

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you see the following members this week please wish them a "Happy Birthday!" **July 23**—Randy Gordee, Tom VanderWeilen; **July 28**—Ryan Selle;



### THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

**TODAY (July 22) WORSHIP (HC)**.....9:00 am  
**MON (July 23) EVENING WORSHIP (HC)**.....6:30 pm  
**THURS (July 26) Teen Bible Class**.....7:00 pm  
**NEXT SUN (July 29) WORSHIP**.....9:00 am  
**NEXT MONDAY (July 30) EVENING WORSHIP**.....6:30 pm

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

July 15 Plate Offerings       \$1,855.00  
Weekly Electronic Offerings    100.00  
Total Offerings this past week = \$1,955.00

OFFERINGS RECVD YTD (28 wks) \$65,064.71  
AMOUNT NEEDED YTD = \$64,232.00  
YTD SURPLUS = \$832.71  
AMOUNT NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,294.00  
TOTAL FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS = \$4570.00

*(Envelopes for this purpose in entryway on top of donation box)*

**IN WORSHIP**  
Sun, July 15 - 44  
Mon, July 16 - 14  
**Total: 58**



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**SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 15 - CONCERT AT ST PAUL:** We will be welcoming Chris Dreisbach back again for a concert and his presentation entitled, *"An Evening with a Christian Songwriter and Former Atheist."* *(More info on p.6 of this worship folder)*



*"Making Friends for Eternity"*

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## ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Member Congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)  
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### THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**July 22, 2018**

### TODAY'S WORSHIP

Today is sometimes called "**Orthodoxy Sunday**," because of the ways the lessons draw attention to our need for God's pure Word and ways we are blessed by it. Taking it straight (Greek - "ortho") from the Bible, we teach it (Greek "dokew") without altering it. As the Church is gathered and fed by God's pure Word, she responds faithfully to it by teaching and live according to it.

### WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We're so glad you could join us today! Our restrooms may be found downstairs just beyond the fellowship hall. There is also a television screen in that area showing the service live for those who may need some quiet time with their children. Listening devices for the hearing impaired may be found on the counter in the entryway. If you have any questions during the service, an usher can help you, or feel free to ask the person sitting next to you. *Please sign our guest book in the entryway before you leave & visit again soon!*

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

### BELLS & WELCOME BY PASTOR

**OPENING HYMN: #384:1-2** *"By Grace I'm Saved"*

**By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;**

**My soul, believe and doubt it not.**

**Why waver at this word of promise?**

**Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?**

**So then this word must true remain:**

**By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.**

By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
 In tribulation's furnace tried--  
 By grace, despite all fear and trouble,  
 The Father's heart is open wide.  
 Where could I help and strength secure  
 If grace were not my anchor sure?

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The apostle Paul writes, "*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins.*" Inside there is still a part of us that is dead in sin and inclined only to sin. ~ *Ephesians 2:1*

**People: We are here because God has made us alive in Christ Jesus!** ~ *Ephesians 2:5*

Pastor: But a part of us still wants to follow the ways of this world and the ruler of the kingdom of this world, Satan, hard at work in those who are disobedient; ~ *Ephesians 2:2*

**People: Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.**

Pastor: gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. ~ *Ephesians 2:3*

**People: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions!** ~ *Ephesians 2:4-5*

Pastor: It is by grace that we have been saved!

**SING: #384:3 "By Grace I'm Saved"**

By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise  
 When you are by your sins oppressed,  
 When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,  
 And when your heart is seeking rest.  
 What reason cannot comprehend  
 God by his grace to you did send.

Pastor: Because of God's grace, we see things in a new light--we do not want to do things that displease you LORD.

