR ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

— A FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT —



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH



DOCKHOUNDS STADIUM

5:30-9pm

Ballpark Bash Benefit Tickets



Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *God's Greater Plan*

September 13–20, 2026

God's Greater Plan

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “*mercy on your fellow servant*” and “*forgive your brother from your heart*” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we “*are the Lord’s*” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “*stand before the judgment seat of God*,” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “*will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand*” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “*to bring it about that many people should be kept alive*” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “*I will provide for you and your little ones*” (Gen. 50:21).

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

Christ-Centered Theme: We live in a forgiving Kingdom.

Verse: Romans 13:10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-12 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

How Firm a Foundation

Story/Topic	God Calls Abram God's Covenant The Sacrifice of Isaac
Primary Scripture	Genesis 12.1-9; 15.1-6; 17.1-8; 21.1-4; 22.1-19
Catechism by Heart: Verse	Matthew 5:37: Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.
Catechism by Heart: Section	<i>What is the Seventh Commandment?</i> You shall not steal. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way; but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.
	<i>What is the Eighth Commandment?</i> You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *God's Greater Plan*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	Jesus Is Anointed: Luke 7	Psalm 103, 117, 139	Mt 18.21-35
Mon.	Jesus Walks on Water: Matthew 14	Psalm 5, 84, 29	1 Jn 1.1-10
Tue.	The Transfiguration: Mark 8-9	Psalm 42, 102, 133	1 Jn 2.1-27
Wed.	Jesus Heals the Blind Man: John 9	Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33	1 Jn 2.28-3.24
Thur.	The Beatitudes: Matthew 4-5	Psalm 97, 16, 62	1 Jn 4.1-21
Fri.	The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-6	Psalm 51, 142, 65	1 Jn 5.1-21
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16	Psalm 104, 118, 111	2 Jn 1-13

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

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, 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 – Tom Krenzke—recovering from surgery; Kathy Mueller—hip replacement; Ronna Pagenkopf; Andy Helwig; George Menden; 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; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Rick (Tim Krause's dad)—lung 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 Rhodée) Liarokis—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: Kathleen O'Donnell (Pastor's mom); 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; 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

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

Hymn of the Week: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

LSB 803

Looking forward to the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Hymns: 555 (738, 742, 731) 680 <i>Beyond Our Understanding (Pastor Schockman)</i> Those who are sent as “<i>laborers for his vineyard</i>” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “<i>the burden of the day and the scorching heat</i>” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). That's the "what" of His salvation, the "HOW" is a completely different story. This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “<i>he may be found</i>” (Is. 55:6), “<i>have compassion</i>” and “<i>abundantly pardon</i>” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “<i>whether by life or by death</i>” (Phil. 1:20), by “<i>fruitful labor</i>” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “<i>worthy of the gospel</i>” (Phil. 1:27).	September 20, 2026
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**PRESENTED BY: APRIL DE VALKENAERE,
FORTRESS FORENSIC ACCOUNTING**

TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: 210 E PLEASANT ST., OCONOMOWOC

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Parents, Guardians,
Students & Church Families



Use this QR code to
register or online
with [this link](#)



Registration is required so we
can plan seating and food.



REFORMATION TAP SOCIETY

Theology and conversation
with a bit of hops.

Reformation Tap Society talks are casual and thoughtful adult conversations about important things. Under the theme, "Rooted in Christ," the 2026-2027 Reformation Tap Society season aims to help participants know Christ and grow in His teaching. Though we welcome adults of any age, topics and language are aimed at those 18-35. Our speakers understand that RTS is a public event, so the conversations are not raw, but our speakers are encouraged to practice candor geared towards younger adults. Parents of children under high school age should collaborate on a babysitter, then come and enjoy the beverages, food, and conversation. RTS is an opportunity to hear perspectives not regularly heard in popular culture. All are welcome.

RTS is held on the 3rd Sundays, September through May. We gather at 5pm, have a "beer talk" from the brewmaster at about 5:25, and at about 5:30 our speaker takes the mic. The speaker will present on a topic of interest, then take questions until 6:15 or so. (BTW, you're welcome even if you're not a beer fan. Other beverages are available.).

