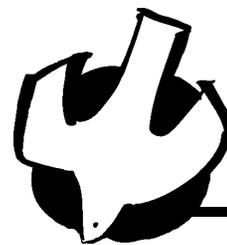


ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday	9/8	9:30 AM	LGSH Worship Service
		10:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
Monday	9/9	7:00 PM	Worship w/Communion
Tuesday	9/10	10:00 AM	Lectionary Readings (Sr. Center)
		10:00 AM	Lifelight (PO)
		1:30 PM	1912 Ladies Aid #1 (PO)
		7:00 PM	Ladies Aid #1 (PO)
Wednesday	9/11	NOON	BULLETIN DEADLINE
Thursday	9/12	9:00 AM	Lifelight (Biltz)
Friday	9/13	10:00 AM	LGSH Bible Study
Saturday	9/14		
Sunday	9/15	8:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
		9:15 AM	Sunday School/Bible Study
		9:30 AM	LGSH Worship Service
		10:30 AM	Worship

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

10:00 AM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONCORDIA, MO

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.

Opening Hymn 838 *"The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place"*

Confession of Sins and Forgiveness *Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.

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

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.

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Introit – “Entrance” Ps. 119:28–32; antiphon: Ps. 119:27

- P** Make me understand the way of your precepts,
C and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
P My soul melts away for sorrow;
C strengthen me according to your word!
P Put false ways far from me
C and graciously teach me your law!
P I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
C I set your just decrees before me.
P I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
C let me not be put to shame!
P I will run in the way of your commandments
C when you enlarge my heart!
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Make me understand the way of your precepts,
C and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

Kyrie – “Lord, Have Mercy” Mark 10:47

For text and music, see page 204.

- C** (sung) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis – “Glory to God in the Highest” Luke 2:14; John 1:29

For text and music, see page 204.

- C** (sung) To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.

Bible Class Today - September 8

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study today.

High School Sunday School - will be worshipping at the Good Shepherd Home and assisting with wheelchairs. Meet at the GSNH at 9am

Remember in your prayers...

- Healing for Loetta Flandermeyer, Connie Maggert, Harry and Lila Alpers, Tim Kerksiek, Philip Flandermeyer, Gary Inman, Darla Wolters, Joe McKnight, Ruth Tebbencamp, Carol Henning, Kathy Paulson, Willie Heath, Diana Storck, Wilbert Freund, Charlie Henke, Cherry Deke, John Carlton, Dr. Wayne Myers, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball, Amy Gerdts, John Pittman, Gary Bartel.
- Immanuel Lutheran Church; Salisbury, MO and Rev. Glen Gutz.
- The people of the Bahamas and all those affected by Hurricane Dorian.

All Are Invited to the Annual Smorgasboard at Zion Lutheran, Corder, on Sunday, September 29 from 11:30am-1:00pm. The menu includes turkey and dressing, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salads, and dinner rolls. Smorgasboard proceeds will be used for improvements to Zion’s Fellowship Hall.

Seasonal Migrant Farmworkers are once again back in the area. Several years ago, our congregation volunteered to help in filling and distributing commodities to these seasonal workers. We will be helping again on the following Mondays, September 23 and October 28. Distribution is done at the Head Start in Lexington in the early evening. We try to arrive in Lexington between 4:30-5:00pm and are back in town by 8:00pm at the latest. They do take donations of dried pinto beans, white rice (not instant rice), brown paper grocery bags, t-shirts, men’s long sleeve light shirts, men’s and women’s shorts or jeans, sweat shirts, sweaters, ect. If you would like to help with distribution or donate items, please contact Karol Meyer for more information. Items can be dropped off at the church office. Thanks!

Light the Night 5K New Beginnings Women’s Center in Warrensburg is sponsoring a glow run on Saturday, October 5, at 5pm at the WMS Stadium, registration begins at 5pm. You can register online at www.nbwburg.org.

Dial-A-Devotion, St. Paul's daily phone devotion ministry at 463-7595, can be called anytime during the day and night. As we continue our "Back to.. " series, **devotions September 8-14** include Back to Church,...to normal,...to good works,...to 9/11,...to the field,...to the Jordan River,...to Mount Sinai. Take a few moments each day for a spiritual devotion. Dial 463-7595.

