



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Welcome and Announcements

You are invited to stand.

Hymn: “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The Kyrie



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



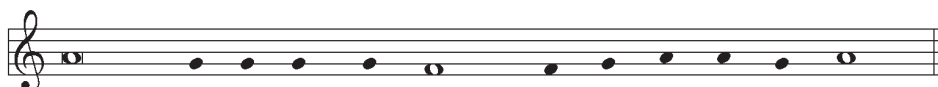
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



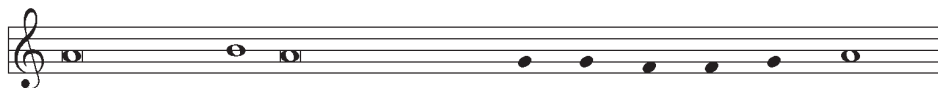
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



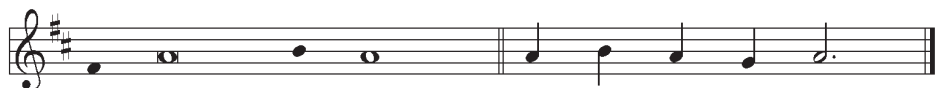
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men



Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

Ⓑ And al-so with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Please be seated.

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

Psalm 34:1-8

¹I will bless the Lord | at all times;
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.
²**I will glory | in the Lord;**
let the humble hear | and rejoice.
³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;
let us exalt his | name together.
⁴**I sought the Lord, and he | answered me**
and delivered me out of | all my terror.
⁵Look upon him | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

**⁶I called in my affliction and | the Lord heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the Lord encompasses | those who fear him,
and he will de- | liver them.

**⁸Taste and see that the | Lord is good;
happy are they who | trust in him!**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:17–5:2

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ! — ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.



Gospel: John 6:35-51

³⁵Jesus said to {the crowd}, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." ⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me — ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one

may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: “The Imitation of Christ ”

This is the fifth in an 8-week series on the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day: “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

Please be seated.

The Offering

The Offertory: “Beautiful Savior”

D. Wood

Please stand as you are able.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

Following each of 4 prayers:

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,
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

Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised” **503**

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Postlude: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” Luther/Nelson

Friendship registers are located at each pew for everyone to fill out and pass down your row. Ushers will pick them up after the worship service.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (8/1).....	\$8,622
Other Offering (8/1).....	\$1,320
Worship Attendance (8/1).....	154
General Fund YTD Receipts as of 8/1	\$231,795
General Fund YTD Budget as of 8/1	\$239,401

Announcements ~ August 8, 2021

Blood Drive Tomorrow

August 9, 2:00– 6:30pm.

Contact Alice Davis for information and appointments at 704-855-4930 or email her at pherford1@yahoo.com.



Monday, August 9, 2021

2:00 PM – 6:30 PM

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All donors will receive a OneBlood Beach Towel and a \$10 eGift Card! Plus, a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Lutheran Women

Melissa Lura Circle meets Monday, August 9th, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

Bonnie Bost Circle meets Tuesday, August 10th at 7:00pm.

Lutheran Men will have their regular monthly meeting Thursday, August 12, in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm.

Adult Confirmation and Membership Classes

Pastor Ryman has begun confirmation classes for adults that focus on reading the Bible through the lens of the Catechism. This ongoing class will serve as a solid grounding in Lutheran doctrine and theology for those who are new to the Lutheran church as well as those who want a refresher. From time to time, a three-week membership class will instead be taught those interested in joining St. Paul's. Class is in the fellowship hall at 9:30 Sunday mornings.

Midweek Bible Study & Prayer

Join Susan and Pastor Mark for evening prayer on Wednesdays at 6:00pm and for morning prayer Thursdays at 10:00am. We meet in the fellowship hall and have a discussion of that day's readings from the Daily Lectionary. You may jump in at any time. Bible study and prayer will continue throughout the year.

Evening Bible Study will switch to Thursday nights beginning August 19th due to choir practice being on Wednesday nights.

Choir Practice

Choir practice will begin on **Wednesday, August 18, at 6:30pm** in the choir room. If you have questions please contact Dana Bost at 704-213-3445. John Brock will begin his position as Music Director on August 15.

Sunday School Classes

Sunday School begins at 9:30am. Classes are as follows:

Pre-K - Teachers needed

K-5 - To be taught by Crystal Canup (assistants needed)

6-12 - To be taught by Kenneth Whisnant, Joshua Canup, and Heather Canup

Adult Class - Taught by George Barringer

Adult Class - Taught by Louise Eller (ladies' parlor)

Adult Class - Teachers rotate (choir room)

Adult Confirmation Class - Pastor Ryman (fellowship hall)

Kitchen Use

When using the kitchen area please do not leave items in the refrigerator for more than one day. The shelter refrigerator is available if a longer storage time is needed. Thank you.

