

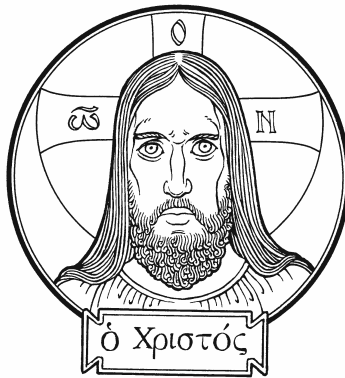
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021



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Please pray for Brandi Wagemann, Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Joyce Kenitzer, Delores Sandmeier, Ada McCorkle, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Jason Herrick, Gladys Felix, Muriel Schamber, Kimberlee Kaiser, Harry Preston, Fern Preston, Ann Thompson, Jerry Streckfuss, Elli Bode, Sheyenne Seely, Eileen Kukrall, Donna Wester, Nathan Bettmann, Janet Smith, and Courtney Frohling. Brantson Meier – military service.

A Voter's meeting will be held TODAY following the 10:45am service. Packets are available on the table in the South Narthex.

First to the Table for Communion: St. Lawrence, when asked by the Roman prefect to hand over the treasures of the church, brought the poor, the blind, and the suffering. By so doing, Lawrence was echoing Jesus's teaching about greatness from Luke 22:26, "Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves." In order to reflect this teaching, those invited to the first table of the Lord's Supper will be those who have any type of physical challenge or those who would like social distancing at the rail. Next, the pastors will commune those in the pews who cannot come to the rail. Then the ushers will invite up the rest of the congregation.

The Church Council will meet on Monday, September 20th at 7:00pm.

A new Wednesday Bible Study began on September 15th at 10:00 am. 1 Samuel is a wonderful book where we get to see God forgive Israel time and time again. We get to read about some political intrigue in the rise and fall of Saul. Also, we get some amazing stories, such as David and Goliath. It is a wonderful book that sets up so many future stories in the Bible and we get a glimpse of what the greater King will be like. This Bible study will be led by Pastor Smith.

Little Ones' Book Club – Our youngest children (Baptism through age 3) have a Bible-based book waiting for them in the south narthex. Please take it home, read, and enjoy! It's yours to keep!

The Devotional Challenge Book: The Tuesday night adult Bible study! The study started on September 14th at 7 PM and is led by our DCE Intern, Michael Leapley! We will be taking on the challenges found in "The Devotional Challenge Book" by Rev. Bryan Wolfmuller--a pastor in the LCMS. Most people realize that if you want to get better at something, it takes practice. Musicians get better by practicing with their band, athletes get better by practicing with their teammates, and if you want to get better at being healthy and fit, you go to a workout class at the gym! So we'll be doing the same thing in this Bible study as we practice getting better in our devotional lives with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

MAIN STREET LIVING – Sept. 26, 2021 10:00 AM – This the Life – “Home Free” 10:30 AM – Rev. Albert Sutton brings the message “*The Family Vacation*” based on Numbers 11. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Sept. 26, 2021 “Seeking the Welfare of the Neighborhood” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Preschool grocery receipts: Kessler’s and Ken’s have changed dates as to collection of grocery receipts. We will accept receipts with a start date of August 15, 2021.

Deadline commitment for the National Youth Gathering is October 24, 2021.

Vocal Choir and Bell Choir will begin practices this coming Wednesday, Sept. 22nd at the following times: Vocal Choir at 6:45pm and Bell Choir at 7:30pm. Anyone interest in participating in special music for the Church is welcomed!

Organists: Sunday – Sue Ellingson **Monday:** Tierra Cassens

Offering: September 12, 2021 - \$7,999.00 Coffee - \$73.00
Sunday School - \$3.00

Sunday Attendance – September 12, 2021:

8:00am – 117 10:45am – 95 Monday – 31

Bible Study Attendance:

Sunday – 66 Tuesday - 19

Wednesday: Men's 6am – 8 10:00 am - 7 Women's 5:00 - 6

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Sept. 19- Sept. 26)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

11:45 am Voters Meeting

Mon 6:15 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Tue 7:00 pm Devotional Challenges Bible Study

Wed 6:00 am Men's Morning Bible Study

10:00 am 1 Samuel Bible Study

5:15 pm Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm Confirmation

6:45 pm Vocal Choir

7:30 pm Bell Choir

Thurs 9:00 am Quilting

2:00 pm Publicity Circle

Sat 8:00 am Rural Field Seminar

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

Introit Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

P: Delight yourself in the LORD,

C: and he will give you the desires of your heart.

P: Commit your way to the LORD;

C: trust in him, and he will act.

P: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

C: and your justice as the noonday.

P: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

C: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Delight yourself in the LORD,

C: and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Genesis 1:1–27

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

P: Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C: for those who fear him lack nothing!

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 10:23–33

²³"All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. ²⁴Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. ²⁵Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁶For "the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." ²⁷If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁸But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— ²⁹I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? ³⁰If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

³¹So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³²Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**