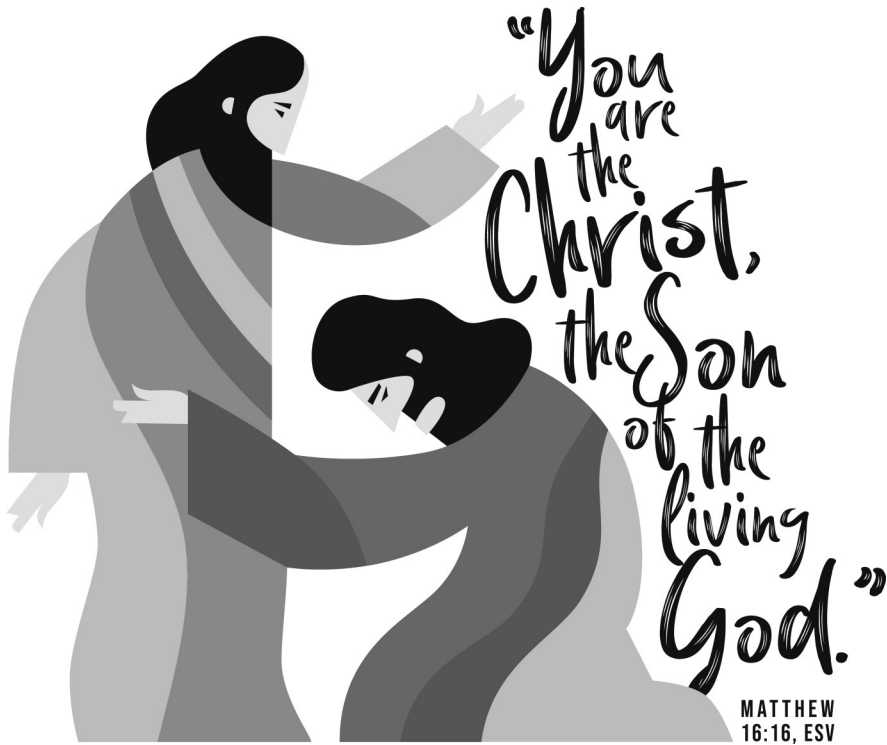


13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - AUGUST 23, 2026



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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, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" #654 vs 1-3

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.**

Hymn of Praise "The Church's One Foundation" #654 vs 4-5

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 51: 1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsive Reading

Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading

Romans 12: 1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

#509

Gospel

Matthew 16: 13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

"Built on a Rock"

#652

please be seated

Back to School Blessing

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

"We Are an Offering"

#692

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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.**

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

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

#685

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

#820

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....Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

#597

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

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"GOD'S HOPE FOR ALL IN NEED"



Welcome: "Welcome! Today, on the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, our service reminds us of the ancient traditions and prayers that have sustained Christians for centuries. All are welcome at Christ's table."

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

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Dennis Balke, Wanda Viebrock, Suzanne Lutjen, Mary Haluptzok, Ken Holland, Kevin Tatum, Nathan Vanderlinden, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.



Richard Lee, Colin Kabler (brother of Alexis Smith), Tom Ferguson, Tanner Huffman, Merle Fuelling (brother of Paul Fuelling), Dan (Friend of Dan & Julie Cronin), 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*.

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 will meet **every Monday** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join!

Circle: Esther Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on **August 24th** at Sharel Wienberg's home



Sunbeam: The Sunbeam Committee will meet on **August 26th** at 2:00 pm in the Gathering Space.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **August 27th**, from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



Back-to-School Bash: We invite all students entering 9th through 12th grade to join the Luther League in a back to school bash following worship on **August 30th**. There will be lunch and water balloons!!

Committee: The Worship & Music Committee will meet on **September 16th** at 3:30 pm in the Meeting Room.



Meeting: The Church Council will meet on **September 16th** at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room.

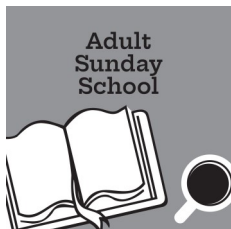
COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Education: A new year of Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 20th. Would you be interested in helping teach or co-lead a Sunday School class? Talk to Pastor Stephen if you can help out. Otherwise, everyone is encouraged to jump into a class starting on **September 20th!**



thrivent® If you are a Thrivent member and haven't yet used one or either of your Action Grants for this year, please let us know and we can put them to use! Contact Pastor Stephen if you have an Action Grant available. Thanks!

Little Blessings: Our daycare is in need of some new rocking chairs similar to what is pictured here. They prefer upholstered chairs, not gliders, and they do not need to recline. If you have something that is gently used please let us know to make sure it's what we're looking for. Thank you!



Adult Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School class will start the new Sunday School year on Sunday, **September 20**, at 9 a.m. in the Chapel. We will review what we learned about the Beatitudes last Spring and finish up that study. Even if you did not attend in the Spring, you are welcome to participate this year. Would love to fill the room up again this year. This group has some spirited discussion during our Bible Study! Not sure what the next Bible Study will be following the Beatitudes so stay tuned for that announcement. Hope you will plan to join us!

Cole Camp Fair

SIGN UP
sheet 

Sign up Sheet: The Fair Stand Schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Link. Online scheduling is also available. Thanks to all who have already signed up. Thank you!

