Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service 4
5:30 pm, 8:00 & 9:30 am
August 15 & 16, 2020
Welcome visitors and guests to St. Paul’s. We are glad to have you worshiping with us today and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about our congregation. Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or call the church during the week.

Holy Communion is celebrated at each of our regular weekend services and on certain other special occasions. In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to one of the pastors about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else’s faith; we simply understand our communing together is also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray, particularly for visible unity in the Christian Church.

Cell Phones: Out of respect for God’s House and your fellow worshipers, please turn off or silence your device prior to this Worship Service. Thank you for your co-operation.

Special Assistance Our sanctuary is equipped with receivers for hearing assistance and large print bulletins are available, please speak with an usher.

Parents with young children: We believe that young children need to be included in the regular worship life of the congregation so that you can teach them how we worship our Lord. If, during the worship service you need a quiet place, you may use our Cry Room located in the back of the sanctuary.

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St Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Church
Is a living Christian community responding to God’s Love, and rededicating ourselves to the continual growth of the Body of Christ.
Prelude

"When Peace Like a River"  Behnke

Welcome & Ringing of the Bell

Confession & Absolution

Stand
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P  In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C  Amen.

Exhortation  

P  Our help is in the name of the Lord, 
C  who made heaven and earth.

P  If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C  But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P  Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and 
receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 
let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that 
we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from 
our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy 
of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: 
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C  Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to 
everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

P  Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 
forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His 
authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
☐ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C  Amen.
**Entrance Hymn**—“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  

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1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!  
Jesus knows our every weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

**Kyrie**  

_LSB 204_

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.
Old Testament Reading

Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .
“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual  Spoken together

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .
Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .
As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.
Nicene Creed

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.

Sit

Children's Message (9:30 am) Barb Mertens, Principal

Hymn of the Day—“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” LSB 720

1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And
4 For You, O resurrected Lord, Are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In

gracious words we hear From Him who spoke as
follow where He trod; But in His promise
may our faith a-bound To call on You when
found in means divine: Beneath the water
realms of clearer light We may behold You

none e’er spoke, But we believe Him near.
we rejoice And cry “My Lord and God!”
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and endless sight.

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Teacher rededication (9:30 am)

Sermon  

Pastor Peter Speckhard

Stand

Offertory Hymn—“Be Still, My Soul”  

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LSB 752 sts. 1–2

Sit

Service recognition and Farewell (9:30 am)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P  Let us pray to the Lord
C  Lord, have mercy.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Stand

Preface  

LSB 208

P  The Lord be with you.
C  And also with you.

P  Lift up your hearts.
C  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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth ad-dored;
Heav’n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:
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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

\[LSB 210\]
Sit
8:00 am & 9:30am Solo;

"Make Me a Servant"

Distribution Hymn—“The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644 sts. 1–5

1 The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
2 Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;
3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,

She is His new creation By water and the Word.
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a sunder, By heresies distress’d,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.

From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
One holy name she blesses, Par takes one holy food.
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
O blessed heav’n-ly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she presses With ev’ry grace en-dued.
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

Distribution Hymn—“Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628

1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretch-ed bands;
3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous myster-y;

Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurt-ful to me there.
A contrite heart is sure to find For-give-ness at Your hands.
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest re-al-i-ty.
God can ac-com-plish vast-ly more Than what we think could be.
Post-Communion Collect

P  Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  Amen.

Benedicamus

P  Let us bless the Lord.

C  Thanks be to God.
Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn to Depart—“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

1 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
2 Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My children, fed and nourished, Close to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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† Serving Today †

Preacher: Pastor Speckhard
Organist: Karen Foote
Soloists: Catherine Arndt (8:00 am); Ray Lenz (9:30 am)

Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God:
—by Pete & Marge Jensen in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary.
**News & Notes**

† **Our Gifts of Love in Response to the Gospel:**

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THANK YOU AND GOD’S BLESSINGS—Today in our 9:30 a.m. service we will be acknowledging the ministry of several staff members at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School. Thank you to Mrs. Hansen who retired this year from St. Paul’s Lutheran School after many years of service to our school and church community. Mrs. Hutcheson has completed her last year at our school as well. We thank them for their servant hearts ministering to many children over the years. The third person that we are thanking today is Mrs. Paulette Boicken for her 25 years of service in our finance office. Those behind the scenes jobs are sometimes unnoticed but are valuable to our ministry here. Thank you to all of you and may God continue to bless and keep you daily!

**Zoom Bible Study**—Wednesday Evening Bible Study is at 7pm. We will be studying Self-control. Thursday Mornings at 10 am, we will begin a new topic this week. Watch the daily updates for login information.

**Worship Service Recording**- We are looking for individuals who would like to help record the livestream services at St. Paul’s, and we can create a schedule of volunteers as we continue to offer this to the congregation and the community. Please contact Jaymes Hayes in the church office or at jhayes@stplmunster.com, if you are interested and we can get you trained and on the list.

**Sanctuary Cleaning**- Part of the safety procedures at St. Paul’s is cleaning the pews between services. We will have a cleaning solution, gloves, and towels provided for you. 2-3 volunteers will be able to clean the pews in about 10-15 minutes. We would like to create a schedule of volunteers to clean after the 5:30pm service and the 8am service. Please contact Jaymes Hayes in the church office or at jhayes@stplmunster.com, if you are interested and we can get you trained and on the list.

**Vacation Bible School**- A big thank you to all who worked to make our Vacation Bible School a success this year. Through wearing masks, meeting outside, preparing craft packets and videos for families to do at home, we worked to still provide meaningful, fun, Christ-centered activities for children of the community. If you know of any child who would still like to participate, we have packets available in the church and videos online. Contact Jaymes Hayes at jhayes@stplmunster.com with any questions.

**Confirmation Buddies** – We are looking for adults who are great at encouraging others, praying for others as they grow in faith, making a connection to those younger them. We are looking for people of St. Paul’s to be Confirmation Buddies to the confirmation class of 2021. You will be paired with an 8th grader to occasionally send them notes of encouragement and prayers for guidance as they study and learn more about the Christian faith. If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Jaymes Hayes at jhayes@stplmunster.com.
+ This Week at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church +

Monday, August 17, 2020
8am-1pm Church Office Hours
7:00 pm Board of Youth (Adult Ed)
7:00 pm Board of Evangelism (Zoom)

Tuesday, Aug 18
8:15 am First Day of School
K-8 School begins
7:00 pm Board of Stewardship (Adult Ed)
7:00 pm Men’s Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, Aug 19
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry (Zoom)
7:00 pm Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, Aug 20
10:00 am Thursday Morning Zoom Bible Class

Friday, Aug 21

Saturday, Aug 22
10:30 am AA Meeting (Adult Ed)
5:30 pm Divine Worship Service

Sunday, Aug 23
8:00 am Divine Worship Service
9:00 am Koinonia (Church Entrance)
9:30 am Divine Worship Service

Worship Schedule
Saturday Evening 5:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 9:30 am

Visit our website stplmunster.com