

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Three pg. 184 in the hymnal

WELCOME

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONGS

“Father Welcomes”

LSB #605

“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

SONG

“Cares Chorus”

COLLECT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (ESV)

Moses is close to despair from trying to lead a crowd of complaining Israelites. The LORD gives relief by sending His Spirit to raise up more leaders to help Moses.

Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Praise Is God’s Power In Me”

St Paul 3rd & 4th Grades

EPISTLE READING

James 5:13-20 (ESV)

James exhorts us to pray on every occasion, but especially for those who are sick. Our prayers have power because our powerful God listens and responds to us in our times of need.

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-50 (ESV)

Jesus warns his disciples of the grave dangers of leading a fellow Christian into sin or of treating our own sins too lightly.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the ninth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brittany Fulcer

HYMN OF THE DAY "There's a Quiet Understanding"

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

"Offering 130"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

LSB #922

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Charles Ramsey & Peace Lutheran Church, Waco
Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Family of LaVern Stuhr

Paul Heidorn turns "92" on Monday

Barb Barth knee surgery on Monday

Marfay Wallace (sister of Bobbie Luce) fell this week

Paula Young (niece of Maribelle Gierhan) fell and cracked a vertebra

Family of Neil West (Delores Nordmeyer's son, Sharon Owens and Fred Winkelmann's cousin) who passed away on Thursday

Dealing with an illness: Wilmer Ritterling, Taida Grantski, Mary Reeves (niece of Bobbie Luce), Sharron Owens, Karen Stuart (Roy Richter's mother), Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Recovering from surgery: Lindy Wiemer, Merle Schmieding

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In Response to God's Love

September 19: Inperson Attendance: 217 Visitors: 8 Online: 56 Sunday School: 26 Communion: 148

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY: 09-26-21 Acolyte: Nya Fischer Lay Reader: Jamie Kovac Organist: Contemporary Choir

Next Week: 10-03-21-21 Acolyte: Nick Grantski Lay Reader: Gene Schlechte Organist: Dylan Teut

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (09-26)	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Ministry
	7:30 PM	Youth Gathering Meeting
MONDAY (09-27)	9:30 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (09-28)	8:00 PM	LLL Meeting
WEDNESDAY (09-29)	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
THURSDAY (09-30)	-----	
FRIDAY (10-01)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (10-02)	-----	Volleyball @ Battle Creek
SUNDAY (10-03)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Ministry
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry

As of 09-12-21	Amount received 09-12-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$7,941.00		\$476,669.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$3,880.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$19,256.00		
Total	\$7,941.00	\$19,902.00	\$499,805.00	\$568,047.00	-\$68,242.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$790.00	Bldg Fund**	\$7,908.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$600.00	Teacherage Fund	\$675.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$1,476.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/21-8/22) 5k goal	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$320.00	\$192.00	\$128.00

Current Operating Note: \$20,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received



Thank you to all of you for your prayers, concerns, meals, transportation and for your Christian care for me during my surgery and recovery. I thank God for surrounding me with faithful Christian friends here at St Paul. Ann Gardels

THANK YOU. A note of thanks to all that attended or contributed to the Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed last Sunday. Thanks to all those that volunteered to bring salads or desserts to make the meal complete. Over 135 attended the dinner and the very generous contributions totaled \$3,273.10. The Orphan Train Volunteers

Next Sunday, October 3rd, Utica's Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department is having a free will donation Pork BBQ lunch from 10:30 am - 1pm at the Utica fire station. Hope you can join us and thank you for your support.

Seeking Childcare Help for AM Womens' Bible Study Our Wednesday morning group is seeking two volunteers plus a backup (substitute) to serve young mothers wishing to participate in our Bible Study by caring for their children on Wednesday mornings 9-10:30am. It's an opportunity to serve young mothers as they grow in their faith and a chance to spend time with Jesus's littlest lambs in joy and gladness (and toys). Please contact Hope Dunbar or Natalie Schmieding to volunteer for this very meaningful work.



NEW Womens' Bible Study starting WEDNESDAY September 29th! Please join us for a new Bible Study. "Mighty & Mysterious" A Study on Colossians on Wednesday mornings (Quilting Room) at 9am AND/OR at 7pm (Fellowship Hall) on Wednesday evenings. This study comes with weekly videos and a workbook. If you would like to purchase one, just let Hope Dunbar know, but please don't let the lack of workbook keep you from joining our fellowship and time in the word together.

Living Well With Chronic Disease – September 21st – October 29th. Meets each Tuesday 1:00-3:30pm at the Seward Lied Senior Center

Living Well is a six session workshop for people with, or caregivers of people with, lifelong health conditions, such as heart disease, anxiety, arthritis, etc... The sessions provide you with tools, skills and support to make lasting lifestyle and behavior changes. Those who attend learn to identify challenges and solve problems related to their illness(es). The workshop helps people live a better quality of life with a chronic disease. Many across the United States have completed this workshop and are living better lives! To register, or for more information, contact Angel Dale at (402) 362-2621, info@fourcorners.ne.gov, or register online at <https://www.compasshp.org/workshops/>.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the refugee home, coordinated by my Girl Scout Troop. We are overwhelmed and extremely grateful for St. Paul's generosity! We have everything we need and will be welcoming an Afgan family to Nebraska in the next two weeks. Thank you for helping a family get a new start on their life! -- Josephine Turnbull

Do you, or someone you know, experience a number of so-called Senior Moments? Do you chalk it up to 'old age' catching up with you? Or could it be something more serious. . . There's a new tract at the Welcome Center provided by LLL, called "Alzheimers: Facing the Loss of a Lifetime", which follows the journey of one family through the various stages of memory loss that provides great information and resources. Help yourself.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE LUTHERAN CHAPEL IN LINCOLN St. Paul Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is participating in a collection of items for the Lutheran Chapel as part of our Zone's Fall Rally. We **invite everyone** to join us in supporting the college students who attend the Chapel. Items that the students find useful include: * microwave popcorn packets * pens * highlighters * toothpaste * gum * anything snacky * disinfectant wipes * laundry detergent pods * 6 ft electric cords * batteries * to-go-snacks * quarters for doing laundry * power strips * hot chocolate/tea/coffee * fun skin care items * tissues * cute planners *--- There will be a tub in the narthex and marked "FOR THE LUTHERAN CHAPEL" up until Oct. 3
Thanks for any donation ~ LWML

St. Paul's is excited to welcome Chelsea Irwin - a missionary living in Eastern Europe - for our morning worship and education hour on Sunday, October 31! Chelsea is a Lincoln, NE native and Concordia graduate who now oversees volunteer mission opportunities from her base in the Czech Republic. She has been serving the Lord in mission for the past 11 years, and will have many stories to inspire us to live out the Great Commission. Join us!

Thank you to Bill Deremer and his family for the beautiful new plantings on the southwest side of the church. These include boxwood bushes, catmint, aster, and reed grass. They were given to the church in memory of Bill's wife, Judy, who passed away last November. The new plantings are a lovely addition to our church grounds and a fitting memorial.