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Christ for Broken People: Fiction and Evangelism

Speaker: Lance O'Donnell

5-7p.m.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY September 14	Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
TUESDAY September 15	Daniel Small Group Bible Study	Room 201	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY September 16	Lutheran Basics	Room 219	6:30 pm
THURSDAY September 17	Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Balcony Church	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAY September 19	Women of Joy Roger Weaver Visitation Roger Weaver Funeral Roger Weaver Luncheon Divine Worship	Whelan's Church Church Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm
SUNDAY September 20	Divine Worship Coffee Fellowship Hour Ps. O'Donnell Sabbatical Debrief Christ's Kids Class (Birth-3 years) 7/8 Public School Confirmation Sunday School Divine Worship Youth Group Kick-Off Reformation Tap Society	Church Gym Gym 4K Room Meet in Gym Meet in Gym Church Gym Brewfinity	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:45am 5:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

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

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym
God Calls Abram
God's Covenant
The Sacrifice of Isaac
Meet in the gym 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 55.6-9	Phil 1.12-14, 19-30	Mt 20.1-16
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Rachelle Eifert Megan Miller	Stacey Balistreri
Elders	Pat Smith	Glenn Gartzke	Erik Benes
Greeters	Larry & Bonnie Vasatko	Dutch & Lynda Holland Dave & Bonnie Schlieuwe	Frieda Antoniak Marty Antoniak
Live-Stream	N/A	Hertneky	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Laabs	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Maynard	Dan Friedrich	Erik Benes

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Jason A. Schockman

Theme: *Beyond Our Understanding*

5pm & 8am Worship

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10:30am Worship

Special Order

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PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 86:1-3, 4, 6, 15-16

Bow down Your ear, O Lord, / hear me;*
 You are my God; save Your servant who / trusts in You!
 Be merciful to / me, O Lord,*
 for I cry to You / all day long.
 Rejoice the soul of Your / servant,*
 for to You, O Lord, I lift / up my soul.
 Give ear, O Lord, / to my prayer;*
 and attend to the voice of my suppli- / cations.
 You, O Lord, are a God full of com- / passion,*
 oh, turn to me, and have mercy up- / on me!
 Give Your strength to Your / servant,*
 and save the son of Your / maidservant.

6

SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Psalm 119:116

"Uphold me according to Your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope!"

7

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

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PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church, and because she cannot continue in safety without Your help, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10

SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK

In God, My Faithful God

TLH 526, LSB 745

Sigismund Weingartner



1. In God, my faithful God,
 I trust when dark my road;
 Tho' many woes o'ertake me,
 Yet He will not forsake me.
 His love it is doth send them
 And, when 'tis best, will end them.
2. My sins assail me sore,
 But I despair no more;
 I build on Christ, who loves me;
 From this Rock nothing moves me.
 To Him I all surrender,
 To Him, my soul's Defender.

3. If death my portion be,
 Then death is gain to me
 And Christ my Life forever,
 From whom death cannot sever.
 Come when it may,
 He'll shield me,
 To Him I wholly yield me.



"The Confidence in God Wrought by the Spirit"

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 September 13-19, 2026

THEME OF THE WEEK: The Confidence in God Wrought by the Spirit

The Lord gives us His Word so that we would be brought to faith, preserved against evil and wickedness, instructed in righteous living, guarded against false doctrine, and ultimately, so that we would be forgiven our sins and brought into everlasting life. This is the purpose of the scriptures. And He gives them not only to our minds and hearts, but also to our lips, so that we would speak these beautiful words to others, that many would rejoice, and that in the resurrection we would have many neighbors.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:24-34 – Contentment in Christ

