

# LWML SUNDAY

## *the* SIXTEENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

### September 24, 2017

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#### WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the CONNECT card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the WORSHIP card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

Prayer cards and CONNECT cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

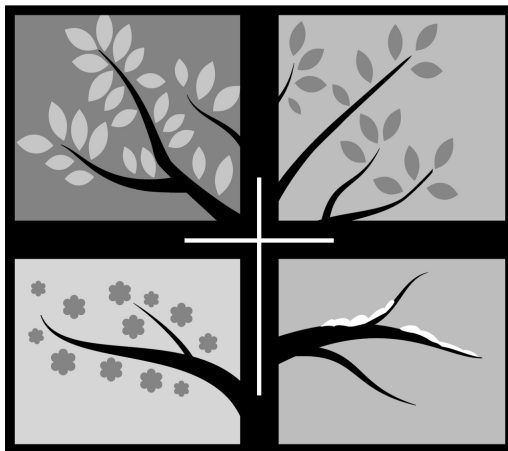
#### NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

#### AS WE GATHER

2017 marks two significant anniversaries: the 500th anniversary of Luther's posting of the 95 Theses and the 75th anniversary of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Confessing the faith has not gotten any easier since these two events occurred. In fact, it may be more difficult to speak and to live as Christians now – and the future may even more challenging. Yet God is faithful and has promised that His church will survive all the trials that the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh can throw at us. Building on God's promises, we know that this is our time to be distinctly Lutheran. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraged and equipped Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and supported missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. Now is our time to "Be Ready to Confess!" faithfully and boldly of Christ's redemptive work for us and for all the world.

## BE READY



## IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON

# DIVINE SERVICE

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Our Divine Service today follows what can be considered a “blended” order of worship. While it follows the order of a liturgical Divine Service, it contains a variety in the musical selections: from hymns to contemporary music. The ORDER *of* WORSHIP below points us to make use of the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* to follow along with the service. Keep it open for responsive elements.

## ORDER *of* WORSHIP

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Kay Kaepf*

### OPENING HYMN “Christ is Our Cornerstone” (*stand last verse*)

*LSB 912*

### OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION

#### INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

### SERVICE *of the* WORD

#### KYRIE

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.**

**HYMN PRAISE** "All Glory Be to God on High"

*LSB 947*

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people, making us ready to confess Jesus. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *(Please be seated)*

Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven. And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, "Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his

*1 Kings 8:54–61*

ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers. Let these words of mine, with which I have pleaded before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires, that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**PSALMODY**

*Psalm 46*

P God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**C Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**C There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

P God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.

**C The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

P The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**C Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

P He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**C “Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

P The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**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.**

#### **EPISTLE READING**

*2 Timothy 4:1–4*

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is

coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** (*Please stand*)

*Praise Team*

**C Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

Spoken: **You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**

*(Acts 1:8)*

**C Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 10:26–33*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said] "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground

apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**C Praise to You, O Christ**

## **NICENE CREED**

*(found on the inside back cover of the LSB)*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(please be seated)*

*During the HYMN OF THE DAY, the ushers will collect the CONNECT cards and any PRAYER cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

*LSB 733*

## **SERMON**

### **THE LEAGUE PLEDGE** *(women are invited to stand, all are welcome to respond)*

P "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

**C In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have;**

P God has entrusted to His people the task of teaching all nations. We thank Him for the 75 years He has blessed the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

**C and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.**

P That the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation;

**C We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life,**

P We are mindful of the shortness of time and uncertainties of life. Preserve our faithfulness and strengthen us for service in our communities and throughout the world.

**C to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.**

**Amen!**

*The worshippers may greet one another now in the name of the Lord, saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you," as a testimony to their oneness in Christ.*

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY** "Built on the Rock"

*LSB 645, stzs. 1, 3, 5*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please stand)*

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*(Brief silence)*

*(The response following each petition)*

P Let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy**

*(Prayers conclude...)*

P Almighty God, since You have granted us the favor to call on You with one accord and have promised that where two or three are gathered together in Your name You are in the midst of them, fulfill now the prayers of Your servants, granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth and in the world to come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord:

C **Amen.**

## SERVICE *of the* SACRAMENT

*(begins on page 160 of the LSB)*

*We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship card, located in each pew rack.*

### PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on the Day of Pentecost sent the Holy Spirit upon His disciples, empowering them to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*LSB 507, stz. 1*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Come and eat. The table is prepared.

**AGNUS DEI** "Lamb of God"

*LSB 550*

**DISTRIBUTION** (*You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers*)

### SONGS:

"Jesus, Firm Foundation"

*Praise Team*

1. **How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled  
Fear not He is with us O be not dismayed  
For He is our God our Sustainer and Strength  
He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand  
Upheld by His merciful almighty hand**

*Chorus*    **How firm our foundation  
How sure our salvation  
And we will not be shaken  
Jesus firm foundation**

2. **The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord  
Will press on enduring the darkest of storm  
And though even hell should endeavor to shake  
He'll never no never no never forsake  
He'll never no never no never forsake**

*Bridge*     **Age to age He stands faithful to the end  
All may fade away but He will remain  
He will remain**

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

*Praise Team*

1. **Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us;  
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

*Chorus* **Shine, Jesus shine,     Fill this land with the Father’s glory.  
Blaze, spirit blaze;     Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow;     Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

2. **Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By thy blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;  
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

“The Lamb”

*LSB 547*

“Come, Follow Me, Said Christ the Lord”

*LSB 688*

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us unto Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

**P** Let us bless the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**P** We are ready to confess Jesus,

**C** **The author and perfecter of our faith.**

**P** Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,

**C** **Despising the shame.**



P We are ready!

