

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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## The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost + LWML Sunday

### Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1–7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

### Epistle: Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33–46

[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

October 4, 2026



# St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

## Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



### Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

**210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066**

**262-567-5001**

**[www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org)**

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 – 83

Total: 363

8:00 am – 168

10:30 am – 112

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

|               | 5pm                              | 8am                                           | 10:30am              |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Liturgist     | Ps. O’Donnell                    | Ps. Schockman                                 | Ps. Schockman        |
| Preacher      | Ps. O’Donnell                    | Ps. O’Donnell                                 | Ps. O’Donnell        |
| Musicians     | Allison DeWitt                   | Allison DeWitt                                | Praise Team          |
| Altar Guild   | Jackie Meyer                     | Jackie Smith                                  | Karen Dentice        |
| Elders        | Dan Eifert                       | Pat Smith                                     | Tom Showen           |
| Greeters      | Carole Schmeda<br>Elaine Schmeda | Duane & Sharon Peterson<br>Bruce & Mary Bojko | John & Marcie Nelson |
| Live Stream   | N/A                              | Prockl                                        | N/A                  |
| Radio         | N/A                              | Aaron DeWitt                                  | N/A                  |
| Ushering Team | Dave Meyer                       | Dan Friedrich                                 | Tom Showen           |

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in honor of LWML Sunday

ST. PAUL’S MEDIA

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

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## **LWML Pledge** (spoken together)

**C** In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.

We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

## **Blessing of the LWML Quilts & Pillowcase Dresses**

### **Address**

**P** Beloved in the Lord, in His great love for us the eternal God has taken on human flesh and joined Himself to His own creation. Heaven and earth are now filled with His glory as He uses the things of this world to bring us His blessing. "He has made everything beautiful in its time" so that we may behold the beauty of the Lord and inquire in His holy temple.

It is fitting, then, that these quilts and dresses be sanctified by Word and prayer for use by others for comfort.

### **Versicles**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,      **C** who made heaven and earth.

### **Salutation**

**P** The Lord be with you.      **C** And also with you.

### **Collect**

**P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your Son is the express image of Your glory so that when we behold Him we contemplate Your unending mercy. Bless and sanctify these quilts and dresses, which are offered in honor of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that all who receive them may, by Your grace, be strengthened in the true faith and worship You with a steadfast heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Blessing**

**P** The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these quilts and dresses and those who use them.

**C** Amen.

# **Sermon Outline:**

## *Stewardship of the Gospel for Christ's Sake*

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

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 22) + LWML  
4 October, A.D. 2026  
Isa 5.1-7; Ps 80.7-19; Phil 3.4b-14; Mt 21.33-46

### **Introduction**

CCT: God has claimed \_\_\_\_\_vineyard through Christ and calls us to steward it faithfully.

### **The Meaning of The Parable of the Tenants** (See Matthew 21.33-46)

What's the purpose of a parable?

To whom is the parable addressed?

How does a vineyard work?

What do some things in the parable represent?

Vineyard owner =

Vineyard =

Tenants =

Servants =

Son =

What essential lesson does the Parable of the Tenants teach?

## **II. Applying The Parable of the Tenants**

(See Mt 21.33-46. Esp. 40-41; and Phil 3.4-14)

What are a couple secondary applications of the Parable of the Tenants to us?

## **Conclusion**



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A RADIO BROADCAST?

Our radio broadcast over WTKM is a very important outreach for our congregation. Below are the dates open for 2026 & the beginning of 2027. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. We praise God for this valuable community outreach.

