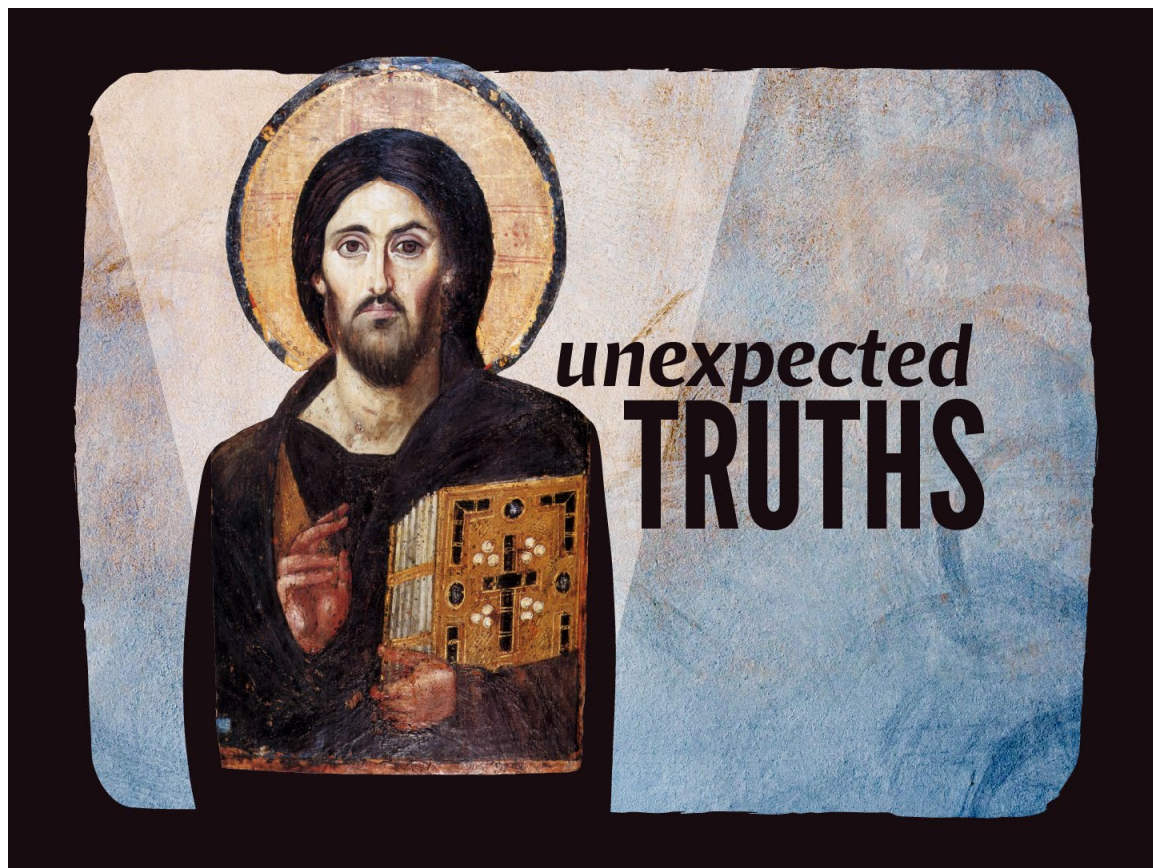




St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost



The Church Is for All People

Welcome to honored guests and St. Paul's family alike!

In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to be strengthened through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service.

Our worship is designed for your whole family. Find children's busy bags, a book that teaches young children about worship, children's bulletins, and children's worship note sheets on the cart near the central sanctuary doors.

God loves the sound of children in worship, and so do we! If you need to step out of worship for a moment, we have a **family room** located through the door in the back of the fellowship hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to talk with you about how we can serve you with the Gospel and make here your home!

Today's service begins on page 4

Our Pentecost worship series | **Unexpected truths**

Many of the most important truths revealed in the Bible are not self-evident at all. They frequently appear surprising or even contrary to human expectations. Scripture teaches that humanity is not naturally good but deeply sinful. God declares that salvation cannot be achieved through human efforts, but it comes entirely by his grace. Most unexpected of all is the message that God brings forgiveness and eternal life through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.

Biblical truth is revealed by God rather than discovered by reason alone. While some truths may seem obvious to human judgment, the truths of the Bible are often unexpected.

Today's worship theme | **The Church is for all people**

"All are welcome!" Is that true at our church? Or is church meant only for people of the right heritage who behave the right way, "good church folk"? Is it conceivable that a stranger could walk into church unexpectedly and for some reason you would ask yourself, "What is someone like that doing here?" Or perhaps you ask that question about yourself. "There seem to be godly people here. I'm not like them. Do I really belong?"