**People: We are sorry for them. All the ways we sin against you in our thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is wrong and failed to do what is good.**

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## How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path -  
 5 "Through - out all their life - time my peo -

of the Lord, Is laid for your  
 not dis - mayed; For I am your  
 for re - pose I will not, I  
 way shall lie, My grace all - suf  
 ple shall prove My sov' - reign, e -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What  
 God and will still give you aid; I'll  
 will not, de - sert to his foes, That  
 fi - cient shall be your sup - ply, The  
 ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And

more strength - can he say than to you cause  
 soul, though you, help you, and - deav  
 flames, will hurt hell should en - deav  
 then, when gray hair shall their tem -

he has said Who un - to the  
 you to stand, Up - held by my  
 or to shake, I'll nev - er, no  
 ly de - sign Your dross to con  
 ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall

Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 nev - er, gold - to for - sake!  
 sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 still on my shoul - ders be borne."

The beloved words of this hymn are wed to its traditional American melody.

Text: A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, alt.

Tune: FOUNDATION (11 11 11 11) Traditional American melody; Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837.

*After the Sermon please rise to sing: "Create In Me,"  
page 20 in the front of the hymnal*

**THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH,  
THE LORD'S PRAYER, page 20.**

**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE SACRAMENT, page 21.**

*Guests, please note: In keeping with the Lord's own instruction, St Paul practices "Close Communion" (Only WELS or ELS church members may commune). Please speak with the Pastor before communing with us today. Thank you.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #309 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"**

**THANKSGIVING, PRAYER AND BLESSING, pp.24-25**

**CLOSING HYMN: #528 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"**



**Chris Driesbach in Concert at St Paul, Dale**

**Wednesday, August 15 at 7:00 PM**

**Food served at 5:30 PM right up to the time of the  
concert (Sweet corn, hot dogs, sloppy joes)**

**Hear Chris tell his story of going from an atheist  
to a Christian songwriter.**

**Come join us! Bring a lawn chair and a friend!!**

Pastor: For this we deserve your punishment, both now and in eternity.

**All: But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

**HYMN: #384:4 "By Grace I'm Saved"**

**By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.**

**Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?**

**No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought him from his heav'nly throne.**

Pastor: 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 your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen (Spoken)**

**By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice.  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad; all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(Spoken by the Pastor)* "Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

**C: Amen (Spoken)**

## + THE WORD +

**FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-6** - *God tends his church through shepherds who are faithful to his Word.* “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup>I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 23, page 72** (*Sing responsively*)

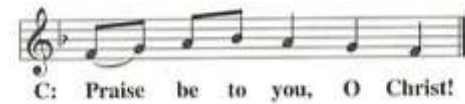
### **THE GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 6:30-34**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*While taking time to deepen the faith of his disciples, Jesus shows that love for God's pure Word and compassion for souls go hand in hand.* The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” <sup>32</sup>So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup>But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

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**THE NICENE CREED**, page 18 in the front of the hymnal

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #768** “*How Firm a Foundation*”

### **SERMON SERIES ON EPHESIANS: "IN CHRIST"**



**TODAY: "Connected, In Christ"**  
*To God, and to each other.*

**BASED ON Ephesians 2:11-22** - Therefore, remember that at one time, you Gentiles in the flesh—the ones who are called “uncircumcised” by those called “the circumcised” (which is performed physically by human hands)—<sup>12</sup>remember that at that time you were separated from Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of the promise. You were without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them <sup>15</sup>when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. <sup>16</sup>And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death in him. <sup>17</sup>He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. <sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God’s household. <sup>20</sup>You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



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*Questions for personal study...*

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- †That we believe is *"to the praise of his glory."* We're here to make God look good by the way we live so others get a glimpse of our Maker through us - ask each other about how to live "to the praise of his glory" this week.

*Questions for discussion:*

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Dear flock of God at St Paul,

What do you think about your church? Is it special to you? If so, why? What would your answer sound like? *"I like the...at St Paul,"* Or, *"I remember when we..."* Or, *"St Paul is where we first..."* Or, *"I like it when we...at St Paul."*

Memories and shared experiences accumulate with time. It's like that at home. It's like that with church, too.

