

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL

TODAY (Sept 8) **WORSHIP (HC)**.....9:00 am
TODAY (Sept 8 (Installation Service)4:00 pm
MON (Sept 9) Choir6:30 pm
TUES (Sept 10) Women’s Fellowship.....1:00 pm
TUES (Sept 10) Council6:30 pm
NEXT SUN (Sept 15) **WORSHIP (NEW TIME)**8:00 am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Sept 1 Plate Offerings:	\$1819.00
Weekly Electronic Offerings	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Offerings this past week	\$1919.00
OFFERINGS YTD	\$66984.10
NEEDED YTD:	\$75702.00
YTD SHORTFALL	(\$8717.90)
NEEDED WEEKLY FOR BUDGET:	\$2,294.00



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: *If you happen to see the following members this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"* **Sept 8** – Willard Meyer

INSTALLATION – Installation of Rev. Paul Ibisch is TODAY Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019 at 4 PM . Pastor Peter Kesting will be the presiding pastor. A catered supper will be served immediately after the service in the fellowship hall.

PLEASE NOTE : SERVICE TIME CHANGE – Effective Sept. 15, 2019 St Paul service time will change to **8 AM** on Sundays. St. Peter–Larsen service time will be at 10 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sunday School is **tentatively** scheduled to begin on Sept. 15, 2019. Parents - please register your child/children on our church website, stpauldale.com under the Sunday School registration link.

NEEDED – 1–2 people to teach Sunday School. Please see Bob Grunwald if interested.

CALENDAR – September calendars are available on the entryway counter.



“Making Friends for Eternity”

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ST PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8, 2019

TODAY’S WORSHIP - Four weeks of warnings for Christians begins on this Sunday that the life of faith will be marked by difficulties. These warnings are given so that the believer will be prepared to meet these challenges with the confidence of the cross. Today we see that the Word of God doesn’t always unite—it also divides. The living and active Word of God does not bring peace between believers and unbelievers, but division.

We welcome our Guest Speaker today: Rev. Paul Zittlow

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS—

We’re glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you. The restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

Opening Hymn: #457 “Fight the Good Fight”

Psalm of the Day: Ps. 139a, page 116 (Sing in Unison)

Hymn of the Day #424 “O God, Forsake Me Not”

Dist. Hymn #317 “O Lord, We Praise You ”

Closing Hymn: #537 "Onward, Christian Solders”

BELLS AND WELCOME

ORDER OF WORSHIP: *The Common Service (with Holy Communion), page 15 in the front of the red hymnals.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*)



Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



+ GOD'S WORD +

THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 23:23-29 (Sermon Text)

“Am I only a God nearby,”

declares the LORD,

“and not a God far away?

²⁴ Who can hide in secret places

so that I cannot see them?”

declares the LORD.

“Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD.

²⁵ “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ ²⁶ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷ They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors

NICENE CREED, page 18 in the front of the red hymnals

HYMN OF THE DAY #424 “*O God, Forsake Me Not*”

THE MESSAGE TODAY: *Based on Jeremiah 23:23-29*

“**Straw or Grain**”

1. The way things were in Jeremiah’s day
2. Look at today

After the Sermon sing “Create in Me” printed on page 20 in the front of the hymnal.

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT, page 21

DIST. HYMN: #317 “*O Lord, We Praise You*”

Dear Guests, in keeping with the Lord’s own instructions in his Word, this congregation practices “Close Communion.” The Lord teaches us that partaking in the sacrament is, among other things, an outward way of expressing our unity in a common confession of faith. We ask our guests today, who are not members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS church, that you please speak with our pastor before communing. Christ calls on us to first establish our oneness in faith through time in His Word together so that we can openly and honestly express it in the sacrament.

THE SONG OF SIMEON, p.24

PRAYER AND BLESSING, p.24-25

CLOSING HYMN: #537 “*Onward, Christian Soldiers*”



forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. ²⁹"Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 139A, page 116 (Sing in Unison)

SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 12:1-13 – God Disciplines His Children

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
⁶because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it.

How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms

and weak knees. ¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

VERSE OF THE DAY

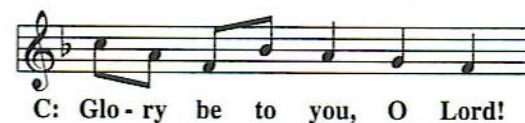
Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12 cf. RSV)



GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 12:49-53

Jesus warns that his fire will bring division between believer and unbeliever, even within that most intimate of human relationships, the family.



⁴⁹“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