All Are Invited! The Senior Center is hosting a Meatloaf Lunch on Sunday, September 22nd, 11am-1pm. The menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, and your choice of homemade desserts. Advance tickets are available: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children age 4-8, tickets at the door: \$12 for adults, \$6 for children age 4-8.

The SPLHS Singing Saints will be singing "Take me out to the Ball Game" at the Royals vs. Astros baseball game THIS Saturday, September 14th. If you would like to support the choir's upcoming spring tour, please purchase a ticket for \$30 through SPLHS (we don't receive the support if you don't purchase it through us). You can bring a check or cash to the Business office or to Jerrode Marsh today. Tickets will be picked up under your name on Saturday at the game. Seats are in the Outfield Plaza, Section 208. Game begins at **6:15pm**. We are also hosting a tailgate beginning at 5pm, so come by and get a burger or hot dog, enjoy some fellowship, and cheer on the Singing Saints! For more details on how you can help or for information, please contact Dr. Jerrode Marsh at jmarsh@splhs.org or text at 816-605-5173. Thank you for the support!

Special Presentation: See the text of Mark's Gospel account come alive as never before in a dramatic presentation of *The Gospel of Mark* on Friday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 pm at the Liberty Center in Sedalia (111 West 5th St., Sedalia, MO 65301). The presentation is neither a simple recitation of the text nor a play based upon it. Instead, it is an interpretation of the way the text might have impacted those who first received it. Both Christians and non-Christians will learn the context and tone of Mark's Gospel account as they come to see the "human" side of the Bible. The cast consists of six pastors—faculty and alumni of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis—who give enthralling renditions of God's life-giving Word. *The Gospel of Mark* runs around two hours, 30 minutes, including intermission. The presentation is free and open to the public. Freewill offerings may be made to support future presentations.

Lutheran Bible Translators in Concordia, MO is seeking an Assistant Director for Communications with the creativity, conviction, agility, leadership and most importantly – the passion – to help fulfill our mission of making God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. The ideal candidate will be Lutheran and motivated by the challenges of developing and leading a communications strategy and team that helps build and promote our mission and vision. Please visit LBT.org for more information and to apply.

Collect of the Day *A prayer that "collects" the theme of the day.*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Verse of the Month *Psalm 16:11*

C **You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Old Testament Lesson *Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

The Lord tells His people to choose life by obeying His commandments.

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *"Rejoice in The Lord Always" St. Paul's Elem School Choir*

Epistle Lesson *Philemon 1–21*

Rather than ordering Philemon to let his runaway slave Onesimus go free, Saint Paul appeals to him on the basis of the Gospel.

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear

of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *John 20:31*

For text and music, see page 205.

C (sung) **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Reading *Luke 14:25-35*

Jesus tells His followers of the cost of discipleship. Those who follow Him must give up all other allegiances.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be

Thank You!! The Sr. High Youth Group would like to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone that supported the Funnel Cake Stand at the fair. Special thanks to Mark Tolia, Greg Brown, and Chris Gerdt for taking time out of your busy day to help set up the stand.

Back to School Youth Group Event Let's kick off the new school year with a Bowling Party on Sunday, September 15th. Jr. Youth (grades 5-6 and 7-8) will meet at the bowling alley from 1-3pm and the Sr. High Youth will meet from 3-5pm, cost is \$5. Please let Melissa (660-641-0740) know if you will be attending, deadline to sign up is NOON on Friday, September 13. Hope to see you there!

Free!! We're Cleaning House! Used Bible study materials, parenting guides, videos, New Testament CDs, and many other materials are available. Come and look between services in the school lunch room on Sunday, September 15th and 22nd.

The Wednesday Womens Bible Class will resume on Wednesday, September 25th at NOON in the Parish Office.

