# FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST ARE HUMBLE SERVANTS

# FOLLOWERSHIP





# IN THE NAME OF JESUS THE THEME OF OUR WORSHIP:

*The Need for Followership: humble servants.* Humility and pride are polar opposites. Pride exalts self at the expense of God and others. Humility exalts God and others at the expense of self. Pride is the essential vice, for it increases one's hunger for all other sins. Humility increases one's hunger for the forgiveness and healing found in Christ. The one who is proud demands to be served. The one who is humble is not content unless serving others. St. Augustine described it this way: "It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels." As we see all Christ did to serve us, our hearts melt. Within us grows a Christ-like obsession to serve others, without counting the cost, without any desire to be repaid. Those who are in positions of Christian leadership understand that their purpose is only achieved through service. For followers of Christ are humble servants.

**WELCOME!** Thank you for joining us for worship on this morning. At St. Paul's, you will find a worship service designed to praise God and increase people's faith. While all styles of worship take some getting used to, we hope you will find that the main message – the unconditional love Jesus has for us – comes through clearly.

**PARTICIPATE.** Many parts of our worship service are interactive. Feel free to sing along with the hymns and songs. There are also times in the service when Pastor and congregation speak back and forth. Please join together as you feel comfortable.

**PARAMENTS.** In Lutheran churches you often see paraments. These are the colored cloths with symbols on them hanging from the altar and pulpit. They change with the church seasons and celebrations as a visual reminder of what we are celebrating in our worship. Green is the color of life and nourishment...the basic color of nature. After reliving the great events of the life of Christ...the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers.

**PERSONAL CONVENIENCES.** For your convenience, restrooms are located down the hall to the right of the entrance into the sanctuary...feel free to ask for directions. Cell phones should be turned off or put on vibrate mode so as not to disrupt others during the service. Thank you for your cooperation.

To help you focus while you join us for worship, take the time to eliminate as many distractions around you as possible. While we share the promises of God's Word with you, we encourage you to create community. Use the comment and chat areas to let others know you are worshipping with them. We may be separated by in-person or livestream worship, but we can connect with each other here for Christian support and encouragement.

# **WORSHIP NOTES**

#### THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

The Sundays after Pentecost comprise the longest season of the Church Year. After spending a half-year looking at Christ's life *for* us...we now spend a half-year looking at Christ's life *in* us. By the power of the Spirit working through the Word and Sacraments...Christ produces spiritual growth within us. That growth is symbolized by the green colors that drape the church for much of this season.

