

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.....September 6, 2020**

We welcome you in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Many times in the Bible Christians are referred to as the children of God. This morning we give some consideration on the make-up of a child of God.

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

**Order of Worship**

***The Opening Hymn***

**729**

**I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,  
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;  
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.  
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.

I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

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## Confession and Absolution

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

*C* **Amen.**

*P* Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*P* Our help is in the name of the Lord,

*C* **who made heaven and earth.**

*P* I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

*C* **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*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.**

### The Introit

*P* Pride goes before destruction,

*C* **a haughty spirit before a fall.**

*P* Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed,

*C* **than to share plunder with the proud.**

*P* Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers,

*C* **and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.**

**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Kyrie

LSB 186

**G** Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

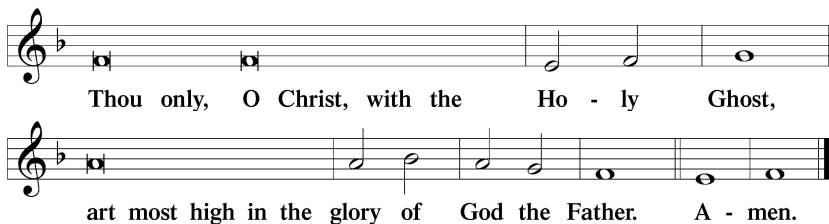
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*P* The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

*P* Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 57:14-15

<sup>14</sup> And it will be said: "Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of My people."

<sup>15</sup> For this is what the high and exalted One says—

He who lives forever, whose name is holy:

"I live in a high and holy place,

but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly

and to revive the heart of the contrite.

*P* This is the Word of the Lord.

*C* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Reading**

James 4:7-10

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

*P* This is the Word of the Lord.

*C* **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**

LSB 190

**Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.**

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 18:1-6

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

**Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles



and the life  $\tau$  everlasting. Amen.

## The Sermon Hymn

664

## Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound-less  
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing  
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.  
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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## The Sermon Text

Matthew 18:1-4

## The Sermon

“Unless You Become Like a Child”

I. Jesus is here emphasizing that we are to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

A. Humility is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Humility is \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Jesus tells us here to:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ from our sinful ways.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ and



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## Offertory

LSB 192

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## The Prayers of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Installation of Sunday School, Bible Class, and LifeLight Teachers

### Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



☐ 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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## The Closing Hymn

587

### I Know My Faith Is Founded



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

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ALTAR FLOWERS Today's altar flowers are presented to the glory of God by Joe & Cheryl Ervin in celebration and thanksgiving of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**UPDATE: Reading Curriculum**

**WE ARE VERY NEAR OUR GOAL!**

**Money has continued to come in supporting the new reading curriculum in the school. We still need about \$1100.00. If you are willing to support our school in this effort, please place your offering in an envelope marked "Reading Program" and place it in the offering box in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support! St. Paul's School Board**

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT Fall is upon us. School is starting in some form, and it's time to begin choir rehearsals again. Both bell choir and adult choir will **resume on Sunday, September 13th**. Bell choir at 5:00 in the balcony; adult choir at 6:00 in the balcony. If you are interested in bell choir please contact Ellen Augustine (574-536-4648) so music can be marked for the appropriate number of ringers. Adult choir will rehearse and perform without masks and side by side, so please make sure you

are comfortable with this arrangement. If you have questions or concerns please let me know. You may call/text the number above. Hope to see many of you on September 13th to praise the Lord in song.

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY- there will be NO Bible Study starting in September and all studies have been postponed until further notice.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY WORKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX IF YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED

We will meet Wednesday evenings for an in-depth study of the book of Judges, September 16 through November 11 from 6:45 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. Registration forms are due NOW and are located on a table in the Narthex.( There are limited books available for the start of the Bible study. More can be ordered but they will arrive after the start of class ) Join us for an evening of enlightenment and fellowship!

**Calendar of Events**

**THIS SUNDAY .....September 6, 2020**

Sunday School and Bible Classes .....8:30 am

Worship Service .....9:30 am

**MON: LABOR DAY.....NO SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL**

**WED:**

Men’s Bible Study..... 6:30 am

Day School Chapel..... 8:05 am

LifeLight Leaders meeting..... 3:00 pm

Worship Service..... 6:00 pm

Youth Night..... 7:00 pm

**THUR:**

Preschool Chapel..... 9:30 am

**FRI:**

High School Tailgate..... 5:30 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY..... September 13, 2020**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 11:15 am

Bell Choir..... 5:00 pm

Adult Choir..... 6:00 pm

Voters’ Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the August 24 Voters’ Assembly meeting are available on the table in

the narthex. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken at [keneichinger@gmail.com](mailto:keneichinger@gmail.com)