### **2026 (\$135)**

Oct. 18

Oct. 25

Nov. 29

Dec. 6

Dec. 20

Dec. 27

### **2027 (\$145)**

Jan. 3

Jan. 10

Jan. 17

Jan. 24

Jan. 31

Feb. 7

Feb. 14

Feb. 21

Feb. 28

Mar. 7

Mar. 14

Mar. 21

Apr. 4

If you are interested in sponsoring a Broadcast please fill out the bottom portion of this page and hand it into the church office or place it in the offering plate. Thank you. Any questions please call Heather in the church office 567-5001.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE- 1ST CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ 2ND CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

Please dedicate to (i.e. in memory of, wedding anniversary, to the Glory of God, in honor of...etc.)

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# Weekly Announcements

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LWML

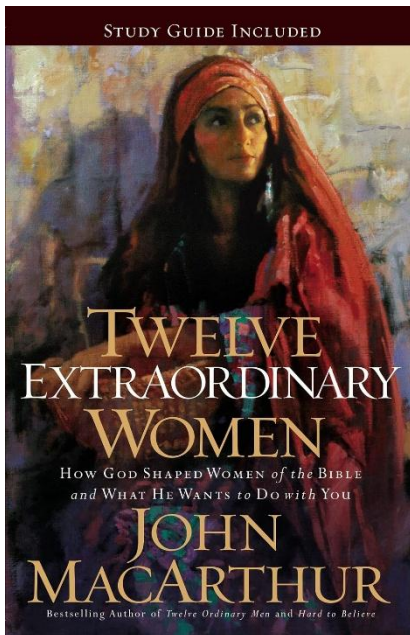
Today is LWML Sunday and we will be handing out Mite Boxes to fund district and national Mission Grants. Please fill the boxes and return the contents (keep the box) to the Large Mite box in the narthex or Marlene Steinburg. These Mites fund our \$220,000 district grants (2026-2028) and \$2,622,270 national grants (2025-2027).

The 72 quilts and 26 pillowcase dresses will be shipped to Orphan Grain Train, a program run by the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL), the official men's auxiliary of the LCMS that ships food, clothing and medical supplies to 74 countries. LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) is the official women's auxiliary of the LCMS.

We invite all women to our monthly LWML meetings and Bible Study on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month in Room 219 and encourage EVERYONE to use the "mighty" Mite Box to support missions. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in Room 219 Remember your Mites!

### Fall Luncheon

St John's Lutheran, North Prairie, is hosting a FALL LUNCHEON at 12pm, on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, with music to follow by Eric Carlson. A free-will offering will be taken. This event is open to everyone! Sponsored by St. John's LWML. Please RSVP by October 5<sup>th</sup> to 262-392-2170 or email Kathy at church office-kathy@stjohnsnpr.org.



**Women of Joy** will begin a new study, *Twelve Extraordinary Women*, on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The group meets on the **1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:00–9:00 AM** in the upper-level private room at Whelan's Coffee & Ice Cream Shop in downtown Oconomowoc.

We know life gets busy, so please don't let a full schedule keep you from joining us. If you can't make it every time, that's completely okay! Women of Joy is a wonderful group of women of all ages who come together to laugh, encourage one another, grow in faith, and support each other through the joys and challenges of everyday life.

We hope you'll join us! The book, *Twelve Extraordinary Women*, is available for purchase on Amazon. And don't forget to bring your Bible.

If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Tesch at 920-285-3628 or [Cheryl.tesch@splco.org](mailto:Cheryl.tesch@splco.org)



# BALLPARK = *Bash* =

FOR ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

— A FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT —



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>



DOCKHOUNDS STADIUM

5:30-9pm

Ballpark Bash Benefit Tickets



## MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES

### 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, through December 16<sup>th</sup> (no class on 11/25)
- † **Where:** Room 219
- † **Time:** 6:30–8:00 pm (through 11/18)
- † **Time:** 7:30–9:00 pm (during midweek Advent Worship services)

### *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 14<sup>th</sup>, and run through November 18<sup>th</sup>. During that time, we will discuss 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. Those planning to attend the class can register at <https://splco.org/church/bible-studies/> and click on the "Sign Up" link or simply use the QR code.



neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

**Matthew 21:43 – "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits."** The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing and all the rest, they



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FOR LIFE**

### **Life Thoughts in the Church Year**

The master sent servants to harvest, and the tenants beat them and treated them harshly. Even worse, they killed the son. We too can treat the messengers of the Gospel harshly, especially when they speak the truth of God's Law to us. And yet, the Son of God went to the cross for us who are wicked and sinful (Matthew 21), and the vineyard of the Lord will yield good grapes on the last day (Isaiah 5). So, we press on toward that goal of everlasting life and share the Gospel with others, knowing that it is only by the grace of God that we are counted as perfect (Philippians 3).

## **Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost + LWML Sunday: *Stewardship of the Gospel for Christ's Sake*

October 4–11, 2026

### ***Stewardship of the Gospel for Christ's Sake***

“What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?” The LORD asks in Isaiah 5.4. Indeed, God sent his beloved Son (Mt 21.37) to the vineyard. By His death and resurrection, He redeemed it. Grace upon grace, to us who were once in unrighteous, filthy rebellion against Him, God has give His own righteousness to us as a gift through faith. (Phil 3.4–14) Thus, God calls all to repent, trust in Him, and steward the vineyard of his Gospel and Church faithfully for His sake.)

### ***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 has claimed His vineyard and calls us to steward it faithfully.

**Verse:** Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

**Psalm:** Psalm 80:7-19 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule  
LSB, p. 304

## ***How Firm a Foundation***

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| <b>Story/Topic</b>                 | The Plagues & Passover                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Primary Scripture</b>           | Exodus 7-12 (selections)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Catechism by Heart: Verse</b>   | Psalm 33:6: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Catechism by Heart: Section</b> | <b><i>The Creed: First Article (Part 1)</i></b><br>I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                    | <i>What does this mean?</i><br>I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. |

### **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost + LWML Sunday: *Stewardship of the Gospel for Christ's Sake***

| <b>Day</b>   | <b>Bible Stories for Families with Young Children</b> | <b>Readings for Adults &amp; Older Children</b> |              |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Sun.</b>  | The Lord's Supper: Luke 21-22                         | Psalm 110, 66, 23                               | Mt 21.33-46  |
| <b>Mon.</b>  | Peter Denies Jesus: Mark 14                           | Psalm 62, 73, 8                                 | Rv 14.1-20   |
| <b>Tue.</b>  | The Passion of Christ: Matthew 27                     | Psalm 13, 36, 5                                 | Rv 15.1-8    |
| <b>Wed.</b>  | Jesus Dies and Lives Again: Luke 23-24                | Psalm 96, 132, 134                              | Rv 16.1-21   |
| <b>Thur.</b> | The Resurrection of Jesus: John 20                    | Psalm 116, 26, 130                              | Rv 17.1-18.8 |
| <b>Fri.</b>  | Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road: Luke 24             | Psalm 85, 25, 40                                | Rv 18.9-24   |
| <b>Sat.</b>  | Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14              | Psalm 61, 138, 98                               | Rv 19.1-21   |

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

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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** – Sue Zastrow; Dorothy Duchow; Kathy Mueller; 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; 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; the family of Joe Katusich (Matt Dinnauer's uncle) —who passed away; 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: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing***

**LSB 633**

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| <p><b>Looking forward to the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/><b>Hymns: 733, 510 (633, 631, 643) 680</b></p> <p><b><i>Christ's Feast at the Center (Pastor O'Donnell)</i></b></p> <p>Week-in and week-out, Christ brings a rich feast (Isa 25.6) of forgiveness and life to us in the Divine Service, a feast that foreshadows a day when death is swallowed up, tears are wiped away, and joy prevails. (Isa 6.8–9) Indeed, “The LORD is at hand” (Phil 4.5) in Word and Sacrament, and that gives us “peace with God,” (Phil 4.7) a peace of such supreme value that our lives are rightly centered in receiving it. To reject this gift, however, or to be ungrateful, is an act of gross unbelief that is an affront to the God who graciously—and repeatedly—invites us. (Mt 22.1–14)</p> | <p><b>October 11, 2026</b></p> |
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## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT INFORMATION