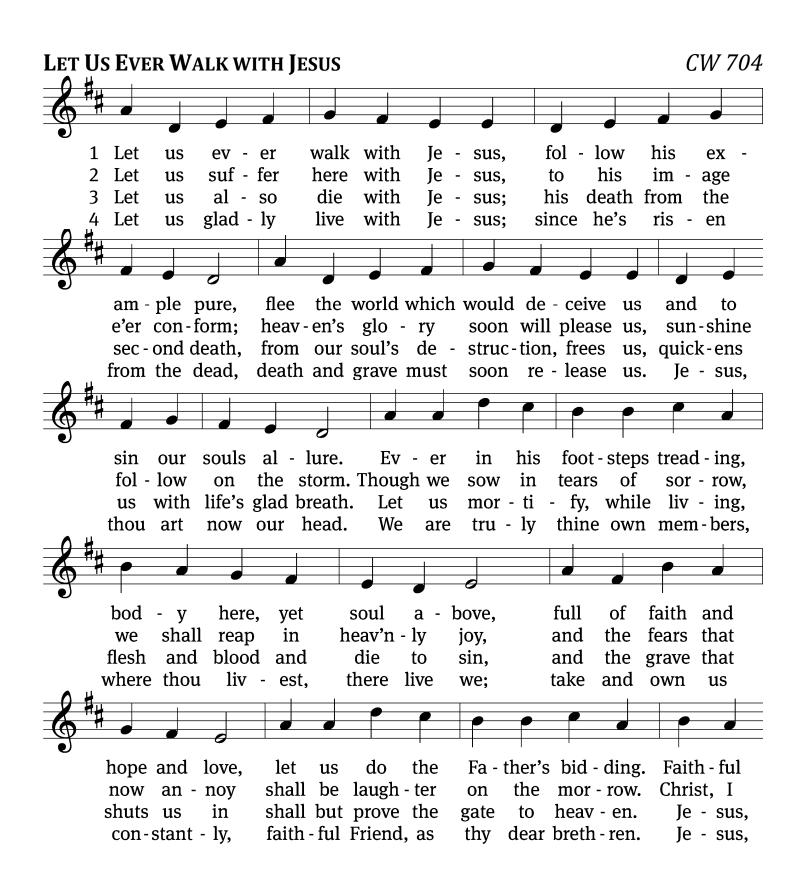


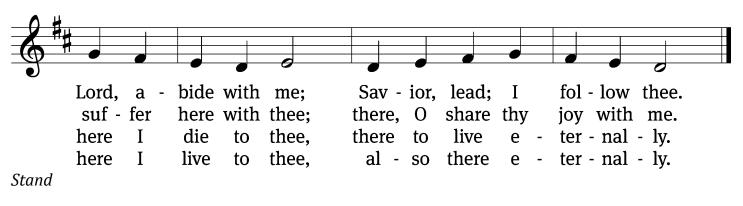
#### **OUR WORSHIP SERIES**

"We need better leadership!" Have you ever said that? You were frustrated because no matter how many resources an organization has, it will flounder if leaders do not lead well: providing direction...training...motivation...coordination...encouragement...and even grace. Leadership is extremely important. And so...there are times we lament, "We need better leadership!"

Jesus Christ is the leader of our congregation, our home, our lives. And his leadership is perfect in every way. Therefore, when things are amiss in any of those arenas...what is needed is not better leadership, but better followership. In this series, we ask Christ to empower us with his Spirit so that we might better follow his lead. May we better reflect the beauty of his life...better make his priorities our own...and better serve our God and neighbor.

THE NEED FOR FOLLOWERSHIP – FOLLOWERS OF JESUS						
15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Obey the Word with Clean Hearts				
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Are Amazed by His Power to Save				
17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Are Armed Against the Devil				
18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Are Humble Servants				
19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>(St. Michael &amp; All Angels)</i>	Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Have Powerful Allies				
20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Know How to Love Their Families				
21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	0ct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Treasure Him Most				
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	See Jesus by Faith				



