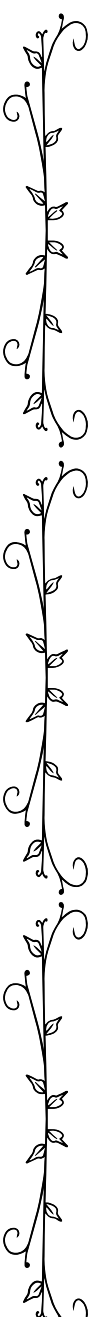


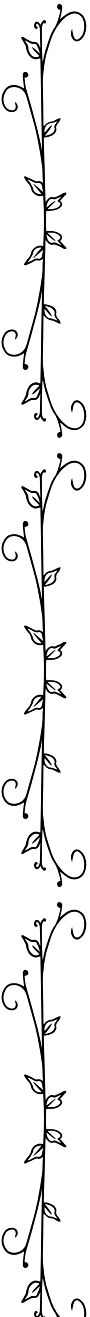
Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Sandy Schlesselman
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
Chad Schlesselman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman, Steve Triplett



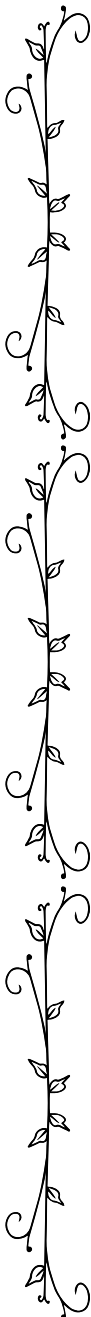
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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

please stand in body or spirit
Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world, and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” #533

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.**

This Week At St. Paul’s

Sunday, October 4:	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion at the Altar Senior Sunday Luncheon Sewing Group Yoga
Monday, October 5:	AW 9:00 am 6:30 pm	
Wednesday, October 7:	7:00 pm	WELCA
Thursday, October 8:	9:00 am	BCHD Flu Shot Clinic
Saturday, October 10:	5:30 pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, October 11:	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Confirmation Class Adult/SS Class Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations



Coming Events

October 7		WELCA Quarterly Meeting
October 8		BCHD Flu Shot Clinic
October 14		Church Council Meeting
October 18		Junior Lutheran Event
October 21		Worship & Music Committee
October 28		Sunbeam Committee

SERMON for kids NOTES

AS YOU ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE WITH YOUR FAMILY, USE THIS SHEET TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION AND LEARN. WE WANT YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US BY SINGING TO GOD AND LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE!

WHAT IS THE MAIN PASSAGE WE ARE READING TODAY?

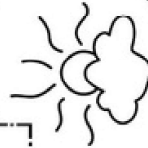
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WHAT ARE YOU
LEARNING ABOUT
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DRAW SOMETHING YOU
HEARD IN THE SERMON OR
IN A SONG TODAY!



WHO IS SPEAKING?

DATE:

MESSAGE TITLE:

MY QUESTIONS & NOTES

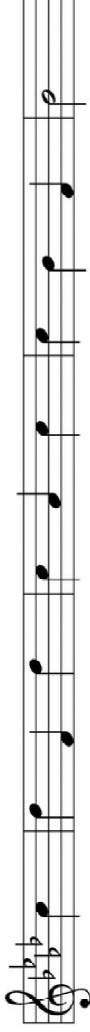
THINGS I HAVE QUESTIONS ON TODAY:

IMPORTANT POINTS / VERSES FROM TODAY:

MY FAVORITE SONG FROM TODAY WAS...



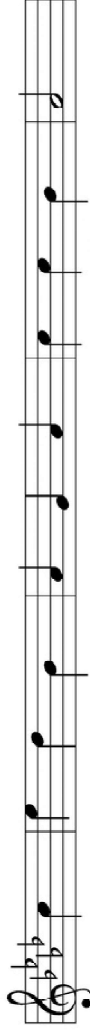
1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done;
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

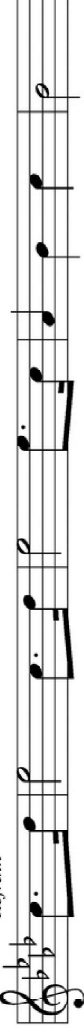


who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
the vil - est of - fend - er by grace may be - lieve,
but pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

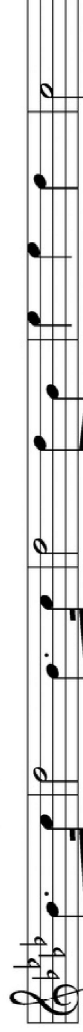


and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceive.
our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



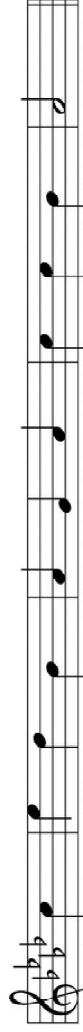
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the Son,



and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done.