Jesus instructs us to not be anxious about our daily needs. The word “anxious” in the original language of the New Testament is the same word for tombstone. Worry, which is idolatry, erects a tombstone in the human heart. Repent! But our confidence, wrought by the Spirit and anchored in the crucified and risen Christ, is in God alone. He created, redeemed, and sanctified us. Our heavenly Father cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. How much more will He give us, the crown of His creation, to wear the baptismal robe of His righteousness and to eat and drink of His body and blood? *Heavenly Father, thank You for daily and richly providing all that we need to support this body and life. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Ps 119:113-120 – Our Shelter and Shield

Until the return of our Lord Jesus, God's people will always be surrounded by the double-minded and evildoers; those who hate God's Word, reject His laws and despise those who love His testimonies. For those who fear and love God, Yahweh alone is their shelter and shield. He will uphold and sustain His own, keeping them safe in the day of trouble. This He has promised to the psalmist and to you. This He has fulfilled in Jesus, the Word of God made flesh for you. Rejoice then and be glad, for the Lord does not lie and those who put their trust in Him will never be put to shame! *Help me, O Lord, to trust and cling to Your Words of life and promise all my days. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:25-6:10 – Sowing Good Things

You reap what you sow. This is wisdom that even the world knows, but it comes from the Lord. If we sow envy, conceit, wickedness; if we sow discontentment in the Lord's Word and promises; if we sow unbelief, then we will reap the same. What we put into the ground, or better yet, what we place into our hearts, minds, and consciences, will inevitably grow up and flourish. So we are encouraged to sow, plant, and cultivate the good things. These include faith, righteousness, sanctification, God's Word, and good works. In that we will see an abundance of the same grow up in our lives together, giving us much opportunity to do good, especially in the household of faith. *Lord, help me to sow Your Word and truth in my mind, heart, and conscience. Amen*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 6:4-7 – Constant Creed

The Creed is wonderful because we learn it by heart, say it together with joy, and can come back to any part at any time. This passage begins with the "Creed," of sorts, for the people of Israel. Far more than just a confession for church or devotions, however, the words of God from Moses are to be the constant food of conversation. Memorize God's Word, certainly; but also discuss it. Make it part of your vocabulary. It is to be a way of life, not simply a child's verse. For the Words of God are what truly give life, by His Spirit. *Lord, plant Your Word deeply in my heart, that it may bear much fruit. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:38-42 – One Thing's Needed

Christianity is not about what you can do for Jesus, but what Jesus does for you. Being the church is not skipping worship to rake leaves. It's being near Jesus to receive from Him in Word and Sacrament. I realize there's a lot to do. It's easy to become distracted with much serving, but one thing is necessary. Faith in Jesus goes to Jesus. He has promised to be found in Word and Sacrament, not as yet one more thing to worry about, but as the remedy to worry and anxiety. It's even enough to care for our neighbors after. *Lord, show to us what is necessary, that we may seek You where You have promised to be found and receive from You in joy. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:26-39 – Always about Jesus

What is the primary topic of the scriptures? How you answer this will greatly affect how you read and apply God's Word. If the scriptures are chiefly about you and what you need to be doing, then all the texts will take on that reality. But if the scriptures are about someone else, if they are about the Lord's Work of redeeming us from sin and death and rescuing from the devil, especially in the person and work of Jesus, then our reading and application of them will reflect that. "About whom does the prophet say this?" "Jesus" says Phillip. And he's right. For as our Lord Himself reminds us: "You read the scriptures for you believe that in them you have life, and it is they that testify of me." *Lord, help me to always see Jesus in the scriptures. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 34 – True Christian Humility

The only way to truly bless the Lord (v.1) is to truly recognize that we are sinful, that He alone is good, and that we are only made perfect for the sake of Christ. This is true Christian humility: acknowledging the free gift of salvation in Christ to poor miserable sinners. Anything else is self-justification and therefore is a curse against God and His salvation for us. To seek the Lord is to know that, as Luther says, "Our ugliness is God's beauty, our blushing is God's glory, our shame is His dignity, our sin is the excellence of His grace" (AE 10:162). And it is only through this true humility, granted by God through faith, that the Holy Spirit can then enliven us to, "Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." It is all and only the work of God in us for the sake of Christ. *Holy Spirit, be near to the brokenhearted and save the crushed in spirit. Amen.*

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