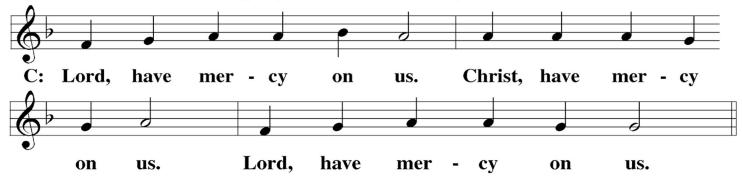


In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

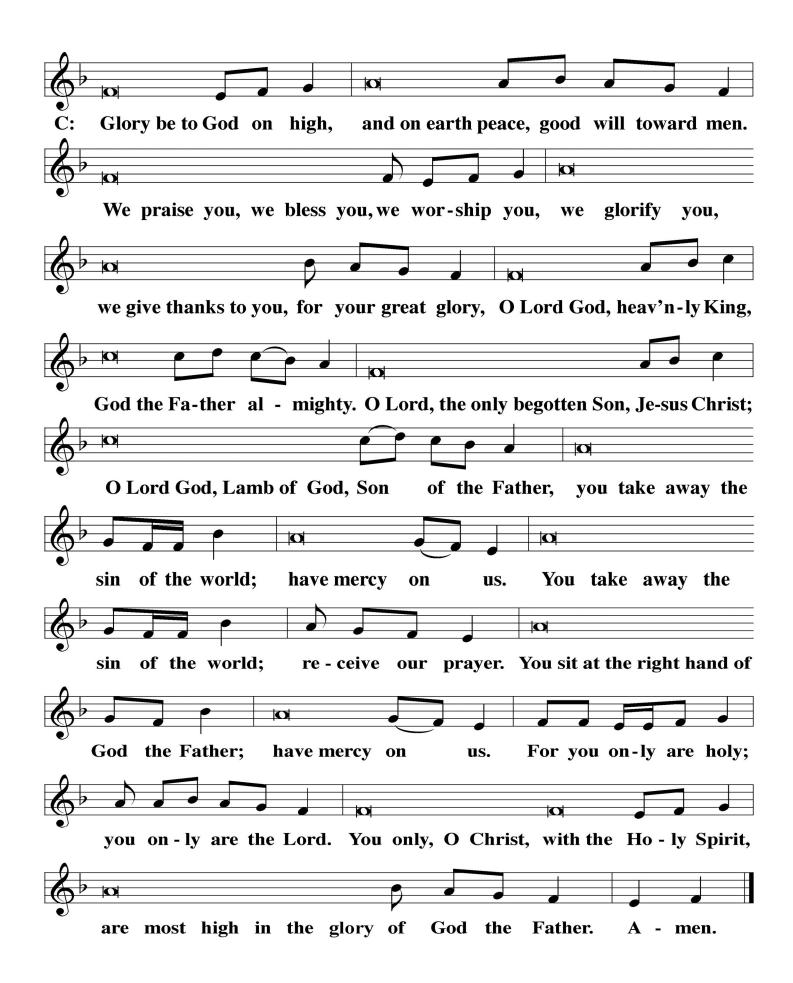
Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



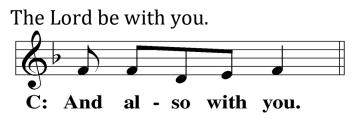
God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**



#### Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

#### FIRST READING

Numbers 12:1–15

The LORD rebuked and disciplined Aaron and Miriam for speaking against his humble servant Moses.

<sup>1</sup>Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. <sup>2</sup>"Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this.

<sup>3</sup>(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

<sup>4</sup>At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you." So the three of them went out. <sup>5</sup>Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, <sup>6</sup>he said, "Listen to my words:

"When there is a prophet among you,

I, the LORD, reveal myself to them in visions,

I speak to them in dreams.

<sup>7</sup>But this is not true of my servant Moses;

he is faithful in all my house.

<sup>8</sup>With him I speak face to face,

clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

<sup>9</sup>The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.

<sup>10</sup>When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam's skin was leprous—it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, <sup>11</sup>and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. <sup>12</sup>Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away."

<sup>13</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "Please, God, heal her!"

<sup>14</sup>The LORD replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back." <sup>15</sup>So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

#### **GRADES 5-8**

#### Your Servant I Will Be

*Refrain:* Your servant I will be, by the gift of grace you've given me. Your servant I will be. How I long to live my life, O Lord, for Thee.

Though I am the least of these, the least among your people, your grace is alive in me, that the world may know your love. *Refrain* 

Great are the works of the Lord; great is the mercy of Christ my Savior, who has redeemed me and fills me with joy all the days of my life. *Refrain* 

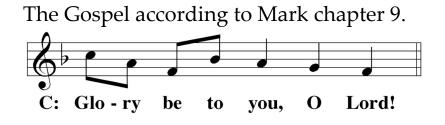
# SECOND READING

James 3:13–18

Wisdom is shown in good deeds done in humility, peace, and order.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peaceloving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Stand



# GOSPEL

Mark 9:30–37

Anyone who wants to be the first must be the very last and the servant of all.

<sup>30</sup>They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup>because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup>They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup>Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

<sup>36</sup>He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.



