



Hear me, all of you,  
and understand.

Mark 7:14

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1, 2024 • 10:30AM

## **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** “The Church’s One Foundation”

Lehenbauer

### **The Ten Commandments** *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

**<sup>1</sup>You shall have no other gods before me.**

**<sup>2</sup>You shall not take the name  
of the Lord your God in vain;  
for the Lord will not hold guiltless  
those who take his name in vain.**

**<sup>3</sup>Remember the Sabbath day  
to keep it holy.**

**<sup>4</sup>Honor your father  
and your mother,  
that your days may be long  
in the land which the Lord  
your God is giving you.**

**<sup>5</sup>You shall not kill.**

**<sup>6</sup>You shall not commit adultery.**

**<sup>7</sup>You shall not steal.**

**<sup>8</sup>You shall not bear false witness  
against your neighbor.**

**<sup>9</sup>You shall not covet  
your neighbor’s house.**

**<sup>10</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,  
his workers, his livestock,  
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

**Confession and Absolution**

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**Hymn:** “The Church’s One Foundation”

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## Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.**



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

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*Leader:*

Glory be to God on high!

*Congregation:*

And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy  
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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*Leader:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit

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, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

*Please be seated.*

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

### Psalm 119:129-136

<sup>129</sup>Your de- | crees are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.  
<sup>130</sup>**When your word goes forth | it gives light;**  
**it gives understanding | to the simple.**  
<sup>131</sup>I open my | mouth and pant;  
I long for | your commandments.  
<sup>132</sup>**Turn to | me in mercy,**  
**as you always do to those who | love your name.**  
<sup>133</sup>Steady my footsteps | in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.  
<sup>134</sup>**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,**  
**and I will keep | your commandments.**  
<sup>135</sup>Let your countenance shine up- | on your servant  
and teach | me your statutes.  
<sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed | streams of tears,**  
**because people do not | keep your law.**

## Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

**Offering:** Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the giving page on your phone or tablet. Ushers will also pass the offering plates along each row.



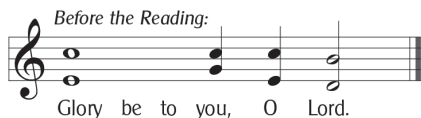
**Offertory:** “A Shield About Me” (Psalm 28:7)      Donn Thomas and Charles Williams

### Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel is written in the seventh chapter of Mark.



## Gospel: Mark 7:14–23



## Confession of Faith

Let us profess our faith in God using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**<sup>1</sup>I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**<sup>2</sup>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.**

**<sup>3</sup>I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## Children's Chat

**Sermon:** "Spiritus Gladius"

**Hymn:** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

## Prayers of the Church

*Following each prayer:*

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**

## Preface and Sanctus

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*Leader*                      *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

*Leader*

Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation*

We lift them to the Lord.

*Leader*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Congregation*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

<sup>1</sup>hallowed be thy name,

<sup>2</sup>thy kingdom come,

<sup>3</sup>thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Give us this day our daily bread;

<sup>5</sup>and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

<sup>6</sup>and lead us not into temptation,

<sup>7</sup>but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen**

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

## Exhortation

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## Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin  
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,  
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

## Distribution of Communion

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*If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.*

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

## Thanksgiving

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Just as you have nourished our bodies, you have met our spiritual needs, forgiving the iniquity of your people, and covering all our sin. Your salvation is near to those who fear you, and you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. We offer thanks that on this Lord's Day, you have again blessed us with the assurance of forgiveness through the blessed body and blood of that same Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,  
ac- | cording to | your | word.  
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,  
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:  
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles  
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.  
Glory | be to the | Father,  
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,  
As it | was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

## Benedicamus

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*Leader:*                      *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you.                      And with your spirit.

*Leader:*                      *Congregation:*

Bless the Lord.                      Thanks be to God.

## Postlude: “Psalm xix”

Marcello

*We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

## Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

*Congregation:*



## Youth & Family Night, Friday, September 6th

All Youth, please join us for some fun, fellowship, and cleaning on Friday, September 6th, at 6:30pm. We are going to do some light cleaning of the pews and tidy up the cards/pencils for Homecoming. Please check our SLPC Youth Facebook page. You can respond to that event if you are able to come. Thanks!

## Sunday, September 8, Homecoming Sunday

Brian Lord, our new Associate Pastor, will be our preacher for Homecoming. We will have a covered-dish luncheon after worship in the picnic shelter. There will also be seating in the fellowship hall if you prefer to eat inside. Please reach out to former members of St. Paul's and to members who haven't been here for a while to join us.

## **Sunday, September 1**

- Breakfast in the fellowship hall, 8:30am
- Grace Ridenhour circle, in the parlor after worship
- Autumn Care worship, 2pm
- Youth and Family committee, 2pm
- No practice for Men's Choir or Handbell Choir today
- Vespers, 6pm

## **Monday, September 2**

- Labor Day, Office Closed

## **Tuesday, September 3**

- Bible Study classes at 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

## **Wednesday, September 4**

- Classical Conversations homeschool, 8:30am
- Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation Class, 7pm

## **Thursday, September 5**

- Outreach Committee, work on flood buckets, 9am
- Capital Fundraising Committee, 7pm

## **Friday, September 6**

- Youth & Family, fellowship/clean pews, 6:30pm

## **Sunday, September 8, Homecoming Sunday**

- Associate Pastor, Brian Lord preaching
- Covered-dish luncheon in the picnic shelter, Noon
- Christian Education Committee, 1:30pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 2:30pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

King’s Kids

We are excited to announce our upcoming **King’s Kids music program for K-5th grades**. This will be a time for kids to learn about God and the Christian faith through music. Twice a year, King’s Kids will gather at **9am Sunday mornings** for 7–9 weeks to learn new songs, play instruments, and prepare to share what they have learned during morning worship. The fall season will be from **September 15 to October 27, 2024**. We look forward to a wonderful time together!



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| General Fund Offering (8/25).....     | \$7,718 |
| Other Offering (8/25) .....           | \$1,180 |
| Sunday School Attendance (8/25) ..... | 95      |
| Worship Attendance (8/25) .....       | 195     |

This quarter, the children’s change collections will go to Lutherans for Life.  
Last Sunday: \$190.50    Total so far this quarter: \$1,357.50

## Recent Prayer Needs

- Melissa Bernhardt – recovering from surgery
- Kelly Gainey – health concerns
- Doris Hilliard – health concerns
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Brynne Lippard, sister of Kara Burnett – Novant/Rowan hospital, health concerns
- Dianna McComas – health concerns
- Wayne Monroe, son of Betty Monroe – health concerns
- Griffin Morneau, 13-year-old family friend of Amy Barringer – major health issues
- Teresa Peeler – health concerns, Forsyth Hospital
- Franda Raymer – knee surgery scheduled this week
- Herman Ritchie – Liberty Commons for rehab
- Dottie Stancil – health concerns
- Barbara Upright – recovering at home