### BUDGET INFO:

Operating budget fund balance as of September 3, 2020: \$84,900  
This amount represents over 6 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

## **Things to Remember in Prayer This Week**

### Thanksgiving

That Christ took on humility and went the way of the cross to pay for our sins

Celebrating Anniversaries this week: 6<sup>th</sup>-Joe & Cheryl Ervin

Celebrating Birthdays this week: 6<sup>th</sup>-Ashley Holderman; 7<sup>th</sup>-Heather Middaugh; 8<sup>th</sup>-Phyllis Brown, Bradley Siefer, Joshua Szpakowski; 10<sup>th</sup>-Jennifer Brurok, Larry Winterboer; 12<sup>th</sup>-Jamie Rogers, Carlie Scott, Connie Marburger, Christian Quenan

Those who are ill- **Michaele Barts** (Tony's sister); **Elvira Besco** (Jennifer Brurok's mother); **Lester Bollenbacher**; **Neal Brown** (Ann Knepper's nephew); **Janice Creighton** (Kelly Sienicki's mother); **Payton Dobbins**; **Daniel Enders** (Beth's nephew); **Barb Gerstetten** (friend of Joann Wonnacott); **Ann Harden** (Kim Wagner's mother); **Bill Harrison** (friend of Beth Enders); **Elbia Hundt** (friend of Mel Schutz); **Leif** (Ellen Tjernagel's nephew); **Jim Lynch** (Virginia's grandson); **Nancy Mast** (Peggy Miller's aunt); **Marla Miller** (friend of Barb Berg) ; **John Moerer** (friend of Andy Wildauer); **Arnold Norman Jr.** (Betty Sahlhoff's brother); **Melinda Polson** (Mary Ingle's daughter); **Pauline Raasch** (mother of school family); **Ellen & Bruce Smith** (LeAnna VanSoest's parents); **Marie Southard**; (Melonia Russell's mother); **Dennis Swanson**; **Connie Wagner** (Ben's Mom); **Andrew Yoder**; **Riley Youngman**

### Activities

Men's Bible Study-Wednesday

Lifelight Leaders meeting- Wednesday

### Special Concerns-

That God would bless us with a spirit of humility and a life of repentance

For the Call Committee's work, that they be guided by the Lord  
For Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores in the mission field  
For our nation and her leaders and for those serving in the military.

## YOUTH NEWS

**For Grade 4 through High School:** The Youth Board will continue to host different themed **Game Nights** (*this past week was "Who is your Neighbor?"*) on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm here at the soccer field/gym. We're not referring to your average games, but possibly games you have not heard of or played before. Come check this out, and bring a friend. Parents / Guardians will need to sign waivers that can cover the entirety of the month's activities.

**For High School Youth:** Football season is upon us, and what goes better with football than Tailgating? We will host a Tailgate meal on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm prior to the Bremen HS Home Football Game. Tailgate will be at 515 Poplar Drive and Youth Board will provide all of the food – we just need HS Youth to show up and bring a friend as we gear up in support of our local team, band, and cheerleaders, which includes some of St. Paul's very own. **Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway so we can plan accordingly.** Youth (and/or parents) will be responsible for themselves if they are able obtain tickets to attend the football game.

For more information on either of these activities, please see our Youth bulletin board in the hallway. If there are any questions, please contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399.



# YOUTH Game Night

**Sunday School Offerings**  
**Fall Quarter September 6-November 22**

**Pre-K -Grade 2** Nazareth Room

This class will be studying the Old Testament from Adam and Eve to Moses and the promised land. The Class will be taught by Barb Middaugh and Kelly Thornton.

**Grade 3-5** Grade 2-3 Classroom

This class will be studying the Old Testament from Adam and Eve to Moses and the promised land. Teaching this class will be Joanna Fox.

**Grades 6-8** 6-8 Grades Classroom

Our curriculum for this class is called Christian Character Connection. This Class will be taught by Jeanette Rettinger

**High School** Principals Office

Todd Haug will continue with series that he left off with in March when we had to shelter in place due to Covid 19.

**Adult Class** Bethany Room

Terry Miller will continue with the study of Apologetic getting into how to defend your faith when you are challenged.

*The Board of Christian Education Thanks all of the teachers that have given of themselves to teach this last quarter.*

**Servants for Today's Worship**

*Administrative Pastor:* Roger Rohde 546-2332 or 574-209-0306

*Assistant Pastor:* Neil Wonnacott 546-2332 or 574-301-9291

*Organist:* Anita Eichinger

*Ushers:* Curt Nielsen

*Acolyte:* Gabby & Grace Barts

*Elder:* Hank Kiefer