

## THE GUIDE +++

**September 13, 2020**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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### **THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus  
10:15 AM Communion Service  
11:30 AM Joint Voters meeting @ St. Paul's to call new pastor

TUE. 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:20 AM Chapel @ Trinity  
8:30 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline  
6:30 PM WDS

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus  
10:15 AM Worship Service

**September 6 8:00: 76 10:15: 50 Total 126 - Year Ago: 130 - Sunday School: 36**

**Welcome** Welcome to worship and Christian education, a time to reconnect and form new connections. May the Lord enrich our time together.

*If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes** With the approaching of fall comes shoe box time. We need your help in collecting items for the shoe boxes. Last year the yoga class brought items for the boxes to each class we had. Since we have not met since March we do not have a supply of items. Would you please help us with this worthwhile project. There are Christmas decorated boxes in the narthex where you can place items to be included in the boxes. Some items that are needed are wash cloths, ivory (it floats) soap, school supplies, small toys, clothes, and shoes. We cannot send candy or toothpaste. May God bless you for helping with this gospel spreading project.

**Thank You** I would like to thank the St. Paul's church family and especially Pastor Cluver for your thoughts and prayers of concern about my recent surgery. Everything went well and is continuing to improve. Jim Weiss

**Baptism** Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at 1:00 PM today is Ryan Lee Oller, son of Nick and Brittani Oller. Sponsors are Joshua Tabbert, Matthew Tabbert, and Mackenzi Tabbert. Grandparents are Chris & Karla Tabbert and Tim Oller and Pam Tomaszewski. We welcome Ryan into the membership of God's Kingdom and St. Paul's church.

### FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
September 6	\$ 3,214.00	\$6,263.04	\$ 3,049.04
year-to-date	\$ 105,882.00	\$ 114,505.42	\$8,623.42
<u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u>			
September 6	\$ 423.00	\$ 80.00	\$-343.00
Year-to-date	\$ 14,982.00	\$12,745.00	\$-2,237.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$4,425.00
Building \$1215 Trinity \$100			

September 6 \$7,658.04

9/22 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study  
9/23 8:20 AM Chapel @ Trinity  
6:30 PM WDS  
9/24 8:30 AM Blanket making

**Voters Meeting to Call a Pastor** The members of the call committee for a new pastor have narrowed the list of candidates from the call list down to two and a joint voters meeting with the members of Grace will be held **today** at 11:30AM at St. Paul's to decide which pastor to call. The two candidates are:

**Christofer Lieske** from Alive Lutheran Church, Monticello MN

<https://www.aliveinmonticello.org/>

**Kyle Wright** from Holy Cross Collinsville IL <https://holycross-collinsville.org/>

Please plan to attend the meeting.

**Ladies Aid Mites for Mission** If you have been saving cancelled stamps for the Ladies Aid Mites for Mission, please drop them off in one of the two boxes at church. Or, you can also give them to Marlene, Neva, or Linda Doehring. We will be turning them in at the Zone Fall Rally, September 23. Please have them turned in by September 20! Thanks for the many stamps we have already received. Keep saving them and trim with an 1/8" to 1/4" border around each one. We can always use them!

**Lutheran Care Center 2020 Care Campaign** Lutheran Care Center had to cancel it's largest fundraising event, the annual dinner/auction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They will be hosting a special giving campaign to benefit the Lutheran Care Residents. It is their greatest hope to have monetary donations made towards items/equipment needed for and by the residents. If you would like to help, please send your donation to Lutheran Care Center, 702 W. Cumberland Rd., Altamont, IL 62411.



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

- 15- Donna Pfeiffer
- 16- Kevin Wirth; Brad Wirth
- 17- Jeremy Reel
- 18- David Stremming
- 19- Mitch Esslinger; Harper Layton

## **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Kay & Howard Dust, Kathy & Will Eckstein, Deanna Foelsing, Delbert Foelsing, Dianna & Don Gibson, Charlene Telgmann, Don & Kim Telgmann, Jessica & Derek\* Bloemer, Olivia Telgmann, Marcie Thomas, Katie Thomas, Stephanie Tracey

## **HEALING**

Don Wallace	Brett Kull
Jackie Stodden	Diane Paraiso
Melba Storm	Mary Rincker
Glen Spannagel	Anna Schlechte
Jim Weiss	
Merle Ragan(St. John's hospital)	
Ken Hagan (St. John's hospital)	

## **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Noma Rose Huddleston - Lakeland NH  
Imogene & Carl Lading - Villas of Holly Brook  
Nida Miller  
Bill Orr  
Mildred Rincker - Brookstone Suites  
Larry Storm - Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming - Brookstone Suites  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone Mattoon  
Brett Kull- Shelbyville

## **FRIENDS & FAMILY** **(non-members)**

Matt Durbin  
Melissa Wirth  
Family of Crewe Jones  
Rhiannon (Wallace) Klier (surgery)  
Don Gibson  
Colin Kinkelaar (car accident)  
Dennis Ogle (cancer, Mac & Lois Ogle's son)  
Diana Vonderheide (Joe & Linda Oakley' daughter)  
Madonna Nichols (liver cancer)  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)  
Karl Zalman (cancer)  
Bryan Mowry (Laurie Wirth's brother, health)  
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer, undergoing treatments)  
Dave Polk (cancer, Virginia Vogel)  
Dennis Noffke (Stage IV bone cancer)  
Austin Miller, (leukemia, Dennis & Nitelle Lading's gson.)  
Sarah Grove (Neuroendocrine lung cancer)

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**PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME – PRELUDE**

**COMMUNION** We practice close communion. We welcome communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to the Lord's Table. If you are not a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before attending the sacrament.

**Opening Hymn Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

LSB 622

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared, This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears, Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.

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*Please Stand*

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution.**

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

**Service of the Word** (Spoken)

- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

## Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

The Epistle is read

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

## Sermon Hymn **Our Father, Who from Heaven Above**

LSB 766

1 Our Father, who from heav'n above, Bids all of us to live in love  
As members of one family, And pray to You in unity,  
Teach us no thoughtless words to say, But from our inmost hearts to pray.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, That they may trouble us no more;  
We, too, will gladly those forgive, Who hurt us by the way they live.  
Help us in our community, To serve each other willingly.

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**Sermon** "The Unforgiving Servant" Matthew 18:21-35

*Please Stand for Prayer*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**P 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 Words of Institution**

*LSB 197*

#### **Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

#### **Distribution**

**A** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

#### **Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### **Benediction**

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

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