



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Lector: Jeanne Shaver

Welcome and Announcements

You are invited to stand.

Hymn: “Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

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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.



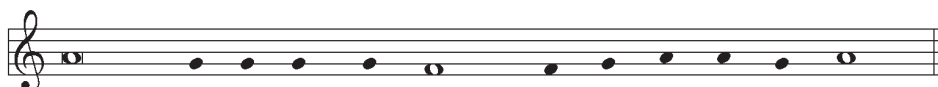
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



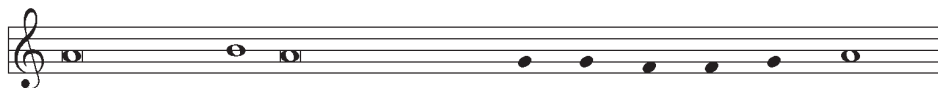
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.



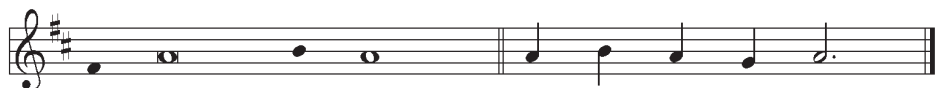
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



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. O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹{Moses said,} “Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. ⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children ...”.

Psalms 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.
¹³⁰**When your word goes forth | it gives light;**
it gives understanding | to the simple.
¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant;
I long for | your commandments.
¹³²**Turn to | me in mercy,**
as you always do to those who | love your name.
¹³³Steady my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.**

¹³⁵Let your countenance shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your law.**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

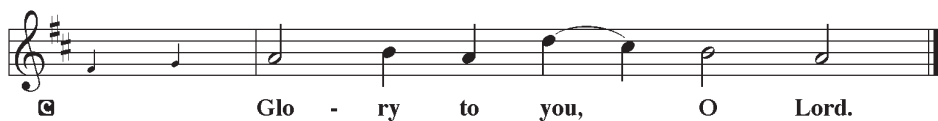
Please stand for the Gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴{Jesus} called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: “Standing in Christ”

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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.

Offering

Offertory: “Partita on ‘Praise to the Lord’”

D. Lasky

Special Music: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Stan McConnell, soloist

Please stand as you are able.



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for the first line of the song. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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



Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, 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

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you.

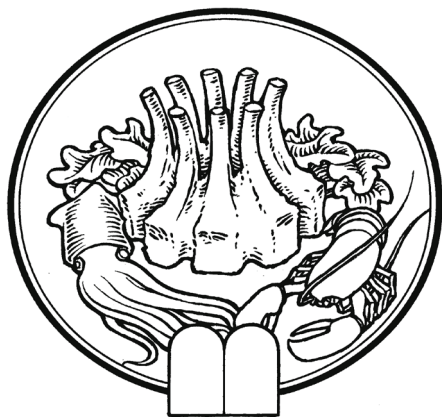
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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

Amen

Postlude: “Trumpet Tune”

J. McCrory



The altar flowers are given by Betty and Ed Niedens to the glory of God and in honor of their 6th wedding anniversary today.

Confirmation Class Begins September 15th

Confirmation Class will begin Wednesday, September 15th at 7:30pm. If your child is of Confirmation age – 6th grade and up – please contact the church office so we can order supplies for your child to attend.

Announcements ~ August 29, 2021

Sunday School Classes

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

Pre-K - Teachers needed

K-5 - Teacher, Crystal Canup (assistants needed)

6-12 - Teachers, Kenneth Whisnant, Joshua Canup,
and Heather Canup

Adult Class - Teacher, George Barringer

Adult Class - Teacher, Louise Eller (ladies' parlor)

Adult Class - Teachers rotate (choir room)

Adult Confirmation Class - Pastor Ryman (fellowship hall)

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 Thursdays

Join Susan and Pastor Mark on Thursdays at 10:00am for morning prayer and at 6:00pm for evening prayer. 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.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (8/22).....	\$4,293
Other Offering (8/22)	\$470
Worship Attendance (8/22).....	158
General Fund YTD Receipts as of 8/22	\$250,304
General Fund YTD Budget as of 8/22	\$256,258

Events at a Glance

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

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

September 12 – Homecoming Sunday; potluck lunch

October 22 – Johan Gidden Concert, fellowship hall, **7:00pm**

Lutheran Women

Hama Lingle Circle meets Monday, September 13, with Jane Webb hosting and led by Susan Bernhardt. This circle will send the cards to homebound for September.

