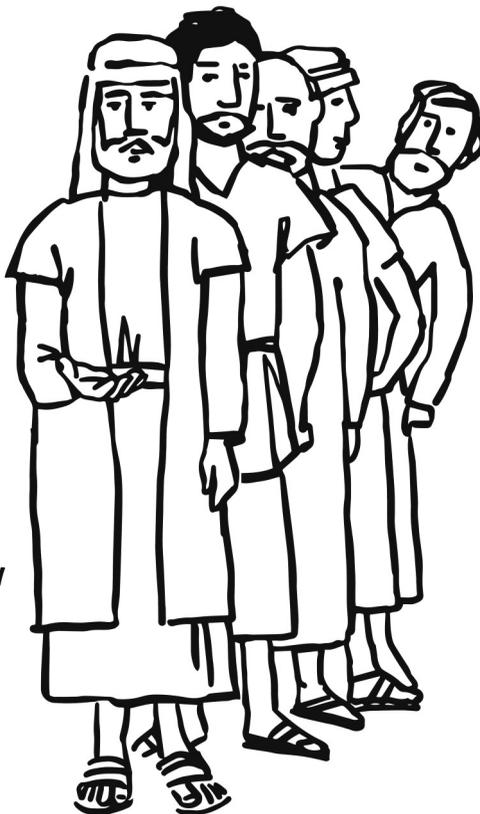


**“THE
LAST
WILL BE
FIRST,
AND THE
FIRST
LAST.”**

MATTHEW 20:16, ESV



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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 and Announcements

please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"When Morning Gilds The Skies"

#853

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.....**Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. ^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8

¹I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21 - 30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

please stand as you are able

Gospel

Matthew 20:1 - 16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

#590 vs 1 - 4

please be seated

Preschool Blessing

O God, everything you do is wonderful, and I know it well.

Teach us your ways, O God.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.

Teach us your ways, O God.

Jesus said, Let the children come to me.

Teach us your ways, O God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

O God, who shepherds the lambs and cares for the least,

Bless the children who play and learn in this place.

Grant patience and joy to their teachers and caregivers.

Keep these children safe and secure in our care.

May this sacred space be a place where children learn about God's love and listen for God's call. May our community always hold these children in prayer and welcome their gifts in your name. We pray in the name of Jesus, your child.

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.**

Our Offerings and Benevolence At Work

Your offering and offering card (yellow sheet) can be placed in the offering plate near the entrance of the Sanctuary. The videos we're sharing show how your offerings to the larger church support ministries here and around the world.

please stand as you are able

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.**

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.

please be seated

Communion Hymns

"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

#588

"Jesus Loves Me!"

#595

please stand as you are able

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.....We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn

"Rise Up, O Saints Of God!"

#669

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIFE"



Welcome: As summer changes to fall, God's love remains constant. Welcome into the presence of the Lord of all seasons.

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Lois Barr, Arlene Schlesselman, and Greg Ives.

Harold Brown (father of Donnie Brown), Lora Harms, Ryan Oelrichs, Karen Culler, Ioana (friend of Debbie Vaughan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale), Rick Kabler, Sarah Moellman, Mark Fuelling (brother of Paul Fuelling), Marvin Bockelman (brother of Margie Gerken), Vera Bowline (sister of Ron Eickhoff), Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).

Heavenly
Father...

We need
your mercy.



Nursing Home: Margie Gerken: *Ambrose*. Opal Donnell, Violet Luetjen, Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Essex*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), TSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Schlesselman), Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Sally Jordon.

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



Called by Grace to Love and to Serve: This fall the WELCA ladies will be assembling Personal Care Kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief early in October. We will be collecting items through **today**. Our goal to make 50 kits, but it would be great to exceed that amount! Boxes for collection can be found in the Gathering Space, the Link, and in the back of the church. Contact Janice if you have questions (668-3116).



Voter's Meeting: The Congregational Council, with support of the Worship Committee, is calling a special voter's meeting **today**, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on spending \$6,000 to make restoration repairs on the organ while the organ is being repitched. We hope that you can join us for this short meeting.

COC: The Communities of Calling committee will meet **today** at 7:00pm in the Chapel and on Zoom.



"One Stitch At A Time": The Sewing Group is now able to get together and work on their craft, the beautiful quilts. They will meet on Monday, **September 21st** beginning at 9:00am in the church basement.

Circle: The Esther Circle will meet at the home of Lois Viebrock on Monday, **September 21st**. We will meet at the church at 9:00am and carpool to Lois's house. Don't forget to bring scissors.



Council Notes Meeting: The Council will meet on Tuesday, **September 22nd** at 7:30pm.

LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **September 22nd** and Wednesday, **September 23rd** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



Committee: The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 23rd** at 3:00pm.



Planning: The Worship & Music Committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 23rd** at 6:30pm.





Health Services: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **September 24th** to assist you with your health care needs.

Camping Trip: We have the group camping loop at Thibaut Point in Warsaw reserved **October 2-4**. There are 19 sites available, each of them with 30 amp electric hookups. You can bring anything from a tent to an RV. There will be time for fellowship and worship, as well as time on your own. The cost of the loop was \$200 total, which will be split among those camping. Please contact Janice Gerken (660-668-3116) to claim one of the sites.



Parish Education - Our Sunday School classes for children and adults, as well as our Confirmation class, will all begin meeting on Sunday, **October 4th**. Confirmation Class will meet at 8:45 am in the Church Basement, with Sunday School classes meeting at 9:00 am. The class for adults will meet in the Chapel, and classes for children in the Fellowship Hall and/or Classrooms.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 20:	10:00am	Worship Holy Communion by Stations
	AW 7:00pm	Voter's Meeting Communities of Calling
Monday, September 21:	9:00am	Sewing Group
	9:00am	Esther Circle
Tuesday, September 22:	8:00am	Little Blessings Preschool
	7:30pm	Council
Wednesday, September 23:	8:00am	Little Blessings Preschool
	3:00pm	Sunbeam
	6:30pm	Worship & Music
Thursday, September 24:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, September 26:	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, September 27:	10:00am	Worship Holy Communion by Stations

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Melisa Balke & Susan Goosen
Ushers Bruce Wienberg, Assistant Head Usher
..... Melisa Balke, Jim Gumbel, Mark Oelrichs & Kevin Schlesselman.



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost ~ September 20, 2020

Communion Assistant Hunter Anderson
Reader Teresa Viebrock
Prayers Sam & Scott Cash
Children's Sermon Kim Knowle-Zeller
Flowers Debbie Vaughan



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

September 22 Little Blessings Preschool Begins
September 22 First Day of Autumn
October 2-4 Congregational Camping Trip
October 4 Sunday School Begins