Connecting to a church and being a part of it, is important from little on. Impressions are made; patterns are set. While not everyone might necessarily get to grow up in the same church all their life, God wants church to be woven into the entire fabric of our lives from start to finish. The reason? Church is where God reveals his grace and mercy to us and feeds us through Word and sacrament. Though honesty of preaching and teaching in sermons, Bible class and Sunday School, sinners are constantly turned in repentance and faith to Jesus, AND are equipped to follow Jesus and live for him as his disciples.

What do I think about my church? Better to ask, what does God tell me church is for? Even better: *"What do I think about Jesus?"* The church's constant mission is to point sinners to Jesus. God the Father wants his children to have a deep-down, meaningful relationship with his Son. As you and I stand before God, we know full well that we're covered in sin. Our first concern ought to be that, apart from Christ, we are objects of his wrath. Reflecting on our daily sin against God, the Apostle Paul exclaimed, *"What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?"* (Rom.7:24) Which brings us back to the mission of the church: to turn sinners to Jesus by proclaiming the good news that Jesus has rescued us from sin and made us heirs of eternal life! The psalmist said, *"With my mouth I will greatly extol the LORD; in the great throng of worshipers I will praise him."* (Psalm 109:30) ***Continued next page...***



So what do you think about your church? Is it special to you? If so, why? More and more, may your answer keep coming back to Jesus, your Savior. Pray that God keeps your church ever faithful to the good news about him, and ask him to bring that same joy to many others through us!

*Pastor Bill Finn*



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## NEW SERMON SERIES AT ST PAUL...



### "In *CHRIST*"

Each week we explore ways we are blessed together by our faith connection to Christ!

- July 15**—Praise God for all His Grace, *in Christ* (Eph 1:3-14)
- July 22**—We are recipients of His Grace, *in Christ* (Eph 2:13-22)
- July 29**—Revealing His grace to others, *in Christ* (Eph 3:1-16)
- Aug 5**—We live changed lives, *in Christ* (Eph 4:17-24)
- Aug 12**—Forgiving One Another, *in Christ* (Eph 4:30-5:2)
- Aug 19**—God's Will for our lives, *in Christ* (Eph 5:15-20)
- Aug 26**—Saying "I Do," *in Christ* (Eph 5:21-31)
- Sept 2**—Fighting for our Life, *in Christ* (Eph 6:10-20)



Take the sermon deeper through take-home resources available families & individuals each week. Resources posted online at [www.stpauldale.com](http://www.stpauldale.com) and on the St Paul Church app.

### COUNCIL SETS 10-YEAR PLEDGE AMOUNT TO FVLHS

The theme, "*Let the Children Come*" is guiding federation churches as we pledge our support to Fox Valley Lutheran High School's new building project. From 2000-2018 St Paul, Dale gave a total of \$21,905 in member gifts & offerings to FVLHS (88 total gifts). St Paul is pledging the same amount in the future (20-year pledge at \$538/year), *as we are able*. It's a goal we are setting for ourselves. More info & updates in FVL's July 2018 BEACON, *included with this newsletter*.







WELS is coming out with another movie that follows Paul's remarkable visit to the city of Philippi, recorded in Acts 16. It follows in the sequence of *"Road to Emmaus," "Come Follow Me,"* and *"My Son My Savior"* and is the fourth and final movie from WELS, titled *"To the Ends of the Earth."* It shows how Paul connected with people from all walks of life, demonstrating that the good news of Jesus is indeed for all people—to the very ends of the earth. **Release date for the movie is September 1, 2018.** *As a congregation we would like to pre-order a bulk quantity of "To the Ends of the Earth" (100 DVDs at a low bulk rate of \$200 per box, plus shipping). This offer is for a limited time only. All orders must be received by September 7, 2018. Orders will be shipped mid-September. Special Envelopes to help with this congregational purpose are available in the entryway now.*

**How we plan to use this movie in our congregation:**

- Themed Sunday School lessons, Teen & Adult Bible studies based on the movie.

St Paul is scheduling a movie day/night to view this movie together for the first time on\_\_\_\_\_. **Come join us!**