New, unwrapped Christmas gifts for children will be collected during September to take to Binns-Counts. More information will be in the September Newsletter.

Carolinas Lutheran Womens' Convocation will be October 2nd at Faith Lutheran Church. Registration forms are in the mailbox for the Ellen Bumgarner Circle near the narthex and are due by September 18th. Cost is \$8.00.

St. Paul's Lutheran Women would like to have a choir for **Women's Sunday on October 3rd**. Our choir director has agreed to help us out by having only three practices of 1/2 hour each on Wednesday, September 15th, 22nd, and 29th, at 7:30pm. The only qualifications are that you are a woman (young or old) and enjoy making a joyful noise. You do not have to be a member of any circle to participate. Just show up at practice on the 15th.

Lutheran Men

St. Paul's Men's annual fish fry is **Saturday, September 18th**. Tickets will be available on the lawn after service on August 29th, September 5th, 12th, and from the church office. Please purchase your tickets no later than September 12th so that we know how many to prepare for. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years, and free for those under 3 years. Drive-thru/carry out (no drinks provided) will be available. Proceeds from the fish fry will go to Binns-Counts Community Center.

There is no meeting in September due to the fish fry. **The regular monthly meetings will move to the fourth Monday of each month beginning October 28th**. We look forward to having all men join us on this new night!

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 - Recovering, knee replacement
Peyton Holland - Blood disorder
Emerson Holder - Health concerns
Alan Lyerly - Recovering, pacemaker
Mike Morris - Health concerns
Teresa Peeler - Health concerns
Dottie Stancil - Health concerns
Jane Wilhelm - Health concerns

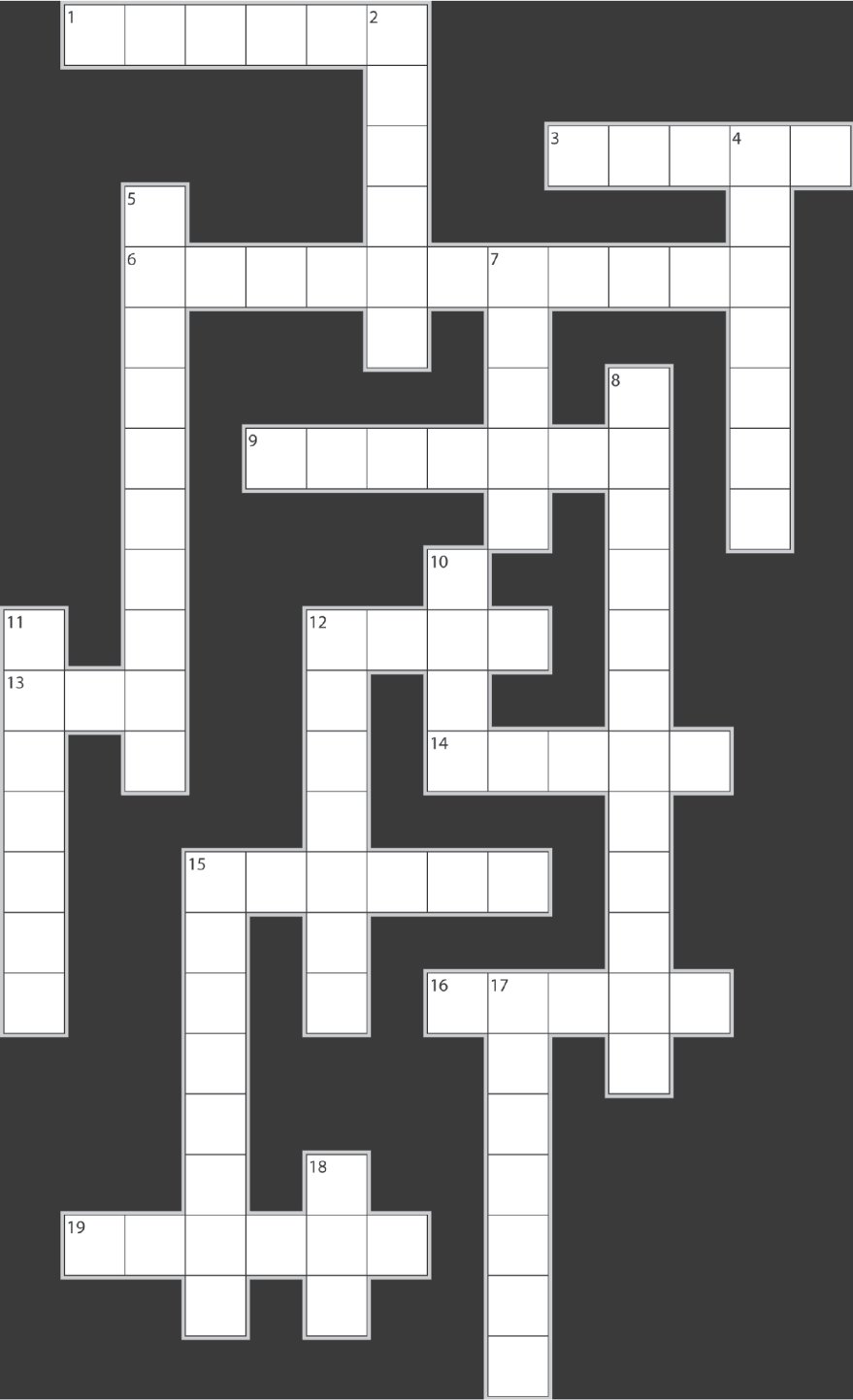
Homebound and Long-Term Care:

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
Seth Eagle and his sister Abigail Eagle - friends of the Orbison family, Covid19 and other 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; recovering at home from surgery
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 14

Sunday – 2 Samuel 17:1–23; Galatians 3:6–14; John 5:30–47
Monday – 2 Samuel 17:24–18:8; Acts 22:30–23:11; Mark 11:12–26
Tuesday – 2 Samuel 18:9–18; Acts 23:12–24; Mark 11:27–12:12
Wednesday – 2 Samuel 18:19–33; Acts 23:23–35; Mark 12:13–27
Thursday – 2 Samuel 19:1–23; Acts 24:1–23; Mark 12:28–34
Friday – 2 Samuel 19:24–43; Acts 24:24–25:12; Mark 12:35–44
Saturday – 2 Samuel 23:1–7, 13–17; Acts 25:13–27; Mark 13:1–13

ACROSS

1. David was counseled to cross what body of water? (2 Samuel 17:1–23)
3. One would believe Jesus if one believed... (John 5:30–47)
6. Israel rejected this. (Mark 11:27–12:12)
9. What are we to do when we pray? (Mark 11:12–26)
12. Paul was sent to Felix because of this. (Acts 23:23–35)
13. According to the Shema, God is... (Mark 12:28–34)
14. David would not drink the water of the well of Bethlehem, as it would have been like drinking... (2 Samuel 23:1–7, 13–17)
15. What devoured more men in the battle than the sword? (2 Samuel 17:24–18:8)
16. If you have this, you are a son of Abraham. (Galatians 3:6–14)
19. To whom did Paul appeal? (Acts 24:24–25:12)

DOWN

2. Who visited Paul in the barracks? (Acts 23:12–24)
4. Who did David forgive after the battle with Absalom? (2 Samuel 19:1–23)
5. Though Sadducees were religious, they did not know this. (Mark 12:13–27)
7. Who speaks when you are on trial for faith? (Mark 13:1–13)
8. Who mourned David's exile? (2 Samuel 19:24–43)
10. Who disobeyed the king's order? (2 Samuel 18:9–18)
11. What did the Lord tell Paul to take? (Acts 22:30–23:11)
12. The widow gave out of her... (Mark 12:35–44)
15. Just for fun... What American author wrote a novel using words from verse 33 as a title? (2 Samuel 18:19–33)
17. Who wanted to hear Paul's testimony? (Acts 25:13–27)
18. What were these early Christians called? (Acts 24:1–23)



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