

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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The Parable of the Lost Sheep

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“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”

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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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stubborn children. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

#876

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Exodus 32:7 - 14

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” ¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 51:1 - 10

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² **Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶ **Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12 - 17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Paul Fuelling

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

#876 vs. 2

Gospel

Luke 15:1 - 10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]
² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

#608



Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

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

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

#188

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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.

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

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

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#789

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

#779

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
(also on the next page)

#836

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

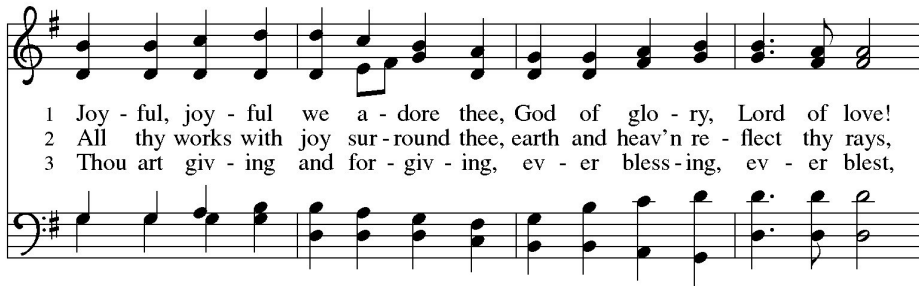
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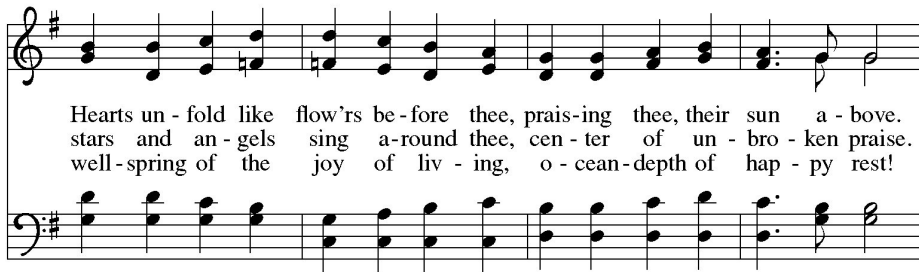
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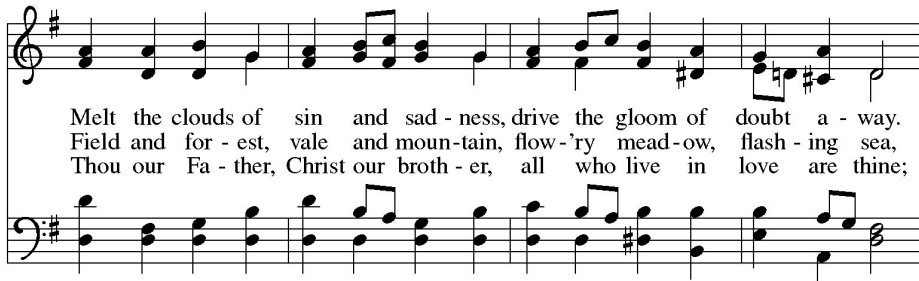
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

“NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE”



Welcome: Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship — a chance to be fed and nourished by God’s Word before being sent again to serve the world in the week ahead.

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

In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Randy Oelrichs, Susan Kyle, Nathan Vanderlinden, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Bredlee & Jessica Stillfield (friends of Melisa Balke), Harold Brown (father of Donnie Brown), Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Ashley Campbell, Susan Canfield, 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, Liz Smart, Cliff Eickhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eickhoff), 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
Residents



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Stacy Morrison (friend of Teresa Viebrock).



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

Sunday School & Confirmation: A new year of Christian Education begins here at St. Paul's **today**. Children in preschool through 6th grade will meet in the classrooms in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 9:00 am. Youth in 7th & 8th grade will meet with Pastor Stephen in a location TBD each week at 8:45 am. And the adult Sunday School class will meet in the Chapel each week at 9:00 am. We hope you'll take advantage of one of these classes so that you can continue to grow in your faith!



Adult Class: According to King Solomon and Proverbs, only an unwise person stops learning--the more effort we put into hearing and learning, the more we gain a better understanding and wisdom. This fall the Adult Sunday School class will be studying the Book of Proverbs and will strive to increase our learning and understanding of this book that reveals God's perspective on life showing what He values and how He desires for us to live. Please join us in the chapel each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. beginning **today** to dive into this book of wisdom. Just bring a Bible and be ready for some great discussion. Hope to see many of you there.


Free Yoga Class: Every Monday at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **September 15th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join the sewing group.



Circle: The Esther Circle will meet in the home of Rhonda Schlesselman on Monday, **September 15th** at 7:00 pm.

Planning: Worship & Music will meet on Wednesday, **September 17th** at 3:30pm.  *Worship Committee*



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **September 18th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Worship: There will be no Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **September 20th**.



Senior Sunday: On Sunday, **September 21st** we will be celebrating Senior Sunday. This is in recognition of all our members who have at least reached their 75th birthday. We will be celebrating during service and then immediately afterwards there will be a carry in lunch. The meat, potatoes and drinks will be provided. We are asking everyone (**except the honored guests**) to bring a couple of side dishes such as salads, vegetables and/or deserts. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

Newsletter: The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 24th** at 3:00pm.



Personal Care Kits: Items for the Personal Care Kits include: bath-sized towel (dark color), two or three 8-9 oz. bars of soaps, toothbrush, sturdy/wide-toothed comb, and nail clipper. Our quilts and kits will be delivered to Columbia in early October. These items do much to improve the health and well-being of people living in life's most challenging situations.

~ * ~ LOOKING AHEAD ~ * ~



Flu Shot Clinic: The Benton County Health Department will have a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Thursday, **October 9th**. 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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 14:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, September 15:	9:00am	Sewing
	6:30pm	Yoga
	7:00pm	Esther Circle
Wednesday, September 17:	3:30pm	Worship & Music
Thursday, September 18:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, September 20:	NO	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, September 21:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
		Senior Sunday



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

September 14 Christian Education Begins
September 20 No Casual Worship
September 21Senior Sunday

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 14, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants	Tara Anderson & Bill Viebrock
Reader.....	Logan Jackson
Children's Sermon	Paul Fuelling
Acolytes.....	Lauren Jackson & Kelsey Viebrock
Flowers	Mary Balke



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 21, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Sandy Schlesselman
Communion Assistants	Luther League
Reader.....	Adrienn Dieckman
Children's Sermon	Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes.....	Lena Smith & Charlotte Zeller
Flowers	Debbie Vaughan