**NICENE CREED** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be Seated

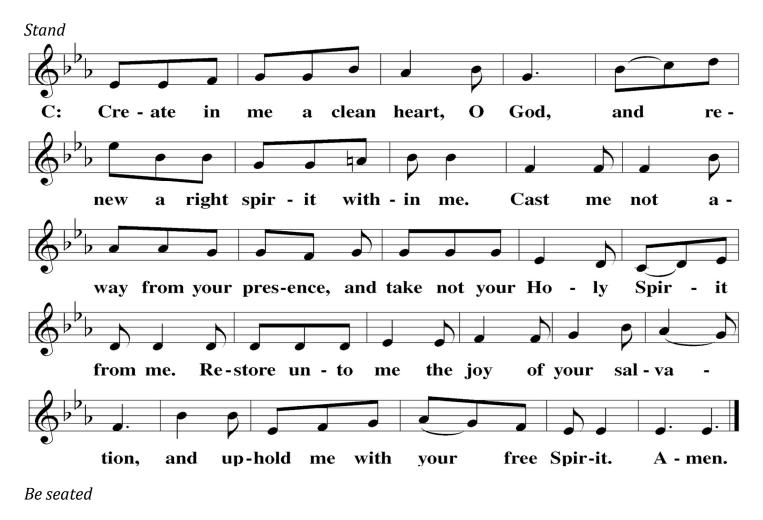
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#### SERMON

Mark 9

# Who is the GOAT? Curiosity – Quarreling – Kidding



# CONNECT

We would kindly ask everyone to fill out a <u>Connect Card</u> now. If you are worshipping with us virtually, we kindly ask that you also fill out a digital Connect Card. What will be the "next steps" you can take as a response to the message you have heard today? You can also let us know how we can pray for you or ask for more information on one of the ministries or programs we are offering. Thank you!

# OFFERING

If you're visiting today...we're glad to have you as our guest. Please don't feel any obligation to participate in this part of the service. In fact...we hope you'll consider this service our gift to you! This offering is an opportunity for those of us who are regular attenders to invest tangibly in what God is doing here. If you do wish to give an offering...please feel free to do so.

Giving Options:

- Scan the QR code to the right.
- give your gift <u>online</u>.
- via text message: text "GIVE" to 877.492.5452 and follow the text instructions.



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# **SPECIAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

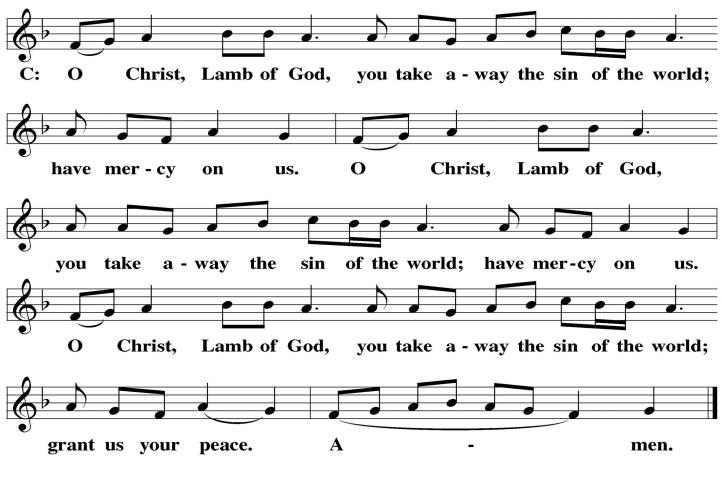
# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Be seated

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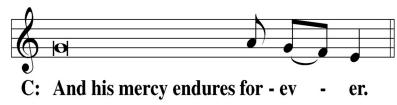
Through the Apostle Paul Jesus tells us that celebrating the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity with him and with the others who partake in this meal (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). He also says, *"So, then whoever eats of the bread and drinks of the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). For these reasons, St. Paul's practices close communion with those united to us in beliefs and church membership. We welcome confirmed members of the WELS and ELS to the Lord's Table. We ask that you speak with one of our pastors before taking the Lord's Supper. They are eager to meet with you. We thank you kindly. And greatly look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper with you. In preparation for communing today...you may use the questions found on pp.295-296 in the blue hymnal.* 





Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;



O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



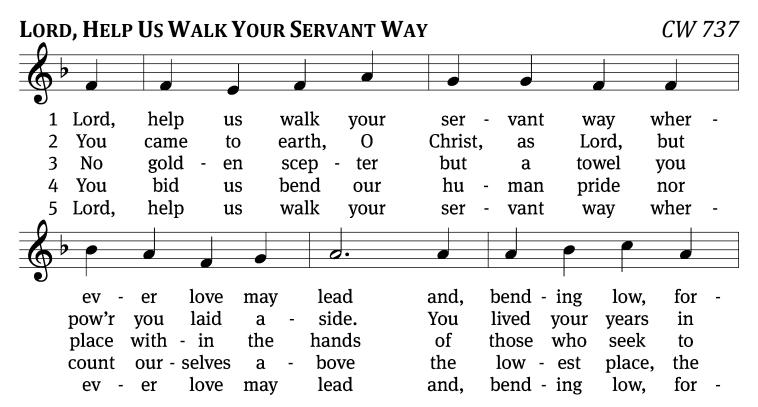
# BLESSING

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.



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#### SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

**PRESIDING MINISTER AND PREACHER:** Pastor Adam Bode

SERVICE ACCOMPANIST: Susan Phelps

ALTAR GUILD: Lisa Specht, Stefani Leverenz, Jenny Walleser.

**USHERS**: 8:00a.m.- Greg Johnson, David Wehrmann, Richard Steolb, Will Belitz.

10:30a.m. – Kevin Reinemann, Tim Reinemann, Jim Truttschel, Tyler Truttschel.

OFFERINGS: 9/15 & 9/22 - \$16,100 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$50 – MLHS SWEET CORN FEST. \$550 – GROWING FORWARD.

ATTENDANCE: 9/15 & 9/16 - 8:00 A.M. - 228. 10:30 A.M. - 122. 6:00 P.M. - 28.

#### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

• Siegmund Bulitz, celebrating his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

This Week at a Glance:			
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Meeting Times		
Sunday, September 22	8:00a & 10:30a   Worship Services		
	9:30a-10:15a   Family Bible Hour		
Monday, September 23	4:30p   Trustees		
	6:00p   Monday Night Worship		
	7:00p   Adult Choir		
Wednesday, September 25	9:00a   Bible Study		

(Wednesday, September 25)	6:30p   Elders			
	7:30p   Harvest Room Reserved			
Thursday, September 26	6:00p   PTF Meeting			
	8:00a & 10:30a   Worship Services			
Sunday, September 29	9:30a-10:15a   Family Bible Hour			
Manday Cantomber 70	6:00p   Monday Night Worship			
Monday, September 30	7:00p   Adult Choir			