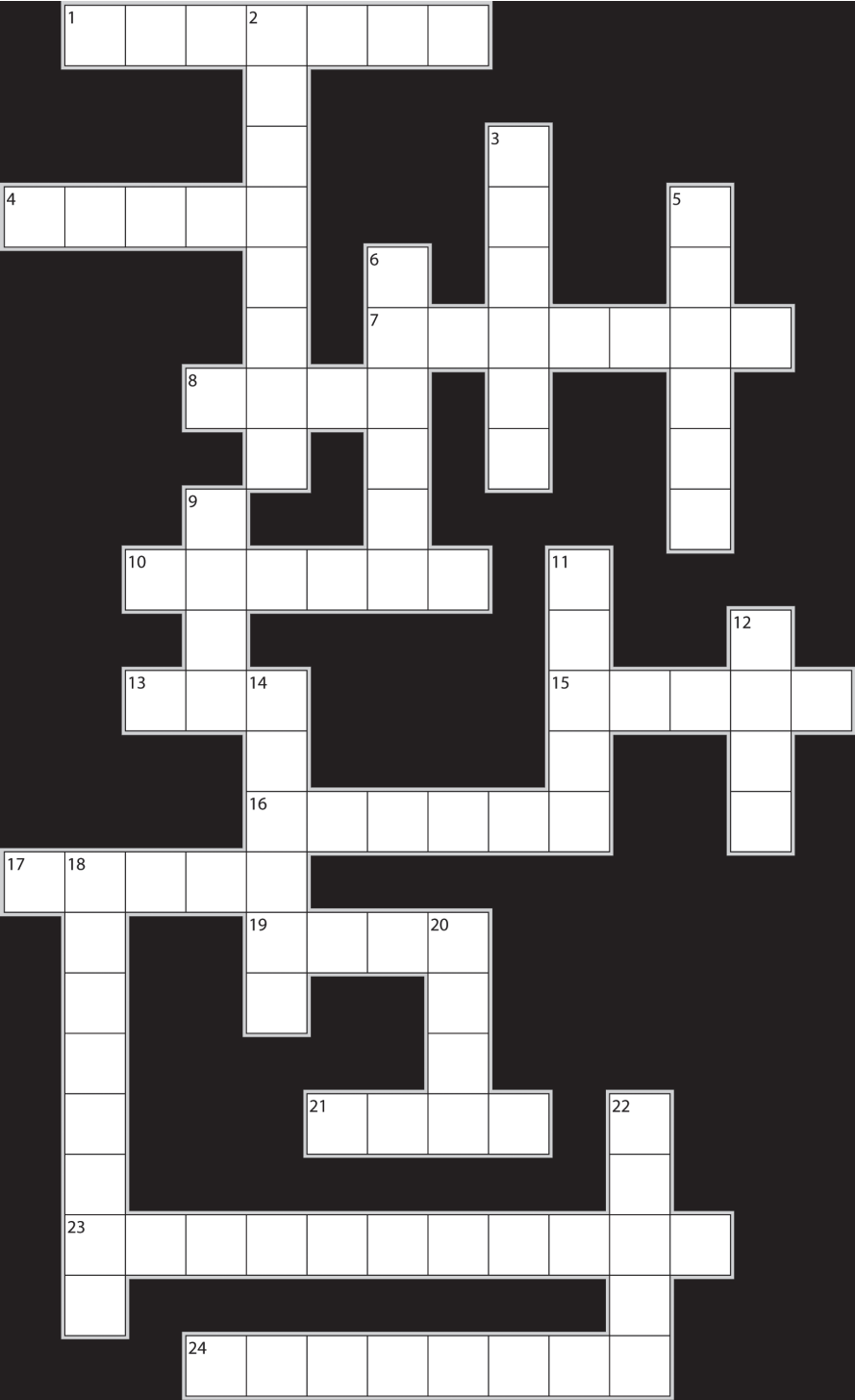
The most recent requests are listed here. Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs.



Pray 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.

Ephesians 6:18



# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.*

*The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle .*

## ACROSS

1. Nothing can defile a person from there.
4. Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his...
7. Wearing the armor of God, one is able to stand against the devil's what?
8. Jesus wanted folks to do this so that they would understand.
10. Paul wished to proclaim the gospel in this manner.
13. Who did Jesus want to listen to him?
15. Put it on—all of it.
16. Make good use of this sword.
17. The unfolding of the Lord's words gives this.
19. Our battle is against the spiritual forces of...
21. What did the psalmist want to shine on him?
23. They were wonderful to the psalmist.
24. Make known to them all that Moses instructed.

## DOWN

2. The psalmist wanted God to teach him these.
3. A person is defiled from here.
5. The psalmist asked God to do this to his steps.
6. If they keep the statutes, people would call them a wise and understanding nation.
9. Keep this diligently.
11. Things that defile a person do not enter through the stomach but through this.
12. We must not add or take from this.
14. What did Moses want Israel to do with what he taught?
18. The psalmist did not want this to have dominion over him.
20. Israel was to listen to the statutes and rules, that they may...
22. Jesus declared that all foods are...

# The Evil Within

Find the 24 **bold** words from Mark 7:14b–23 KJV.

Y H S Z Z V T V J E B J S N M  
E O E M I T K I U M B U T U L  
H L C A U U S J E O K N H N I  
S E I O R Q K R L C O G G D V  
T T A F W B X I E T E P U E E  
F T T R E R O R H D Z D O R H  
E C V L K D P I A V R X H S E  
H N L R H E N Q O T X U T T A  
T Y Q B D G N I G R U P M A R  
T U O H T I W E A R S I W N T  
W N A D U L T E R I E S P D U  
S A E S N O I T A C I N R O F  
Q Y P R I D E V R R X W A E U  
E K U S S E N D E K C I W Z A  
C O V E T O U S N E S S U H S

“**Hearken** unto me every one of you, and **understand**: There is **nothing** from **without** a man, that entering into him can **defile** him: but the things which **come out** of him, those are they that defile the man. If any man have **ears** to hear, let him **hear**.” And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. And he saith unto them, “Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; because it entereth not into his heart, but into the **belly**, and goeth out into the draught, **purging** all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the **heart** of men, proceed **evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit**, lasciviousness, an evil **eye**, blasphemy, **pride**, foolishness: all these **evil** things come from within, and defile the man.”





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**Next weeks lessons:** Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:24-37