

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, & Preschool (WELS)

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Online services and materials can be found weekly at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com

August 27/29/30, 2020

Pentecost 13

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus Seeks a Humble Heart

Humility is the starting point of a believing heart

Humility focuses on the importance of Jesus

Welcome to St. Paul's! We're glad you can be with us.

- **Seating:** Please sit on the end of the pew where the blue tape is located. If you have a larger group, please sit in a longer pew. **For the benefit of all, please observe proper spacing.**
- **A t-coil hearing loop system** for those with hearing aids is available. We also have headsets to use without hearing aids. An usher can help if you have questions.
- **Service folders** are on stands near the sanctuary doors. These folders contain the entire service. Please take it and the bulletin home with you. We will not reuse them.
- Parents, please feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Your offering** may be placed in baskets on stands.
- After the service, the ushers will dismiss you from back to front. Please visit outside. Thank you!

Ushers this weekend are teams 7 (M. Hintz) and 6 (R. Wilhelms). Next weekend (Sept 5/6) teams 9 (J. Laudolff) and 8 (M. Ewerdt) will usher. Thank you for serving the Lord and his people.

God’s Word this week: All people are sinful and face God’s condemnation. Christ also died for all people and paid the penalty for the sins of the world. Shortly before his ascension into heaven, Jesus commissioned us to preach the gospel to all creation. God wants no one to be lost. He seeks to include people of every nation, tribe, language, and people in his heavenly kingdom. Let us be about our Father’s business.

August 27-September 6, 2020

08/27	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
08/29	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
08/30	Sun	9:00am	Worship (Installation of new WLA teachers)
08/31	Mon	6:00pm	Public School Confirmation Meeting
09/02	Wed	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
09/03	Thu	6:30pm	Worship (communion)
09/05	Sat	6:30pm	Worship (communion)
09/06	Sun	9:00am	Worship (communion)

Other worship opportunities: If you aren’t able to attend in-person services, here are some worship options to consider:

- *St. Peter’s, Fond du Lac*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1450 KFIZ
- *St. Paul’s, Appleton*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1280 WNAM
- *St. Stephen’s, Beaver Dam*, 9:30am Sundays on AM1430 WBEV
- *Time of Grace* can be seen on TV on Green Bay NBC-26 Sundays at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 Sundays at 10:30am.
- Our own services continue to be online each week at our congregation’s website: www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com.

Masks: From Romans 13:1-5 we learn that we are obligated to obey earthly authorities unless they tell us to disobey God’s commands (Acts 5:29). Even though we may not always agree with certain laws and mandates, we are led by God’s Word and Christian conscience to observe them. So we humbly follow the Lord’s guidance, as did the apostle Paul who lived under a terribly oppressive Roman government, knowing that picking and choosing which laws to obey would lead to disorder and turmoil, which is not God pleasing. Please also remember not to judge those who do not wear masks because they may have health or age exemptions. For further instruction from the Lord, see also 1 Peter 2:13-17.

Bible Study will begin, we pray, Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 8:45am and Sunday, Sept. 13th at 10:00am in the church sanctuary. We'll look at brief topics about the Bible and some interesting facts about Bible life and times. Please see the newsletter for more!

Public school confirmation students and parents will meet Monday evening (8/31) at 6:00pm to plan the year.

Worship Times: Our Council has decided to continue our summer worship schedule through at least September. That means we will continue to worship Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am. (Normally we change times after Labor Day.)

Sunday School will not meet in-person for at least the first quarter because of safety logistics. WELS materials will be distributed to families and professional teachers will present Bible stories via the internet. We will reevaluate this in the coming weeks.

Calendars and newsletters for September are in the narthex. Please pick up a copy today.

Meditations, daily devotional booklets, are available from the tract rack. A receptacle is below in a locked drawer if you would like to give a gift to help offset the cost to the congregation.

Volunteers, we can use help with these weekly efforts: (1) *lawn mowing* here at church and (2) *cleaning* the church. Sign-up lists are on the information center. You can also volunteer to mow and trim Zion Cemetery (Hwy R & Z) by calling David Babler (539-4571) or Howard Miller (688-2814). Thank you to all who help.

Attendance is limited to *approximately* 90 worshipers per service at the current time. Please sign up for a specific service at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com via *Sign-up Genius* or call 922-1080. Please leave a message if there is no answer. If you *forget* to sign up, please come and worship anyway. Thank you.

Offerings: If you are not yet able to attend worship in person, you may still bring your offerings for the Lord's work:

- by mail to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937;
- drop them off in the lock box post near the office entrance;
- use Vanco electronic options, including your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus."

This Sunday at 9:00am our new WLA instructors will be installed here at St. Paul's: Tom Welch, guidance director and teacher; Andy Mildebrandt, teacher; and Jordan King, technology director and teacher. Also, Pastor Rick Zahn will help at WLA part-time. May the Lord bless them and their families as they do his work, and may he also bless our Lutheran high school as it serves us all!

Last week's gifts: Current Fund-\$10,157.23; Missions-\$1,092; Improvement Fund-\$170; Mortgage Fund-\$13,214; WLA Tuition Assistance-\$40; St. Paul's School Student Aid-\$50; Organ/Piano Fund-\$110; WLA Building Fund-\$50; *Meditations*-\$29 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$6,074.02). (Budget figures through July are in the September newsletter found in the narthex.) **Memorial:** to the Current Fund in memory of Watson Woodruff from Dave & Nancy Schumacher.

Stewardship Moment: "Jesus said to his disciples, 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If anyone remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit'" (Jn 15:5). There was a time when we were separated from God. Now things are different. Our faith in Christ joins us to our Lord Jesus. Just as a branch bears fruit because it is joined to the vine, so we Christians begin to produce spiritual fruit because by faith we are connected to our Savior. Now we can begin to be good stewards of God's creation." (*Stewardship*, NPH, p. 30)

OWLS: Due to the continuation of the pandemic, Flyway OWLS (Org. of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will not have meetings September through December. The cancellation may impact the European Civilian Chaplaincy, which counts on our financial support. If so inclined, you can mail your donation to: European Civilian Chaplaincy, PO Box 270196, Hartford, WI 53027.

Coming up: God willing, *Branches Band* will be with us for worship at St. Paul's on September 17/19/20. We look forward to having Andy and Rachel Braun and Jeremy Bakken with us once again! Please see more information in the September newsletter.

"Give me a caring heart, O Lord, to love and seek the lost. Overcome my fear and grant me courage to share my hope of salvation with those who have no hope. Make me faithful in my daily life so that all I say and do may glorify you. Amen." (*There's a Prayer for That*, NPH, ©2017, page 95)

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed... ⁶ And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant -- ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." ⁸ The Sovereign LORD declares -- he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

Romans 11:13-15, 28-32

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry ¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?...²⁸ As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³² For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.