### St. Paul's Youth Group

#### October

- October 4 High School Youth Group 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- October 11 Middle School Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:00pm  
High School Youth Group 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- October 17 Church and **CORN MAZE** 5:00pm-8:30pm
- October 18 High School Youth Group 7:00 pm – 8:30pm
- October 25 **LUTHER MOVIE NIGHT** 5:30pm-8:00pm

### 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

- **10/06** | Bible Study on Hosea | 7:30pm @ SPLCO
  - Please read the prophet before the study
- 10/18 | Reformation Tap Society | 4pm @ Brewfinity
- 11/03 | Bible Study on Joel | 6:30pm @ SPLCO

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                    |                                                                                       |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY<br>October 5    | Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru                                                                                                                                                                                         | Parking Lot                                                                                        | 5:30 pm                                                                               |
| TUESDAY<br>October 6   | LWML<br>LifeLight Bible Study: Daniel<br>SPLCO YA Bible Study: Hosea                                                                                                                                               | Room 219<br>Library<br>Conference Room                                                             | 6:00 pm<br>6:30 pm<br>7:30 pm                                                         |
| WEDNESDAY<br>October 7 | Lutheran Basics                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Room 219                                                                                           | 6:30 pm                                                                               |
| THURSDAY<br>October 8  | Church Choir Rehearsal<br>Praise Team Rehearsal                                                                                                                                                                    | Balcony<br>Church                                                                                  | 6:30 pm<br>7:30 pm                                                                    |
| FRIDAY<br>October 9    | Kalbus/Kaul Rehearsal                                                                                                                                                                                              | Church                                                                                             | 5:00 pm                                                                               |
| SATURDAY<br>October 10 | Journeymen<br>Kalbus/Kaul Wedding<br>Divine Worship                                                                                                                                                                | Maxim's<br>Church<br>Church                                                                        | 7:30 am<br>1:00 pm<br>5:00 pm                                                         |
| SUNDAY<br>October 11   | Divine Worship<br>Life Application Bible Study<br>Christ's Kids Class (Birth-3 years)<br>7/8 Public School Confirmation<br>Sunday School<br>Divine Worship<br>Middle School Youth Group<br>High School Youth Group | Church<br>Gym<br>4K Room<br>Meet in Gym<br>Meet in Gym<br>Church<br>Room 219Y/Gym<br>Room 219Y/Gym | 8:00 am<br>9:15 am<br>9:15 am<br>9:15 am<br>9:15 am<br>10:30 am<br>5:30 pm<br>7:00 pm |

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Life Application Bible Study

**Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall**  
Life Application Bible Study

#### Women of Joy

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

#### Sunday School

**Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym**  
*The Plagues & Passover*  
**Meet in the gym at 9:15am**

#### Journeymen

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

## NEXT WEEKEND

|                      | 5:00 PM         | 8:00 AM                          | 10:30 AM              |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Readings</b>      | Is 25.6-9       | Phil 4.4-13                      | Mt 22.1-14            |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | Margie Hertneky | Barb Hentz                       | Stacey Balistreri     |
| <b>Elders</b>        | Jim Juneau      | Rick Zastrow                     | Jerad Luedtke         |
| <b>Greeters</b>      | Dan Maynard     | Jim & Jody Arndt<br>Matt Wawrzyn | Josh & Valerie Peters |
| <b>Live-Stream</b>   | N/A             | Edwards                          | N/A                   |
| <b>Radio</b>         | N/A             | Jim Juneau                       | N/A                   |
| <b>Ushering Team</b> | Dan Maynard     | Rick Zastrow                     | Jerad Luedtke         |

**OCTOBER 11, 2026**

**THE 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** *Christ's Feast at the Center*

**5pm & 8am Worship**

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 2, pg. 167

**10:30am Worship**

Special Order

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## PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Ecclesiasticus 36:16-17a; Psalm 122:1, 6, 8-9

Give peace, O Lord, to those who / wait for You:\*

and let Your prophets be proven / faithful.