Be a Partner in Prayer. You are invited to join parents, grandparents, and friends of St. Paul's Lutheran School each Monday when school is in session from 8 - 8:15 am in the Parish Office. Each week, in addition to praying for the general needs of the school, we will pray for students by name—one class each week—as well as any special prayer requests. Pastor Michael will lead this weekly time for prayer. A guide will be provided. Come any Monday you are able. Participants are not required to pray aloud. *There is no prayer gathering on Labor Day, September 2, but join us at 8:00 am on Monday, September 9.*

“Joy to the World” Offering - In conjunction with our national convention (held in July), our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is collecting a national offering to further our shared mission. Gifts to the 2019 LCMS National Offering—which can be made at any time—will empower the work God has given us to do in His name to bring joy to the world, as we vigorously make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, that all might rejoice and give thanks to God our heavenly Father. Envelopes are available in the narthex if you would like to contribute to this offering.

Lifelight Classes on Galatians/Philippians/Colossians will begin the week of September 9th. Participants prepare for the nine weekly classes by reading a portion of Scripture and answering related questions in the student guide (copies are available in the church office). You are most welcome to join one of the following classes:

Tuesdays at 10am at the Parish Office, led by Joanne Reinke, starting 9/10
Thursdays at 9am at Biltz Hall (SPLHS), led by Sharon Bobzin, starting 9/12
Mondays at 9am at the Parish Office, led by Kathy Schnakenberg, starting 9/16.
Books are available for pick-up in the church office, cost is \$10.

St. Paul's Mens Club will meet Tuesday, September 17th. The executive board will meet at 6:15pm with the regular meeting starting at 7pm in the Parish Office. The topic on Orphan Grain Train will be presented by Jim Caretto. Anyone interested is more than welcome to attend.

New Adult Bible Class starts September 15: "God at Work." When you understand it properly, the doctrine of vocation—"doing everything for God's glory"—is not a platitude or an outdated notion. This principle that we vaguely apply to our lives and our work is actually the key to Christian ethics, to influencing our culture for Christ, and to infusing our ordinary, everyday lives with the presence of God. For when we realize that the "mundane" activities that consume most of our time are "God's hiding places," our perspective changes. Culture expert Gene Veith unpacks the biblical, Reformation teaching about the doctrine of vocation, emphasizing not what we should specifically do with our time or what careers we are called to, but what God does in and through our callings—even within the home. In each task He has given us—in our workplaces and families, our churches and society—God Himself is at work. Veith guides you to discover God's purpose and calling in those seemingly ordinary areas by providing you with a spiritual framework for thinking about such issues and for acting upon them with a changed perspective. *This study is based on a book by the same title by Gene Edward Veith Jr. Books may be purchased online, although excerpts will be provided for discussion, and you need not have read the book to participate in each week's class. Pastor Andrew and Pastor Michael will lead this class beginning September 15 in the gym. All are invited.*

Family Footnotes

I had the opportunity to travel with a van full of young people to a cross country race this weekend. What a great experience that was! I always enjoy seeing my athletes interact with each other as those bonds of friendship grow stronger and that love of the Lord is shown. Our devotion on our first night was centered around the topic of "layers." Cross country athletes need to be prepared for all types of weather, that's why as a coach I always stress dressing in layers. The leader of the devotion that night specifically focused on the apostle Paul. He made reference to the verses in Philippians 3:12-17 that talk about how Paul leaves behind the things of the past and focuses on what lies ahead, pressing forward toward the goal for the final prize. We as Christians also need to be prepared for what lies ahead. We layer ourselves with God's Word and cloak ourselves with those who can support us in our faith. We cannot change the past and we do not always know what lies ahead, but we can press forward with faith and assurance in our Savior that He will always be with us through our race here on this earth so that one day we can claim the prize of eternal life with Him in heaven forever. So layer up and press forward knowing that God is for you!

~Gina Martens, Family Life Director

my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed *See inside back cover of the hymnal.*

Sermon Hymn 688 *"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake*

Sermon *"Discipleship Is Costly"*

Offering and Rite of Fellowship

Please record your attendance on the friendship register in each pew and pass the register down the pew so all may record their attendance.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The service continues on p. 208 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27-28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that

