



# 16th Sunday After Pentecost September 25, 2022

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to St Paul's Lutheran Church!** If you are visiting today we are delighted that you're here to share in the Good News. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you.
- **When is the last time you took a good look at our narthex furniture?** It really needs a good cleaning! Join us Wednesday, October 12 from noon to 3pm as we clean the wooden arm rests, scrub the fabric cushions and fix up the octagon wooden sign up center. Bring your cleaning supplies and get ready for a productive and NEEDED day. Men and women welcome!! Call Carolyn 405-550-4494 or Joyce 405-623-5499 if you have any questions.
- **Trunk or Treat, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm-** please bring candy (no nuts please!) and place in the shopping cart. Sign-ups are in the Narthex.
- **Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 2nd!** One, it's Quilt Sunday, and our sanctuary will be decorated with over 120 quilts that will be blessed that morning before being shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Second, the Quilter's will be hosting a small silent auction of some handsewn items (small quilts, table runners, tote bags) before and after church that morning, as a fundraiser. Half of the proceeds of the auction will benefit our quilting ministry, the other half will be donated to our hotdog ministry. Come shop/bid in the narthex that morning, and help fund two worthy ministries! Bidding will begin at 9:00 am, and close 10 minutes after the end of church service on Oct 2nd.
- **SPLC serving at the Regional Food Bank-** October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am, we will be serving at 3355 S. Purdue Ave. Must be 8+ years to serve and an adult is required for anyone under 15. Masks are required. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Narthex.
- **The Outreach Board would like to update the picture board with current pictures.** We are asking everyone to bring a current 4 x 6 picture of your family with your faces clearly showing. Please give your picture to any Outreach Board member (or put it in our church mailbox. Outreach Board members- Nola Pirog, Carolyn Behrens, Joyce Martin, Debi, Vahla Todd, or Bobbie Garrity. Thanks to everyone for helping us with this project!
- **The Outreach Board will collect school supplies for the ROC during the month of September.** Please place your items in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!
- **Altar Guild needs volunteers.** Will you help? These people are dedicated to preparing the Lord's Supper and taking care of those elements and the altar area each week. They work once or twice three or four times a year. Training is easy. Contact Diane Dewing to be part of this wonderful ministry.
- **Music Groups are forming, and we would love for you to join us!** Adults can sing with the Adult Choir on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 (sometimes until 8:30) or they can ring bells on Monday nights from 7-8:00. No experience necessary! Our **Twilight Tones** handbell group could use another 3-5 ringers! Our **Adult Choir** could use unlimited numbers of singers! **Youth**

**handbells** is from 5:30-6:00 on Wednesday nights, right before dinner. We would welcome you! See Nancy Krause after church if interested.

- **Update for “Poppie’s Playground”** We have now collected \$11, 270 that will be dedicated to new playground equipment in memory of Brent Waguespack. Donations are still being accepted through the church or GoFundMe <https://gofund.me/446b9374>. Contact Laura Labus with any questions.
- **New Door Plaques are available!** New members are given a door plaque to let their visitors know they are part of St. Paul’s. If you would like to have one also, see Carolyn Behrens. Cost is \$20. Checks may be made to SPLC.
- **Wednesday Night Book Club for the Fall.** Read *The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in the Love with the God Jesus Knows* by James Bryan Smith with us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.
- **Prayer on Thursdays at Noon!** Join us in the sanctuary for a 30-minute prayer service. There is a short liturgy followed by a time of personal prayer accompanied by music.

#### **SERVING TODAY:**

Reader:	Janet Miller
Altar Guild	Susan Hughett
Ushers:	Gene & Blake Behrens, Gary & Diane Dewing & Bill Bandi
Children’s Message	Jessica Purdum
Videographer & Sound	Garrett Purdum
Communion Assistants	Susi Laflin, Carolyn Behrens & Linda Allison
Acolyte and Crucifer	

#### **PRELUDE Ron Wallace**

#### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: We gather today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Pause for silent reflection)

Leader: Gracious God,

**People: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sin, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may**

serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Leader: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ we have received his forgiveness. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: 842** *Oh Worship the King (vs 1,2 &4)*

Oh, worship the King, all glorious above.  
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer and friend.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**KYRIE** Vs 3 and 4

*Refrain*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**ALL And also with you**

Leader: ***Let us pray.*** O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **AMEN.**

## **FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

6:1a Woe to those who are at ease in Zion

and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
the notables of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel resorts!

4 Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory

and lounge on their couches  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the stall,

5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David improvise on instruments of music,

6 who drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

7 Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND READING 1 Tim 6:6-19**

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that[a] we can take nothing out of it, 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made[b] the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the

King of kings and Lord of lords. 16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19 thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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**GOSPEL RESPONSE**

*Alleluia*

### Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel is taken from **Luke 16:19-31**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30 He said, ‘No, father

Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Here ends the readings for 16th Sunday after Pentecost

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Jessica Purdum**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SPLC Adult Choir**      *People Need the Lord*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

**HYMN:      707**

***Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us (vs 1,2 & 4)***

Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood  
As the price, never grudging for the lost ones that  
Tremendous sacrifice; and with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand to the unthankful  
And the evil with your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely,  
Of your own. With the sunshine of your goodness melt our,  
Thankless hearts of stone till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by you, at length believe that more happy  
And more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.

Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood  
As the price never grudging for the lost ones that  
Tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust you boldly,  
Hope , to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of  
All your graces, with your love our love renew.

**APOSTLES 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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN**

**PRAYERS**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

***Silence***

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

***Silence***

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

***Silence. Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present...***

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_.

***Silence***

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

***Silence***

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

### **THE BLESSING**

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Ron Wallace**

### **SENDING**

Go in Peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**