Hear the prayer of Your / servants,\*

according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your / people.

I was glad when they / said to me,\*

“Let us go into the house / of the Lord.”

Pray for the peace of Je- / rusalem:\*

“May they prosper who / love you.

For the sake of my brethren and com- / panions,\*

I will now say, “Peace be with- / in you.”

Because of the house of the / Lord our God\*

I will / seek your good.

6

## SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK John 15:15

[Jesus says,] “No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

7

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

8

## PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, forasmuch as without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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  
Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart

TLH 429, LSB 708

Martin Shalling



1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;  
I pray Thee ne'er from me depart,  
With tender mercies cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share,  
Yea, heaven itself were void and bare  
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in Thee no one could shake.  
Thou art the Portion I have sought;  
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
To Abram's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
My Savior and my Fount of grace,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
My prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.



## “Singlehearted Love of God in Christ”

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.

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## 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 October 4-10, 2026

### THEME OF THE WEEK: Singlehearted Love of God in Christ

The Lord is our helper. He takes us miserable sinners and gives us all we need for this life and the life to come. He redeems and rescues us with might and mercy, and binds us to Christ our vine. David's Son and Lord is our God and King, and He gives us an overflowing and never-ending joy in His righteous Word. The texts for this week's meditations are full of the Lord's gentleness for sinners, His strength to save, and the always surprising miracle of His grace, the forgiveness of our sins.

SUN

#### SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:34-46 Love On the Cross

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...and...You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If someone were to ask you for an example of what this might look like, you could do no better than to point them to the cross. Forsaken by God, our Lord calls out in perfect love, "My God, My God." Forsaken by man, our Lord calls out in perfect love, "Father, forgive them." Though He is forsaken by both God and neighbor, Jesus loves both God and neighbor perfectly. By this love we are saved. But we are also shown the full dignity and glory of what it means to be truly human, what it means to truly love. *Gracious Father, because You love us, so teach us to love, that as You are so may we be. Like Father, like Son. Amen.*

MON

#### SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:137-144 Your Testimonies Are My Delight

Christ gives us His perfect obedience through Baptism. The new man created in the image of God now wages war against the flesh. The new man loves God's law; the sinful flesh despises it. The new man made in the image of Christ declares, "My zeal consumes me," even as the sinful flesh forgets God's law. Only because of Jesus' gifts can this Psalm apply to humanity. In our sinful condition sinful man forgets God's precepts and dwells upon trouble and anguish. But because Christ conquered sin by His death, the new man made in His image even declares that despite trouble and anguish, the commandments of God are still his delight. *Thank You, heavenly Father, for creating us anew in Christ to delight in Your law. Amen.*

TUE

#### SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 Paul's Thankful Example

Paul almost always begins with thanksgiving. He knows that the Corinthians Christians are sinners unworthy of the Lord's kindness. He knows that he is a sinner unworthy of the Lord's kindness. He knows the world is sinful and undeserving of the Lord's care. But Paul sees the Lord's fantastic and overwhelming love for the world, himself, and the saints in Corinth, and he gives thanks. He thanks God for their repentance, their faith, their love, their gifts, and their spiritual riches which the Lord has given them as they wait for the Lord's return. Paul sees the entire world through the lens of God's mercy, and so he gives thanks in every circumstance. *O Lord, we thank You for the thankful example of Paul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we would join Him in thanksgiving. Amen.*