Events at a Glance

August 1, 8, 15 – First Communion Instruction, **5:00pm**

August 9 – Blood Drive in the fellowship hall, **2:00 – 6:30pm**

August 15 – Youth and Family Committee (conf. room) **3:00pm**

August 15 – Outreach Committee meets (fellowship hall) **3:00pm**

August 22 – All-Youth cookout/games at the picnic shelter, **5:00pm**

August 29 – Ice Cream Social; bring ice cream to share, **5:30pm**

September 11 – All-Youth clean picnic shelter, **10:00am**

September 12 – Homecoming Sunday

C. S. Lewis Onstage - The Most Reluctant Convert

C. S. Lewis is best known for his fantasy series, “Chronicles of Narnia”, and has written many Christian-themed novels. Watch “The Most Reluctant Convert” on Redeem TV as Max McLean tells the story of C.S. Lewis on his journey from atheism to Christianity. Set up a free account at <https://watch.redeemtv.com/>

Members of St. Paul's for Special Prayers:

Grady Earnhardt - Health concerns
Sonya Eller - Recovering from surgery
Terry Eller - Health concerns
Bishop Goodman - Aplastic anemia
Helen Gordon - Upcoming knee replacement
Peyton Holland - Blood disorder
Emerson Holder - Health concerns
Alan Lyerly - Recovering, pacemaker
Mike Morris - Health concerns
Teresa Peeler - Health concerns
Delcie Smith - Hospice
Dottie Stancil - Health concerns
Jane Wilhelm - Health concerns

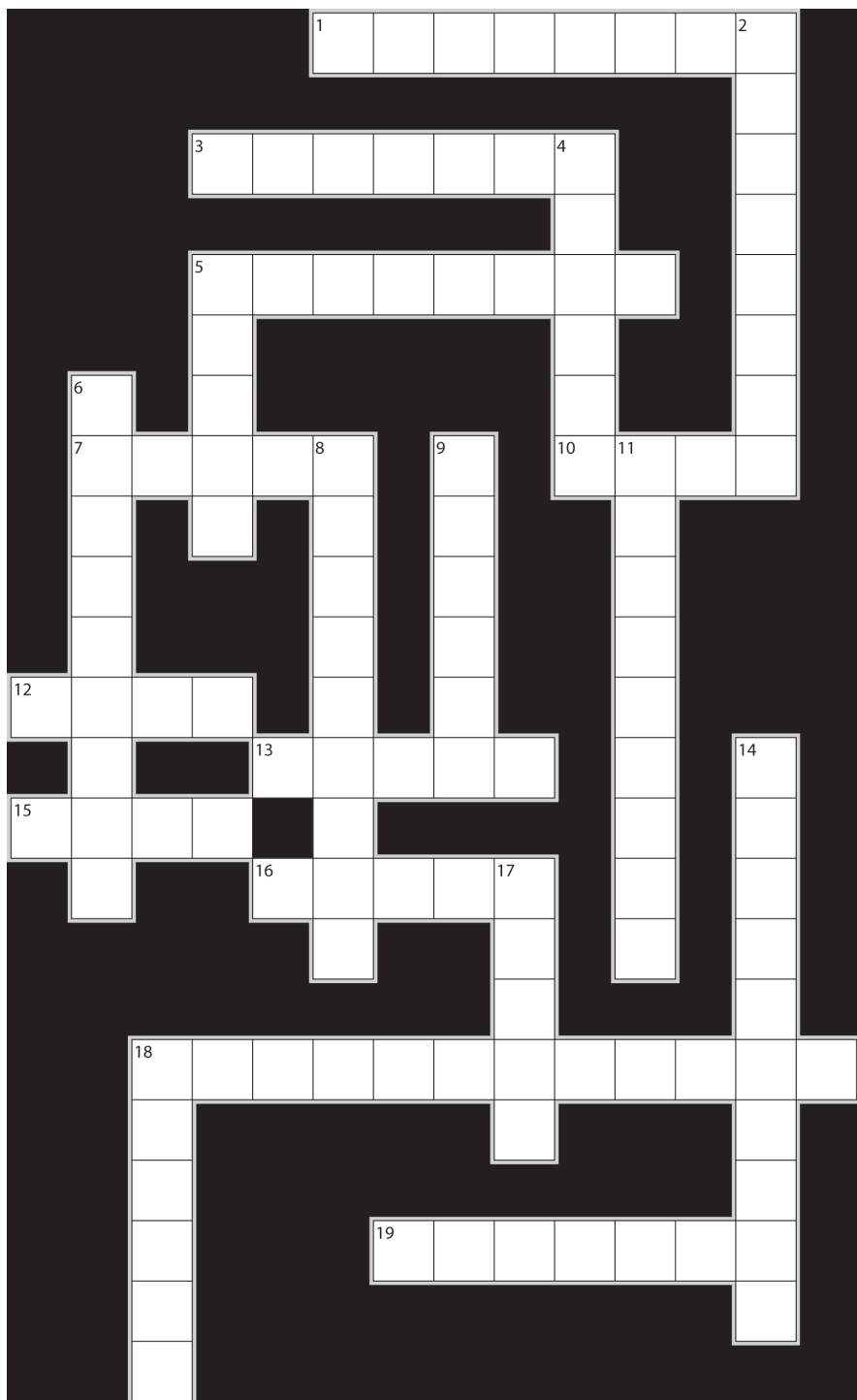
Homebound and Long-Term Care:

Autumn Care: Martha Hopkins, Walter Smith
Citadel: Mary Sherrill
Elmcroft: Helen Howe
Trinity Oaks: Barbara Whisnant
Home: Judy Bernhardt, Iverson and Gayle Brendle, John and Louise Cornelison, Barbara Deese, Ruby Heilig, Chuck and Linda Hess, Shirley Hoosier, Susan Lyerly, Carrie Reavis, Dottie Stancil, Jane Troutman, Barbara Upright, Polly Webb

Friends of St. Paul's:

Riley Burton - Former St. Paul's organist, health concerns
Catie Critchfield - Great-granddaughter of Ed and Betty Niedens, health concerns
Linda Jaramillo - Mother of Julie Jaramillo, health concerns
Elizabeth Tancordo - Niece of Bill and Linda Behrendt, health concerns
Leslie Ryman - Sister of Pastor Ryman, cancer
Mark Watson - Son of Larry and Leilani Watson, health concerns

Please let us know if any corrections to this list of concerns are needed.
In an effort to keep the list current, we will try to update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known, prolonged issues.



Two-Year Daily Lectionary

Pentecost 11, Year A

Sunday – 2 Samuel 1:17–27; Romans 12:9–21; Matthew 25:31–46

Monday – 2 Samuel 2:1–11; Acts 15:36–16:5; Mark 6:14–29

Tuesday – 2 Samuel 3:6–21; Acts 16:6–15; Mark 6:30–46

Wednesday – 2 Samuel 3:22–39; Acts 16:16–24; Mark 6:47–56

Thursday – 2 Samuel 4:1–12; Acts 16:25–40; Mark 7:1–23

Friday – 2 Samuel 5:1–12; Acts 17:1–15; Mark 7:24–37

Saturday – 2 Samuel 5:22–6:11; Acts 17:16–34; Mark 8:1–10

ACROSS

1. Where the Lord is enthroned on the ark (2 Samuel 5:22–6:11)
3. Hypocrites do this in vain. (Mark 7:1–23)
5. Paul disagreed with him about John Mark. (Acts 15:36–16:5)
7. Who switched allegiance from the house of Saul to David?
(2 Samuel 3:6–21)
10. Jesus said to get away to a lonely place to... (Mark 6:30–46)
12. Who murdered Abner? (2 Samuel 3:22–39)
13. How many loaves did the 12 disciples have? (Mark 8:1–10)
15. The City of David (2 Samuel 5:1–12)
16. Who anointed David as king? (2 Samuel 2:1–11)
18. Saul's lame son (2 Samuel 4:1–12)
19. What one does to be saved (Acts 16:25–40)

DOWN

2. The hour Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns
(Acts 16:16–24)
4. We should be constant in this activity. (Romans 12:9–21)
5. In God, we live and move and have our... (Acts 17:16–34)
6. Paul saw in a vision to preach the gospel there. (Acts 16:6–15)
8. Who will go into eternal life? (Matthew 25:31–46)
9. As many as touched it were healed. (Mark 6:47–56)
11. Jesus said this to the deaf man. (Mark 7:24–37)
14. From what base did Paul reason with people? (Acts 17:1–15)
17. Who married his brother's wife? (Mark 6:14–29)
18. Who has fallen? (2 Samuel 1:17–27)



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