

ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Ezekiel 33:7–9

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

Epistle: Romans 13:1–10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect it is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1–20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I

say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

September 6, 2026



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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. 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 – 73

Total: 404

8:00 am – 196

10:30 am – 135

Scan the QR code and give electronically. This is a safe and easy way to offer your gifts to God.



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Liturgist	Ps. Matt Thompson	Ps. Matt Thompson	Ps. Matt Thompson
Preacher	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell
Musicians	Allison DeWitt	Allison DeWitt	Praise Team
Altar Guild	Michelle Wilson	Jackie Meyer	Karen Gotthardt
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Dave Meyer	Tom Showen
Greeters	Carole Schmeda Elaine Schmeda	Bruce & Mary Bojko Duane & Sharon Peterson	Pam Tanner Wyatt Tanner
Live Stream	N/A	Edwards	N/A
Radio	N/A	Tom Krenzke	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Friedrich	Dave Meyer	Tom Showen

Altar Flowers: Sponsored by Chris & Pam Kroupa in praise to God for their 8th wedding anniversary on August 7th

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by Carole Schmeda in praise to God for many blessings

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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Towards Reconciliation and Hope, Not Anger and Clamor

by Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 18)
06 September, A.D. 2026
Ps 32.1-7; Ezek 33.7-9; Rom 13.1-10; Mt 10.1-20

Introduction

As we celebrate Labor Day in the U.S. what is a significant cultural concern?

**As God's beloved, to what are we called?
(Eph 4.31-32)**

CCT: Christ's forgiveness leads to reconciliation and _____, not anger and clamor.

Citizenship and the Challenge of Romans 13

How can citizenship in the U.S. present particular spiritual challenges?

What is God's clear teaching concerning the responsibilities of government and of citizenship? (See Rom 13.1-9; Jn 19.10-11)

What's the basic premise for when governments are wrong? (Acts 5.29) How does Jesus' approach to Pilate (Jn 19.10-11) and the apostles' response to the council (Acts 5.40-42; 1 Pet 2.18-25)

Conclusion

What are some sacred responsibilities in light of our failure as citizens and governing authorities? (See Ezek 33.8-9; Mt 18.15; Lk 24.45-48)

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Weekly Announcements

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING SOON: “Christ’s Kids”, Ages 0-3 Bible Study

Starting September 13th, 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.

Upcoming funeral

Our sister in Christ, Karen Meyer, passed away. Her funeral arrangements are as follows:

- ✠ Tuesday, September 8th, at St. Paul’s
 - Visitation: 9-11am, service at 11am

St. Paul’s Kid’s Zone

Get ready to have some fun at the Kid's Zone Saturday, September 12th, 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). Scan the QR code or contact the church office to sign-up.

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



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!

Word
ON
Wednesday

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

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.

Tables for sale

St. Paul’s has some banquet tables for sales. They are 8’ x 29.5” Lifetime tables. We have 28 of them. They are \$60 apiece. Please contact the office (262-567-5001) if you are interested in purchasing one.

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.



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 12 Kids' Zone @ Fall Fest 8:00am-4:00pm
- 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 15th Sunday after Pentecost: *Toward Reconciliation and Hope, Not Anger and Clamor*
September 6–13, 2026

Toward Reconciliation and Hope, Not Anger and Clamor

Pastors, as called and ordained servants of the Word, have the sacred responsibility to teach God's Word truthfully, for God desires all to repent and be saved. Failure of duty is iniquity. (See Ezek 33.7-9; 1 Tim 2.4; Mt 18.15-20; Ps 32.1-7) For example, most Americans have some repenting to do regarding our attitude toward governing authorities, for—whether we like them or not—God says honor and subjection is due. (See Rom 13.1-10) May God grant us this repentance, and wisdom to act justly, for The LORD so rejoices in repentance and faith in Christ (See Mt 18.1-14) that Christ calls upon all Christians participate in the ministry of reconciliation, (2 Cor 5.18) living in forgiveness, and putting away anger and clamor and slander. (Eph 4.31-32)

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: Christ's forgiveness leads to reconciliation and hope, not anger and clamor.

Verse: Mark 10:7b, 8, 9 "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.