# **Grow with Christ** Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 1. Angels & Demons: "Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me" Luther's Morning Prayer. Good versus evil is a reality in the world of angels and demons. There are as many misunderstandings as there are questions when it comes to what the Scriptures teach about this battle. Today we continue a Bible study on *Angels & Demons*. Join us in the Harvest Room to have your questions answered as we explore what the Bible has to say about angels, the fall of evil angels, the occult, and more.
- 2. **Child Care:** During Bible study and Sunday School, parents attending Bible class are welcome to let their little children (3 years and younger) stay in the 3K room (second room on the right in the Early Childhood wing) for child care, which is supervised by volunteers.
- 3. Wednesday Bible Class | 2 Thessalonians: Wednesday morning Bible class happens each Wednesday from 9:00-10:00a. As we finish up chapter 1, the upcoming weeks of 2 Thessalonians will take us on an expansive walk through Scripture on the "man of lawlessness"...also known as the Antichrist. Class takes place in the Harvest Room. We look forward to seeing you there.
- 4. **Fall LWMS Rally:** The fall rally will be held Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1012 Wisconsin Ave., Kewaunee, WI. Join ladies from the Shoreline area to hear Missionary Keegan Dowling speak about WELS mission outreach in the continent of Africa. Registration is from 8:00-9:00a and the rally will be from 9:00a-12:00p. Lunch will be served following the rally.
- 5. October WELS Youth Night: St. Paul's will be hosting our next WELS Youth Night event, on the evening of Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. All high school students are invited to attend these events for an evening of fun, fellowship, food and study in God's Word. We invite several other area churches to join us for this event and generally have around 50 teens in attendance. This year we are trying to get our teens more involved in planning the events as well. If you would like to be part of the teen planning committee, please contact Mike Leahy | <u>mleahy@live.com</u>. Watch for more details about the event soon, including posters and registration details.

6. **Seeking Jesus Women's Retreat, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>:** We're excited to see the interest in *Seeking Jesus*, St. Paul's full day Women's Retreat. We recently opened registration to our sister congregations, so be sure to register as soon as possible.

Please consider inviting the women in your lives who could also benefit from a day dedicated to strengthening and nurturing their faith in our Savior. The retreat is from 8:30a-4:00p and includes an opening devotion, two keynote speakers, breakout sessions, beautiful music, food and fellowship.

To register, please use the QR code. Paper registration forms are also available in the church narthex. Completed registration forms can be left in the member room in the box marked Seeking Jesus. **Registration** has been extended until October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Seeking Jesus postcards are available on the kiosk in the narthex. Please feel free to share them with friends and family.

#### **Announcements & News**

- Join Our Adult Choir: Are you looking for a way to share your love for music and worship? Come and be a part of our church choir! We meet for practices on Monday nights at 7:00p. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to make a joyful noise, our choir is a welcoming place for everyone from high school age and up. Our first semester of music runs through the Christmas season. It's a wonderful opportunity to grow as a musician, have fun, and raise your voice in praise to our incredible God! Contact Luther Curia with any questions: Luther.Curia@sphg.org
- 2. **Double Kwik Trip Scrip:** During the month of September, take advantage of a 10%, usually 5%, discount on your Kwik Trip gift cards! Scrip can be purchased in between services or stop in the office to purchase. Exact cash or check are the accepted forms of payment.
- 3. **St. Paul's Pioneers:** Pioneers is starting in October! This first session we will focus on archery. We are looking for some help in teaching our kids more about archery. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mike Heilman at 920.698.1654.
- 4. **Living Nativity:** The cast and crew "needs" emails are out! Please check your calendars to see where you can help as we present our 22<sup>nd</sup> year of Living Nativity. We have many spots available for cast & crew. You can sign up on CCB via the email recently sent or see one of the ladies in the back of church for help in signing up. Do you still have more questions? Grab a "How do you fit in" information sheet from the kiosk. We also are looking for several new committee leaders this year. Explanations are also at the kiosk.
- 5. **St. Paul's History Committee:** The committee will meet on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:10a in the library. During the year, the committee updated the names and years of MLHS graduates from St. Paul's. Our next project is a listing of St. Paul's members who graduated from Winnebago Lutheran Academy. If you graduated from WLA, please list your name and graduation year on a piece of paper and place it in mailbox G27 in the member room.
- 6. **Immunization Clinic:** On Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11:45a-1:30p, our member Adam Huth will offer influenza (age 3+) and COVID (age 12+) immunizations (through his employer Walgreens) in the Conference Room at St. Paul's. Though walk-ins are welcome, advance registration using the QR Code is appreciated and will ensure a time slot. People will need to bring a Vaccine Administration Record form (available in the member room) and insurance card (most insurances are accepted).







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