

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Bangor, Wisconsin

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

(Sunday School & Sunday Bible Hour Resume October 4)

14th Sunday After Pentecost COMMUNION September 6, 2020

Personal Preparation For Communion: Pages 10-11 & 156 (front of hymnal)

Opening Hymn - 238

Liturgy – Page 15 (abbreviated Communion Liturgy – front of hymnal)

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4; Psalm 84:10-12

1 John 1:5-9; John 13:1-8

The Nicene Creed – Pages 18-19 (front of hymnal)

Hymn – 354

SERMON – John 13:1-17 – “IF I DO NOT WASH YOU...”

Offertory – *THE OFFERING WILL BE BROUGHT FORWARD*

Prayers – Lord's Prayer

THE LORD'S SUPPER – Page 23 (front of hymnal)

Distribution Hymn – 311

Closing Prayer – Benediction (Pages 24-25)

Closing Hymn - 397

THANKS FOR RESPECTING OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Bible teaches that partaking of the body and blood of Christ is a *special assurance of forgiveness to penitent believers in Christ*. It is also an expression of our oneness in the doctrines we teach and believe. Christ wants us to administer this blessed sacrament responsibly. **For that reason, we practice “close” communion. If you are not a communicant member of St. Paul's or another WELS congregation we ask that you speak with our pastor to learn more about our Biblical teachings before partaking of communion with us.** Pamphlets explaining our communion practice according to Holy Scripture are available in the narthex. Communicant members will please fill out a card in the pew and hand it to an usher on the way up.

A REMINDER ABOUT OUR CURRENT COMMUNION PROCEDURES

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Pastor will stand behind the table at the foot of the altar steps for the “Words of Institution” (page 23) and “O Christ, Lamb of God.” The ushers will line up communicants from both sides of the church in the center aisle (**ONLY 3 ON EACH SIDE – PLEASE NOTE MARKINGS ON THE FLOOR FOR DISTANCING**) directing one side to the right to stand in front of the front pew and the other side to the left. **When the pastor says “Take eat,” take a disposable cup with the wafer from the table in front of you. When the pastor says “Take drink,” take the wine in the disposable cup from the table in front of you.** When the pastor says, “Depart in peace,” return to your pew using the outside aisles,

depositing the disposable cups in the receptacles provided. When communion is completed, the Pastor will return to the altar for the closing prayer and benediction.

PLEASANT PLACES

You may recall that at the end of *The Small Catechism*, Martin Luther tacked on what he called “The Table of Duties.” For husbands and wives, parents and children, pastors and parishioners, labor and management he set down the Bible passages that apply to each, concluding: “Let each his lesson learn with care and all the household well shall fare.”

Escaping from a church that exalted holy orders and man-made works, Luther emphasized the sacredness of each Christian's vocation or calling in life - sacred not because God shouts at us from heaven to be secretary or a farmer - but sacred because all that a Christian does is done for Christ, to Christ out of faith in Christ. That's a good reminder on Labor Day weekend.

Luther maintained, for instance, that the greatest work of faith a mother could do was to care for her children, that the best way a child could show his love for God was to obey his parents, that the best way for a laborer to let his light shine for Christ was to do the best job he could do. Luther got this notion from the Bible, from the sermons of John the Baptist, Jesus, and St. Paul.

Paul wrote, for instance, “Each person is to live in the situation the Lord assigned to him” (1 Cor. 7:17 EHV). That little word “assigned” means to apportion, distribute, deal out. God may change our role or situation many times. But the reality is that not all people will become Oscar nominees, most valuable players, senators, presidents, Nobel prize winners. We shall not all live in mansions and take home six figure salaries.

So what! This has nothing to do with our status as sons and daughters of the King of kings. The smallest, run-down apartment, the humblest job can become a pulpit for the everlasting gospel. Paul urges us to be content in the corner where God has placed us. God will make it all eternally matter.