Let us pray**Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the cloud that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENIOR SUNDAY

The Luther League would like to invite all of our members who are young at heart to be honored at our Senior Sunday event **Today**. Lunch will follow worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like a copy of the group picture that will be taken after the Senior Sunday service **Today**, either print or digital, please contact the church office.

Sandra Balke	Earl Bauer	Eugene Beckman
Vern Bohling	Rosemary Cairer	Shirley Cash
Glenalee Dillon	Barbara Donnell	Carolyn Eickhoff
Ronald Eickhoff	Robert Farrington	Shari Farrington
Paul Fuelling	Janice Gerken	Mary Haluptzok
Donald Harms	Ellen Harms	Jean Healan
Randy Healan	Diann Holsten	Virgil Holsten
Mona Ipsen	Norene Ives	Dewey Jobe
Kay Jobe	Frank Kreisel	Joann Kreisel
Ruth Ann Kreisel	Ramona Lukenbill	Rodger Luetjen
Suzanne Lutjen	Dennis Moellman	Carol Oelrichs
Joann Oelrichs	Geraldine Pabst	David Ramel
Lee Ann Ramel	Ralph Rehmer	Arlene Schlesselman
Chester Schlesselman	Judy Schlesselman	Larry Schlesselman
Rhonda Schlesselman	Cecil Schlesselmann	Helen Tatum
Jack Tatum	Larry Viebrock	Lois Viebrock
Wayne Viebrock	Florence VonHolton	Jeannette VonHolton
Judie VonHolton	Milton VonHolton	Glen Webb
Joyce Webb	Robert Wienberg	Sharel Wienberg
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Our senior members are a special treasure!

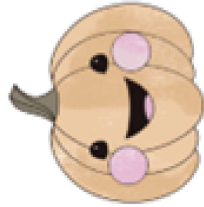
Faith and Fellowship: All 9th-12th grade Luther League members are invited during the Sunday school hour (beginning at 9 am) for conversations about our Faith while we share in Fellowship with each other. There will be drinks and donuts. Bring a friend if you like! Please mark your calendars for our first date and watch the bulletin for additions: **October 18th.**



ELCA Youth Gathering: Can you “Imagine More” courage, joy, love, grace, welcome? That’s the theme of the upcoming 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering: Imagine More. The Gathering will take place June 28 - July 2, 2027, in Minneapolis, MN. Youth who have completed 8th through 12th grades are invited to attend.

~*~ In The Community ~*~

Pumpkin Patch: Pop Pop's Pumpkin Patch will be open **Today** from 10am - 6pm for pick your own pumpkins, sunflowers, and zinnias. There will also be activities for kids. Free admission, and if you pick your own items a donation toward the Cole Camp Food Pantry will be appreciated. Because all proceeds will go toward the Food Pantry, we are looking for volunteers to welcome guests for a couple hours on either of those days. If you are available to volunteer, please talk to Pastor Stephen or Sheila Sabala, CC Food Pantry Manager.



Flu Shot Clinic: The Benton County Health Department will have a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Thursday, **October 8th.** It will be held at St. Paul’s under the canopy from 9:00am until 12:00pm. They accept Medicare and Medicaid. If you do not have insurance a donation will be appreciated. Please mark your calendar and get prepared for the flu season.



Fields of Faith: The Cole Camp FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) will host “Fields of Faith” at the Cole Camp Bluebirds Football Stadium on **October 14th.** Tailgate starts at 6:00 pm, the program will begin at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend (youth groups, other schools, etc.).



Responsive Reading
Psalm 80: 7-15
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
8 **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**
9 You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
10 **The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**
11 You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.
12 **Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
14 **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**
15 behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen), J. Phillips Navy Petty Officer E-4 MMN (nephew of Katy Schlesselman), Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group meets every **Monday** at 9:00am in the Luther League Room. Everyone is welcome to join!

Yoga: Dr. Stephanie Shirding is once again offering a free Community Yoga class! This class is held from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall every **Monday**. We thank Dr. Shirding for offering this once again! Search for "Monday Mediations" on Facebook for more information about the class.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **October 8th**, from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Meeting: The Church Council will meet on **October 14th** at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room.

Circle: The Esther Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on **October 19th** at Sharel Wienberg's home.