WED

#### SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 10:12-21 The Unmerited Love of God

The Lord of heaven and earth, God of gods, and Lord of lords (v. 17) "set His heart in love" on Israel (v.15). Yes, the Lord God chose Israel, a sinful people, an ungrateful and rebellious nation, to be His chosen people. No merit or worthiness in Israel produced such singlehearted love of God. Yet the LORD who is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex. 34:6), chose Israel in love to be His people. It is this singlehearted love of God in Christ that calls sinners out of the darkness of death and sin into the marvelous light of Christ to be for Him a holy people (1 Pet. 2:9). *O Lord, as Your chosen in Christ, help me to walk in all Your ways, love and serve You above all things. Amen.*

THU

#### SCRIPTURE: John 15:1-17 The Fruit of the Vine through the Branches

Where do the branches end and the Vine begin? Or vice versa? That's the idea exactly! What goes on in the Divine Service comes from our Lord, the Vine. This is the life that He gives to the world in the Word of the Gospel and the Sacraments. The power contained in preaching and teaching and absolution at church is how Jesus (the Vine) works in the Church (the Branches). Therefore, it is difficult to discern where the Vine ends and the Branches begin. He has included His Church in Himself, for she is His very own body. When we go to church and hear the Gospel and receive the Lord's own body and blood, or when we hear the pastor forgive us, we receive through the branches, the fruit of Christ, the life of the Vine. *Lord Jesus, show us Yourself at work through real means of grace. Amen.*

FRI

#### SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:1-8 For This Purpose

Sin is what separates us from the life of God and joins us to death and the devil. Jesus comes to undo this, to undo our death, to undo our bondage and set us free. Look at how John says it, "For this reason the Son of God was manifest, that He might destroy the works of the devil." The devil that gives you so much trouble, he is destroyed by Jesus. The sin that gives you so much trouble, it is forgiven by Jesus. The death that is staring you down, it is destroyed by Jesus. You are His, and life is yours. *Lord Jesus, keep us in Your forgiveness and life. Amen.*

SAT

#### SCRIPTURE: Psalm 54 Many Enemies, One Really Good Friend

Christians have enemies. If we don't know this the Psalms will never make sense to us. "Strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life" (Psalm 54:3). If we can't identify our enemies, then we at least remember that the world, the flesh, and the devil are tracking us down to wreck our trust in Christ. Yes, we have enemies, but we also have a friend, a helper greater than our troubles. "Behold, God is my helper." We announce it to the world. "The Lord is the upholder of my life." He delivers us from trouble, and we give thanks to Him. *O God, save me by Your name and vindicate me by Your Might. Amen.*

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# AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15



## ABOUT THE PRESENTER

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, 1996 M.Div graduate and 2017 Doctor of Ministry graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, currently serves as President of the South Wisconsin District. For 25 years he served congregations in Northern Wisconsin, Southern Illinois and South Wisconsin. Most recently he served as Senior Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Plymouth, WI. He also serves as Stewardship Specialist in the LCMS's Office of National Mission. He has chaired Stewardship Task Forces in Southern Illinois and South Wisconsin. He and Rev. Heath Curtis published a book in the Lexham Ministry Series entitled Stewardship as Pastoral Care. He has been married to his bride Jill, a gifted Lutheran educator and fantastic pastor's wife for 34 years. The Meadors have three children: Joseph (a Lutheran Educator in Edwardsville, IL), Bethany (a PT student at Concordia Wisconsin), and Andrew (a business major at St. Louis University.) As a steward of his personal life, he enjoys golf, bowling, and officiating high school football, basketball and volleyball.

# GAME NIGHT THEME

This year our dress-up theme for Saturday night is Celebrity Couples! Whether it's biblical or pop culture, dress up as a famous couple and enjoy an evening of fun with your fellow church members!



# ATTENDANCE COST

Costs include room fees, breakfast on Sunday, and dinner on Saturday. Register by September 30<sup>th</sup> for early bird pricing!

Standard Room: \$455/ couple

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