Psalm: Psalm 32:1-7 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule
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How Firm a Foundation

Story/Topic	Noah & the Flood Tower of Babel
Primary Scripture	Genesis 6-9; 11:1-9
Catechism by Heart: Verse	Mark 10:6–8a: But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’
Catechism by Heart: Section	<i>What is the Fifth Commandment?</i> You shall not murder. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.
	<i>What is the Sixth Commandment?</i> You shall not commit adultery. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost: *Toward Reconciliation and Hope, Not Anger and Clamor*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	The Disciples Follow Jesus: Matthew 4, Luke 5	Psalm 110, 66, 23	Mt 18.21-35
Mon.	Jesus Rejected at Nazareth: Luke 4	Psalm 62, 72, 8	1 Pt 1.1-25
Tue.	Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man: Mark 1-2	Psalm 13, 36, 5	1 Pt 2.1-25
Wed.	Jesus Calls Matthew: Mark 1-2	Psalm 96, 132, 134	1 Pt 3.1-4.19
Thur.	Jesus Calms a Storm: Mark 4	Psalm 116, 26, 130	1 Pt 5.1-14
Fri.	Jesus Heals Jairus’s Daughter: Mark 5	Psalm 85, 25, 40	2 Pt 1.1-2.22
Sat.	Sunday’s Gospel Reading: Matthew 18.1-20	Psalm 61, 138, 98	2 Pt 3.1-18

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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 – Ben Mueller; 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; 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; the family of Karen Meyer (Don's wife), who passed away; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Anniversary: Chris & Pam Kroupa—8th—September 7th

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

Hymn of the Week: *I'm But a Stranger Here*

LSB 748

Looking forward to the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymns: 818, 606 (621, 611, 765) 790

September 13, 2026

Living in a Forgiving Kingdom (Pastor Schockman)

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).



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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
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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.).

September 20, 2026

Christ for Broken People: Fiction and Evangelism

Speaker: Lance O'Donnell

5-7p.m.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY September 7	NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED		
TUESDAY September 8	Karen Meyer Visitation Karen Meyer Funeral Board of Operations Meeting Board of Elders Meeting	Church Church Room 201 Room 202	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY September 9	Lutheran Basics	Room 219	6:30 pm
THURSDAY September 10	Praise Team Rehearsal	Church	6:30 pm
SATURDAY September 12	Journeyman Kids' Zone Fall Fest Divine Worship	Maxim's Parking Lot Church	7:30 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm
SUNDAY September 13	Divine Worship Life Application Bible Study 7/8 Public School Confirmation Sunday School Divine Worship High School Youth Group	Church Gym Meet in Gym Meet in Gym Church Room 219Y	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

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

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym
SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY!
Meet in the gym at 9:15am

Women of Joy

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

Journeyman

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

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Gen 50.15-21	Rom 14.1-12	Matt 18.21-35
Altar Guild	Traci Anderson	Pam Kroupa	Karen Dentice
Elders	Glenn Gartzke	Matt Dinnauer	Jerad Luedtke
Greeters	Margie Hertnkey 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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Jason A. Schockman

Theme: *Living in a Forgiving Kingdom*

5pm & 8am Worship

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10:30am Worship

Special Order

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PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 9-10, 11

O God, be- / hold our shield,*
 and look upon the face of Your a- / nointed.
 For a day / in Your courts*
 is better than a / thousand.
 How lovely is Your tabernacle, O / Lord of hosts!*

My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts / of the Lord;
 Blessed are those who dwell / in Your house;*

They will still be / praising You
 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God*
 than dwell in the tents of / wickedness.
 The Lord will give grace and / glory;*

no good thing will / He withhold.

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SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Psalm 106:1

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"

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

8

PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Keep, we implore You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of mankind without You cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

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SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
Now Thank We All Our God

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 Martin Rinckhart



1. Now thank we all our God
 With heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things hath done,
 In whom His world rejoices;
 Who from our mother's arms
 Hath blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love,
 And still is ours today.

2. Oh, may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed peace to cheer us;
 And keep us in His grace
 And guide us when perplexed
 And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to
 God
 The Father now be given,
 The Son, and Him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven:
 The one eternal God,
 Whom earth and heaven adore!
 For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore.