Committee: The Worship & Music Committee will meet on **October 21st** at 3:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

Gospel
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:]³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away.³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way.³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits."⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated
Sermon

please stand in body or spirit
Hymn of the Day

"Abide with Me"

Pastor Stephen Zeller

#629

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

please be seated

Offering



Offertory

“Blessed Assurance”

#638

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught 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 GIFT OF GOD’S KINGDOM”



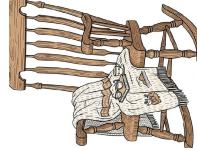
Welcome: We are so glad you have joined us today for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. In this long green season after Pentecost, the Holy Spirit works to grow and nurture our faith. Today, as we hear the Word, pray, and gather at Christ’s table, we are reminded of our call to live out our faith in our daily lives—bearing the fruits of justice, love, and mercy in a world that needs it

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!



In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Suzanne Lutjen, Mary Haluptzok, Kevin Tatum, Nathan Vanderlinden, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.

Carla George, Richard Lee, Colin Kabler (brother of Alexis Smith), Tom Ferguson, Tanner Huffman, Merle Fuelling (brother of Paul Fuelling), Dan Sabala, Pam Bruns (Cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel), Pat Higgins, Kathy Harms, Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eckhoff, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home & Homebound: Vern Dean Bohling, Shirley Cash: Anew. Judie VonHolten, Eugene Beckman, Florence VonHolten, Arlene Schlesselman & Larry & Judy Schlesselman: GSCC. Earl Bauer: Windsor Nursing Home.

With Sympathy: We pray for those whose loved ones have recently died: Dorothy Eckhoff



please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray....Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

#534

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

At the Altar

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do not wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

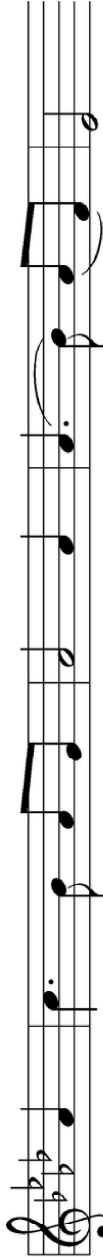
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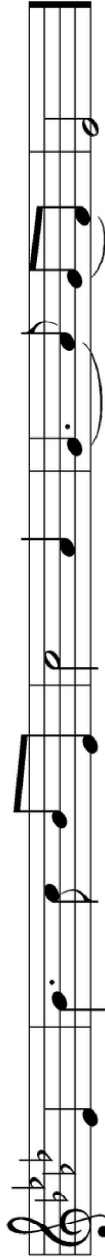
Isaiah 5:1, NRSV

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”
Sweet Hour of Prayer

I Need Thee Every Hour



1 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
2 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, stay near by;
3 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or pain;
4 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me thy will;
5 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most Ho - ly One,

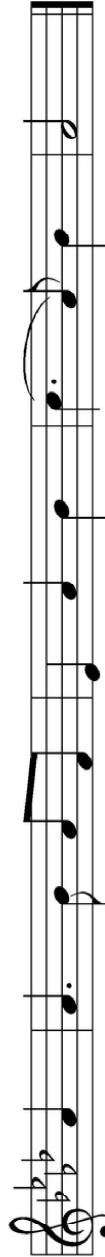


no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.
come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is vain.
and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
oh, make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain



I need thee, oh, I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee;



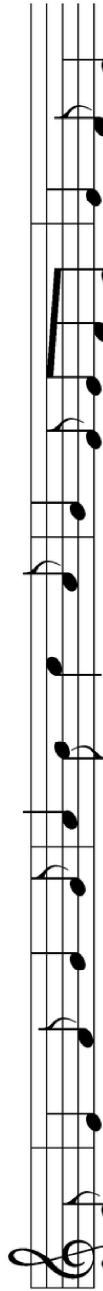
oh, bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

Text: Annie Sherwood Hawks, 1835–1918, stanzas.; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: LOWRY, Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Sweet Hour of Prayer



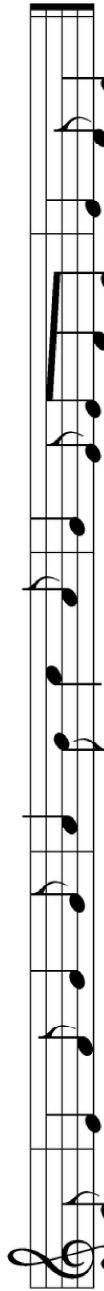
1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.
to him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has of - ten found re - lief.
and since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his word and trust his grace,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
I'll cast on him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Text: William Walford, 1772–1850, alt.
Music: SWEET HOUR, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868