**C We are ready to confess Jesus. Amen!**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG:** "Jesus Shall Reign"

LSB 832

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**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

**Pastor** Rev. Aaron B. Chittick

**Secretary** Renee Taden

**Preschool** Lisa Dove

**Teachers** Courtney Eaton

**Helper** Michele Broughman

**Banners** Patty Pipe

*Oct. Banners Gail Green*

**Altar Guild** Norma Meyer

*October A.G. Patty Pipe*

**Worship Coordinator** Larry Bruce

**Admin. Assist.** Laura Oswood

**Praise Team** Larry Bruce

Lisa Dove

Karin Kennedy

**Organist** Kay Kaepf

**Sound** Jimmy Powell

*October Sound Aaron Garn*

**Today - Sept. 24**

**Acolyte** Blake Schlueter

**Assistant** Gary Malcolm

**Reader** Kay Guenther

**Ushers** Lupe Meyer

Renee Taden

Patty Pipe

Jan Malcolm

**Greeters** Liz Donbrock

Norma Meyer

**Cookies** LWML: Sally Albain

**Counters** Taden & Pascoe

**Next Week - Oct. 1**

Maddie Garn

Mark Dalchow

Kelsey Burroughs

Chris Donbrock

Andy AcMoody

Bill Tunison

Loren Green

Mark & Toni Dalchow

Robin Lovelace

Hobday & Dayton

**Sunday School Teachers**

**3yr-3rd grade** Donna Hines & Cailyn

**4th-5th grade** Lupe Meyer

**6th-12th grade** Chris & Lisa Mobley

**Adult Sunday School**

**Reformation** Larry Bruce

**Gospel of John** Pastor Aaron

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Cancer patients:* Amy; Anne; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann (Bob's son); Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Ed James; Lisa; Lori Hunker Ruhling; Josephine Ryndak; Marilyn Meyer; MaryJane; Alan Walters; Clarence Walters; Rusty Zimmerman.

*Family & Friends:* Dave; Nancy Holbrook; Carl Hunker; Aniyah Lee; Roy Pelmeur; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Joel Sherman; Clarence Walters; Carol Yearling.

*Shut-ins:* Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Ugrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling.

*Those in military service:* Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepf; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Nickole Loomis; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Devan Paugh; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

**FLOWERS on the ALTAR** are dedicated to the glory of God with thanksgiving for the September 28th birthday of Steve Oswood. May God bless him always. ~ Laura

## **ABUNDANT BLESSINGS**

*Offerings*—Sunday 9/17-\$3,078 (Includes Direct Payment); Windows-\$15; Misc. refund-\$21.98; Total-\$3,114.98. September LWML Mites-\$75.39.

*Worshippers*— Sunday 9/10: 9am-11:2; 11:30am-18. Sunday School: adults-12; kids-19.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:40am for today only** *Grab a beverage and a cookie, and join us.*

**Kids:** downstairs to the right - begins with music in the blue room, then break out into classes.

**Youth:** downstairs to the left - 6-12 grade in Youth Room.

**Adults:** *Classes will not meet today; please attend the Special Voters' Meeting.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please have all announcements to the office by 12noon on Wednesdays.*

**Beginnings Care For Life Annual Fundraising Banquet** St. Paul will support Beginnings Care For Life at their annual banquet on Thursday, October 12 by sponsoring a table. The banquet is a major fundraiser for BCFL which is a resource center for pregnant women and their families in our community. The banquet will be at the Dearth Center and will include dinner and a speaker. There is no cost for attendees but there will be an opportunity for guests to make donations. If you would like to attend, please speak with Karin Kennedy or sign up on the bulletin board.

**Reformation 500 Movie Night** There's a movie for everyone. For the adults we are showing the "Luther" movie. Popcorn for the adults and cookies for the children will be served. Bring your own drink. The children will watch "The Lion King" in the Preschool Movement room. Look for a sign-up on the Reformation bulletin board. Join us on Saturday, Sept 30 from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

***The Reformation - A hardback 250 page book.*** *The Reformation* provides a richly illustrated and engagingly written overview of this amazing time of change and renewal in the Christian Church. In this beautifully designed coffee table-style book, you will learn about famous leaders and lesser-known players who took part in the complex chain of events that shook church and state to their very foundations. A \$30 value is discounted to \$22.49 until October 11, 2017. A 21 page sample and the sign-up poster are on the bulletin board across from Renee's office.

**New Membership List** October is the month that we publish an updated St. Paul Church Directory of address, email, phone numbers, birthdays & anniversaries. Please look at the listing

in your current directory or the one hanging on the rolling bulletin board and notify the office of any needed updates.

**LWML Mites** are collected the first Sunday in every month at the regular offering time during worship. Next Sunday please bring your mites. Get a new mite box if you need one. LWML Mites support the Mission Grants of the LWML, which supports ministries worldwide and locally. For more details see <http://www.LWMLmichigan.org/MissionOutreach/MissionGrants>

**Fall Clean Up** will be Saturday, October 7, beginning at 10:00am. We will be cleaning up our church property and getting ready for winter. Please bring rakes, tarps, bags...anything that can help, and especially we need people. Rain date is October 14.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 9/24	9:00am	Worship LWML Sunday
	10:30am	Special Voters' Meeting
	10:40am	Sunday School for kids
	11:30am	Worship
Wednesday 9/27	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	1:00pm	Quilting
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 9/30	7:00pm	Youth Hangout & Pizza (6-12 graders)
	All Day	LWML Fall Retreat
	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 10/1	6:00pm	Movie Night
	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School Classes for all ages
	11:30am	Worship
	12:30pm	Middle School Pizza & Corn Maze