Today Jesus shows us that the Church is for all people. All of us—regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or social status—have the same problem of sin. And we all have the same Savior. Anyone who comes to Christ's Church and cries out "Lord, have mercy!" is welcome.

Our prayer before worship | **to reach out to and embrace all people**

O Lord our God, we need your guidance in all we do. Let your wisdom counsel us, let your hand lead us, and let your arm support us. Reveal to us the unexpected truths of your Word so that we can know and grow in faith and love. Conform us to your image, and make us like Jesus that we may live as he lived on earth and may do all things as he would and did. In his name we pray, Amen.

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

CW 914

Christ is the cornerstone of God's entire Church, a group gathered from all the ends of the earth.

1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, on him a - lone we
2 Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we im -
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hal - lowed courts shall
build; with his true saints a - lone the courts of
plore, and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us
ring; our voic - es we will raise the Three in
heav'n are filled. On his great love our hopes we
ev - er - more un - til that day when all the
One to sing and thus pro - claim in joy - ful
place of pres - ent grace and joys a - bove.
blest to end - less rest are called a - way.
song, both loud and long, that glo - rious name.

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent., abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
Tune: John Darwall, 1731–1789
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P(residing minister) | In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C(ongregation) | Amen.

Confession

CW 172

P | If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C | If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P | Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C | Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P | Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C | Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

P | In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C | Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is composed of half and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

Tune: Marty Haugen

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P | The Lord be with you.

C | **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P | Let us pray: Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1,6–8

The Lord told the world that all God-fearing people would have a place in the house of his Church.

¹This is what the LORD says.

Protect justice, and carry out righteousness,
because my salvation is coming very soon.

My righteousness is ready to be revealed.

⁶Then the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him and to love the name of the LORD
and to become his servants,

every one of them who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
those who take hold of my covenant—

⁷I will bring them to my holy mountain,
and I will make them glad in my house of prayer.

Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar.
For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples of the world.

⁸This is the declaration of God the LORD,
who gathers Israel's dispersed people:

“I will gather still more people to my house besides the ones already gathered.”

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day | God of Mercy, God of Grace

Psalm 67B



1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness
2 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord! Be by all that
3 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord, then en - joy your



of your face. Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine;
live a - dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing
rich re - ward! God to us his bless - ing give,



fill your Church with light di - vine, and your sav - ing
glo - ry to their Sav - ior King, at your feet their
we to God de - vot - ed live, all be - low and



health ex - tend to the earth's re - mot - est end.
trib - ute pay, and your ho - ly will o - bey.
all a - bove one in joy and light and love.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, alt
Tune: German, adapt. Johann G. Werner
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Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13–22

Christ takes foreigners and strangers and builds them into a holy temple, his Church.

¹³But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them ¹⁵when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. ¹⁶And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. ¹⁷He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. ²⁰You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 2:13

P | Alleluia! But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

In the face of a test from Jesus, a Canaanite woman demonstrate faith in God's promises for all people.

²¹Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"

²³But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

²⁵But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

²⁶He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs."

²⁷"Yes, Lord," she said, "yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

P | The Gospel of the Lord.

C | **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

The Church's One Foundation

CW 855

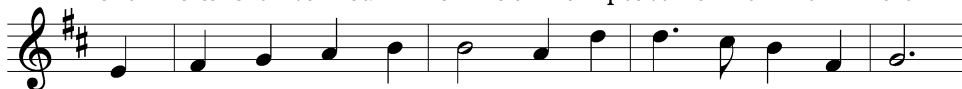
Our one foundation—no matter where we're from and no matter our foe—is Christ and Christ alone.



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,
4 Tho' with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,
5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.
by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, abr., alt.

Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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Such a foreign faith

Questions to consider during the sermon:

- Why did Matthew refer to the woman as both Canaanite and from Tyre & Sidon?
- Explain what motivated Jesus' silence and the disciples' speech.
- How can we understand what Jesus first said to the woman?
- Considering her anguish, was Jesus too hard on the woman with his words?
- What is most admirable about the woman's response?
- A/D | Jesus healed the daughter because of her mother's faith.

Apostles' Creed

C | I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come 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.

Offering

To our honored guests: We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul's funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute. If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in **the offering plate** in our gathering space as you leave worship today, **mail an offering** to our church anytime, or go to **stpauls.edu** or **scan this QR** code to give an offering online.



Prayer of the Church

P | Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

C | Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

P | Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

C | Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

P | Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

C | Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

P | Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

C | Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

P | Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

C | Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

P | Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

C | Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

P | Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P | Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

C | In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

God Loved the World So That He Gave

CW 570

Because of his love for the whole world, he continues to send us out to all with his saving message.



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; his Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the



Son the lost to save that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.

5 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; this is the anchor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens- Opfer, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
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P | Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**C | Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

**P | The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.**

C | Amen.

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Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

CW 861

As the foundation of the whole Church, Jesus draws all of us from around the world into one his flock.



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foun-
2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, your name a - lone con -
3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more with hearts both pure and
4 And for your gos - pel let us dare to sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; in you she trusts, be - fore you bows, and waits for
fess - ing, con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, true u - ni -
low - ly; and may your Word, that light di - vine, shine on in
trea - sure; teach us to bear your bless - ed cross, to find in



your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, your Church
ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord, and your
splen - dor ho - ly that we re - pent - ance show, in faith
you all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness in joy



shall en - dure though all the world de - cay and all things
sav - ing Word to us e'er pure re - tain; grant that they
ev - er grow; the pow'r of sin de - stroy and e - vils
and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, let us by



pass a - way. O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!
may re - main our on - ly strength and com - fort.
that an - noy. O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
grace par - take of end - less joy and glo - ry.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt.

Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924

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+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today we will begin a new Bible study *Stranger Than Fiction*, focusing on several of Israel's Judges; today we will focus on Deborah. Sunday School for the children will take place at the same time.

Stranger Than Fiction

During the time of the Judges, "Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." This time had many memorable (and tragic) events that are stranger than fiction, but all of them are here for our learning. We will spend some time with Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, and Samson and see how God's Word and presence continue through the chaos. These studies will take place following the services during the month of August. Please join us!

Wednesday (Kingsway) Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Bible studies have resumed. We meet at 10 AM and are studying the book of James together, led by Pastor James. All are welcome!

Bible Information Class (BIC)

Our next BIC will begin on **Monday, August 24 at 6 PM**. All are welcome to learn/review the basic teachings of Scripture together. Whether you're just curious about what the Bible teaches, have questions, would like to become a member, or have been one for decades, all are encouraged to attend this class that gathers us around God's Word. If you or someone you know would like to learn more, please sign up in the gathering area or let one of our pastors know.

Game on.

Game Night, our next FEAT event, is **Friday, August 28**. All ages. No cost. No rsvp needed. See the poster on the bulletin board in the gathering area for more info.

Take me out to the ballgame

St. Paul's FEAT is hosting an outing to a Tampa Bay Rays game September 12. Rsvp is needed for this event – confirm your interest on the signup sheet in the church entryway or online by following this qr code. More info is available on the signup sheet, or you can ask Peter or Kay-Lynn Johnston.



Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

preacher | **Tim Rosenow** *presiding minister* | **James Saatkamp**
accompanist | **Justin Siegler** *usher* | **Bruce Salzmänn**
worship streaming tech | **Mark Meyer**
flowers | **Siegler family**

last Sunday's worship attendance | 109
freewill offering | \$6,096

Let's pray! This week, we offer special prayers for...

birthdays | **Thomas Ellis** (8-17), **Zachariah Renner** (8-20 | 2 years old!),
Ezekiel Renner (8-20 | 2 years old!), **Buddy Klinefelter** (8-21)

anniversaries | **Chris & Stephanie Marasco** (8-19 | 20 years!),
Charlie & Maureen Kohnken (8-20 | 15 years!)

relief | **Bethel Lutheran Church (Appleton-Menasha, WI)** (tornado damage)

homebound members | **Dave Brandt, Sharon Cummons, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo**

health | **Mike Levell** (brother of Susan Clonts, comfort and peace as he is nearing end of life);
Kris Christie (mother of our former vicar, Karl, recovering from major heart surgery); **Sharon Cummons** (recovering in assisted living); **Kay-Lynn Johnston** (strength and resilience); **Jim Kohrs** (heart surgery pending soon); **Rick Robinson** (recovering); **Stacey Rolen** (daughter of Rick and Angie Freihofer, recovering from surgery); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovery)

Serving in worship next week

Streaming | Josh Plum *Ushers* | Tom Leinberger

This Week | August 16th – 22nd

WED | Kingsway Bible study 10 AM

FRI | Morning chapel 8:30 AM

Upcoming Events

August 28 | Morning chapel 8:30 AM | Afternoon VPK chapel 12:15 PM | FEAT game night 6 PM

Our congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. As a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to learn more about our church family or our church, school, and preschool can serve you, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Our Synod

St. Paul's belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), congregations united in faith and in desire to serve everyone we can with the truth of God's saving Word. To learn more, visit wels.net or ask a pastor.

Our worship

We gather for worship Sundays at 9:30 am and for children's and adult Bible study about ten minutes after worship.





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