Fair Stand: Because of the downtown sidewalk construction, we will be putting up the fair stand on Sunday, **August 30**, at 1:00 pm. We may or may not get the whole thing assembled that day because of needing to fit the stand into a new location, so some patient assistance will definitely be needed that day. Then stay tuned for any further help that will be needed. However, the stand will still be taken down on Sunday, September 13th at 1:00 pm.



Float: Float work continues on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from about 5 pm - 8 pm, both in the Fellowship Hall Classrooms and outside in the Shed. Contact Rhonda Schlesselman or Janice Gerken with questions.

Fair Pies: Each family is asked to bring two fruit pies according to the following schedule, divided alphabetically by last names. There are pie tins available for your use in the Gathering Space.

Thursday, **September 10th** A - C
Friday, **September 11th** D - M
Saturday, **September 12th** N - Z



Cole Camp Fair Pies: It's that time of year again! If anyone would like to order pies we will be making pies and delivering as usual. The cost will be \$12.00 for fruit and \$13.00 for pecan. We will take orders thru **September 4**. Call/text Tammy Thompson at 660-287-0360 or mail check with order info (name to go on pie(s), which day you would like them delivered, and church name) to 26744 Seven Hills Road.



GREAT SUMMER GAMES

Though this year's Summer Olympics were postponed, you can host friendly neighborhood competitions.

What you need:

- Masking tape
- Large craft sticks
- Paper plates
- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Green construction paper
- Craft glue



What you do:

Balloon Badminton: Make rackets by taping a stick "handle" to each plate. Blow up and tie a balloon. Use the rackets to pass the balloon back and forth, without letting it touch the floor.

Rhythmic Routines: Using tape, firmly attach one end of a 4-foot ribbon to a craft stick. Display style and skill by waving it around. Try choreographing a routine to a praise song.

Champion Crown: Cut a large hole out of the center of a paper plate. Cut 2-inch ovals from green paper. Glue those "leaves" to the ring as garland. Crown a winner of each game!



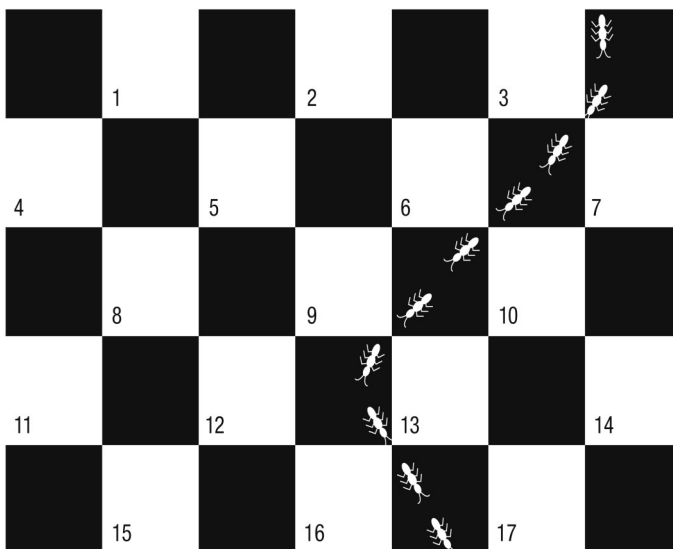
The ants go marching...



God created amazing insects and says we can learn lessons from their hard work.

Directions: Use the word bank below to fill in the tablecloth grid for ant-based wisdom from Proverbs 30:25, NIV.

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| 4. of | 6. strength | 15. summer | 12. food | 9. store | 2. are |
| 8. they | 3. creatures | 5. little | 7. yet | 10. up | 14. the |
| 1. Ants | 16. Proverbs | 17. 30:25 | 13. in | 11. their | |



Answer: "Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer." Proverbs 30:25, NIV

SERMON NOTES **for kids**

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?

BOOK:

CHAPTER:

VERSE:

WHAT ARE YOU
LEARNING ABOUT
FROM THIS
PASSAGE:

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...



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 23:	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, August 24:	9:00 am	Sewing Group
	7:00 pm	Esther Circle
Tuesday, August 25:	5:00 pm	Float Work
Wednesday, August 26:	2:00 pm	Sunbeam Committee
Thursday, August 27:	8:00 am	BCHD
	5:00 pm	Float Work
Saturday, August 29:	5:30 pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, August 30:	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

August 24	Esther Circle
August 26	Sunbeam Committee
September 10-12.....	Cole Camp Fair
September 16	Worship & Music Committee
September 16	Church Council
September 20	Sunday School Begins
September 21	Esther Circle
September 26	WELCA Mid-Mo Fall Gathering

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	Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann
Ushers.....	Melisa Balke, Assistant Head Usher
.....	Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Mike Schlesselman



13th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 23, 2026

Assisting Minister.....	Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	Erin Oelrichs & Hannah Schweitzer
Reader.....	Brian Randall
Children's Sermon	Paul Fuelling
Acolytes.....	Hudson Kullman & Gannon Elliott
Flowers	Kathy Oelrichs



14th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 30, 2026

Assisting Minister.....	Melinda Strathman
Communion Assistants	Norman Schlesselman & Sharel Wienberg
Reader.....	Rhonda Schlesselman
Children's Sermon	Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes.....	Tristan Fox & Kelsey Viebrock
Flowers	Beth Grother