"The Thankfulness 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 6-12, 2026

THEME OF THE WEEK: The Thankfulness Wrought by the Spirit

The lessons this week instruct us in three ways. First, we should thank God for all His benefits, the large and small blessings which we receive every day. Second, that we should strive to fight against sin and unbelief in us by resisting our flesh and the devil, hearing the promises of God in Christ Jesus all the while. Third, that we should be encouraged for our fight, knowing that God is a gracious Father to us in Christ, that He offers help in time of need, and that His kindness and mercy endure forever, especially for us sinners who are by nature children of wrath and receive forgiveness as a free gift.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19 – Thanksgiving in All Things

The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer reminds us that God gives daily bread to all people, even evil people, without our prayer. The Fourth Petition in the Lord's Prayer reminds us of the good gifts of God, and reminds us to receive these gifts with thanksgiving. So also does the "evil" foreigner in the healing today. The children of Israel were tempted to fulfill the obligations of the Law in order to be declared holy and righteous. But the child of God returns and gives thanks to God, for we are neither worthy of the things for which we ask, nor have we deserved them, but we pray that He would give them all to us by grace.

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for all Your gifts, and ask that You would continue to give us thankful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:105-112 (NUN) – Not just for Sundays...

We tend to compartmentalize our life in unhelpful ways. We confine God's word to Sunday, and the rest of the week the wisdom of the world prevails. But as Christ is King of all things, all things having been subjected to Him (Heb 2:8), His Word and promises have infinite value for our whole life. The Word is a "lamp to our feet and a light to our path." It is the wisdom of God, given to men for our instruction, for our training in righteousness. The Word alone has the power of God for salvation. It alone endures forever, even as the wisdom of this world is fading away. So take up the Word of God. Let it point you to wisdom.

Let it point you to Jesus - and not just on Sunday. *Give me life, O Lord, according to Your Word! Amen. – (vs. 107)*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:16-24 – The Work of the Flesh Versus the Work of the Spirit

The desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the flesh only works sins like jealousy, rivalries, envy, and other things like these. The end of such things is death. We however belong not to the flesh but to Christ Jesus. He has purchased and won us by His blood; He has made us His own through Holy Baptism. Therefore let us repent of the ingratitude wrought by the flesh, cling to Christ alone in faith for the forgiveness of sins, and walk in new life by the Spirit, in the true thankfulness that is wrought by Him alone. *We thank You, Christ Jesus, that You have redeemed us and made us Your own. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 17:13, 14 – Living Water

The heart must trust. As much as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, so also the heart is never without its source of comfort and strength. It's like a tree that puts down roots trying to find water to sustain its life. The man who trusts in flesh, in what man can accomplish by his reason and strength, is put to shame. The man who trusts in the Lord finds a living fountain, a stream that never runs dry, that never fails, that fills the heart to brim and runs over. Jesus says, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water'" (John 7:38). *Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 5:1-15 – Nothing worse?

"Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you," says our Lord. What could be worse than lying paralyzed for 38 years? Eternal death. That is a far worse thing. Willful, persistent sin leads to eternal death, because it is there that faith in the Savior dies. A hardening of the conscience, especially after receiving great mercy from Christ, is deadly. And we avoid this in the same way the Lord instructs the now healed man – we avoid sin and unbelief. We persist in fighting our sinful nature which does not "want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come" and pray that God would "keep us firm in His Word and faith until we die" (Small Catechism). *Jesus, preserve me in the faith, that I may shun evil and rest only in Your forgiveness. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3:1-10 – Name and Authority

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12). Again, Jesus says to the apostles in the last chapter of Mark, "These signs will accompany those who believe... They will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." Jesus fulfilled these promises among the apostles to give you certainty that their message is true and life-giving. What did Peter possess to heal the man? The Name and authority of Jesus. This Name and authority continue to be exercised when you hear the Scriptures and believe. Jesus ascended for this very purpose. *Grant Your power to be exercised among us by Your Word first preached by the apostles. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 66 – Shout for Joy to God, All the Earth

When Adam fell, creation itself was subjected to futility, in bondage to corruption. But in the fullness of time, God, who made all creatures, became Man to deliver us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Having risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, Christ has promised to return in glory on the Last Day to create new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. For all this, the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy, even as the whole Church sings praises to God for His awesome deeds toward the children of men. *We thank You, O God, for the hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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