It's like those lines by England's poet, Rudyard Kipling, who could have lived in much fancier places, but chose a house by the sea in a place called Sussex – a place lacking even running water and indoor plumbing. The old Brit wrote: “*God gave all men all earth to love, but since our hearts are small, ordained for each [that] one spot should prove beloved over all...Each to his choice, and I rejoice the lot has fallen to me in a fair ground – in a fair ground – yea, Sussex by the sea!*”

We live out our lives in our different corners with a light touch on the things of this world – aware that all of it is fast fading away. We partake of life's duties and tears and laughter and love – but we keep an inner distance from them. Whatever our corner, we serve the Lord by serving those around us. We

strive to live in undivided and undistracted devotion to Christ. By faith in Christ, we can say with the psalmist: "The lines have fallen unto to me in pleasant places," in a fair corner infinitely better than any Sussex by the sea. Christ in our corner here, we in His home hereafter! "Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come!"

THIS WEEK:

Today - Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
 Tues. - *NOTE THAT SCHOOL OPENING IS NOW SEPT. 14.*
 Wed. - **Public School Confirmation Class: 3:30 p.m.**
 Next Sun. Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed today in memory of Ryan Tauscher by Dawn and daughters Macey & Marley.

IN MEMORY of Minnie Bolcerek, \$160.00 has been given to the General Fund and \$100.00 to the School Renovation Fund.

DIVINE CALL EXTENDED – On Tuesday evening this past week, a Call was extended to Pastor Kyle Bitter of St. John's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, WI to serve as the next pastor of St. Paul's, Bangor. Pastor Bitter is 35 years old and single. He has served at St. John's, Wauwatosa since 2013. Please remember him in your prayers as he deliberates.

THANKS! to all the volunteers who continue to assist at the school.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE & CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

To be certain that the renovated school is ready and prepared to safely receive our students, the Education Committee & Church Council, after consulting the our Building Chairman and the contractor, decided to delay the opening of school until Monday, September 14, 8:00 a.m. Thanks were expressed to our building chairman, Mr. Dan Arndt, for his tireless leadership throughout the process, and to ALL the volunteers who are working so hard in the past months to make the building truly prepared. **The Budget Committee** will meet Wed. Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m. at the church. **Following a free inspection of the church roof** by Great Lakes Roofing, full estimates are awaited before any further action. **Various items** regarding the parsonage and the pastor's upcoming move were noted by pastor. Council will have an opportunity for a walk-through on Sept. 16, at 6:00 p.m.

FALL SCHEDULE

Ladies Aid Delayed Until Further Notice
 Choir Rehearsal Delayed Until Further Notice
 * **First Day of School at St. Paul's Mon. Sept. 14 8:00 a.m.**
Opening Service at the Church Mon. Sept. 14 8:30 a.m.
 Public School 7th & 8th Gr. Confirmation Wed. Sept. 9 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
To enroll in Grades 5-6 Public School Bible History starting OCTOBER 7, call Mr. Larson: 486-4192
 Sun. School Staff with Mr. Duve Downstairs Sun. Sept, 27 9:15 – 9:45
Sunday School (Delayed Until Oct.) Sun. Oct. 4 9:10 – 9:50 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study (Delayed Until Oct.) Sun. Oct. 4 9:15 – 9:40 a.m. (A Study of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians)

Midweek Bible Hour (Delayed Until Oct.) Tues. Oct. 6 7:00 p.m.
(A Survey of the Minor Prophets)

Midweek Bible Hour (Delayed Until Oct.) Wed. Oct. 7 9:00 a.m.
(A Survey of the Minor Prophets)

2020 Weekly Budget:	\$9,948.43	Budget To Date:	\$338,246.62
Received Last Week:	\$8,009.26	Received To Date:	\$304,141.88
(Offerings Received include online and memorial donations to General Fund)			
Attendance Last Week:	1st – 96	2nd – 81	Mon. 28 Total: 205

9/6/20 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost