

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

TODAY (Sept 12) **WORSHIP (HC) & Sunday School**

Dale (Food Pantry Collection).....8:00 am

Larsen (Bible Class follows) 10:00 am

MON (Sept 13) Choir.....6:00 pm

TUES (Sept 14) St Paul Council Meeting.....6:30 pm

WED (Sept 15) St. Peter's Council Meeting.....7:30 pm

THURS (Sept 16)

Bible Class-St. Paul..... 10:00 am

WORSHIP-St. Paul6:30 pm

NEXT SUN (Sept 19) **WORSHIP**-Mission Festival & **Sun. School**

Dale8:00 am

Larsen (Ice Cream Social follows)..... 10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: *If you happen to see the following members this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"* **Sept 15-** Casey Laabs **Sept 16 –** Leahann Grossman **Sept 17 –** Amy Danke

COMMUNION - *Please take a moment to register for communion in the binder in the entryway.*

FORWARD IN CHRIST magazine – (St. Paul) Our subscription is coming to an end in October and we will need to renew. If you would like to receive this magazine for another year, there is a signup sheet on the counter in the entry for you to indicate that you want it. Signup sheet will be available thru September 26. Pricing is listed on the sheet and will depend on how many sign up.

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION – We will be continuing with the pill bottle collection indefinitely for the Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM) for distribution of medications for the people that they serve. We need clean empty prescription bottles only with the cap included, prescription label removed. Only the amber colored, translucent bottles can be accepted. These are typically the ones that you would receive from a pharmacy. (You may have received a prescription for over the counter items, such as vitamins, pain reliever, etc., but these are not acceptable. These are generally NOT translucent).

There will be a box for the bottles in the entryway. Any questions please contact Candy Kohler. Please help if you can.

FVL Giving Day - FVL Giving Day is set for September 21. Each year, the FVL Federation needs to pay \$475,000 to retire its mortgage by 2038. All gifts, large and small, make a huge difference. Help us retire our annual mortgage. A Matching Gift Fund is being established. Visit <https://www.fvlhs.org/support-fvl/giving-day> to see how to donate.

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 9 & 12, 2021

TODAY'S WORSHIP – Living a God pleasing life does not come from hammering home the Law of God which always condemns us as sinners. Instead wanting to live a God pleasing life comes from the gifts God bestows on us through faith. His gifts are all good and perfect even when we are asked to bear a cross. This is because God is changeless; he only knows how to give good and perfect gifts that suit our needs and fit our circumstances in life. But to recognize those gifts and to appreciate them and then make use of them in life we need the Bible. His Word clears the clutter from life and hypocrisy from the heart by showing us the first and best gifts, the gifts of salvation and adoption. With such gifts how could we doubt that anything he does in our lives would be anything but good and perfect? Therefore, listen to the Word; be honest with God in confession; get on with the life that reflects the good and perfect gifts of God. For his gifts are given to us as a reflection of his goodness, so that we can reflect his goodness in our use of those gifts.

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 liturgy and hymns will be shown on the large screen in the front of the church and the readings are printed in the bulletin.

St Paul 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. St. Peter's unisex restrooms are located at the front of the sanctuary to the left of the altar area (with changing table) and another can be accessed by going through the basement and up the stairs on the left side.

Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

BELLS AND WELCOME

ORDER OF WORSHIP: *The Common Service with Holy Communion, pg. 15 in the red hymnals.*

TODAY'S HYMNS: # 484; 486 (verses 1,2,5); 311; and 477 (verses 1,3,4)

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 146, pg 120

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*)



Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Sing: AMEN**

+ **GOD'S WORD** +

THE FIRST LESSON: – Isaiah 35:4-7

⁴“Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you.”
⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.
⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 146, pg. 120 (*Sing in Unison*)

THE SACRAMENT- ON SCREEN OR PAGE 21

DIST. HYMN: #311 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
(as many verses as are needed for the distribution of Holy Communion)

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, on screen or pg. 24

PRAYER AND BLESSING, on screen or pg.24/25

CLOSING HYMN: #477 (verses 1,3,4) “What Is the World to Me”



SECOND LESSON: James 1:17-27 (sermon text)

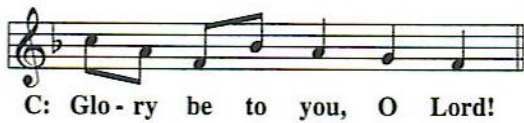
¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. ¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. ²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4 RSV)



GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:31-37



³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some

people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be opened!”). ³⁵ At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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CHILDREN’S DEVOTION

HYMN OF THE DAY #486 (verses 1,2,5) “*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*”

THE MESSAGE TODAY: Based: James 1:17-27 and Commandments 7, 8, 9, 10

“What Did God Make You?”

- 1. A thief?
- 2. A gossip?

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

OFFERINGS - Offering baskets will be kept in the entry area and will not be passed during the service.

God's Word for This Week

If you can hear, you probably take your sense of hearing for granted. Yet what a wonderful gift from God your sense of hearing is! You can hear how Jesus died for you. You can receive not just into your ears, but deep inside you the whole wondrous message of God's rescue. You can hear the same good news Adam and Noah heard, the same good news Isaiah, Peter, and Jesus preached—preached even to a man who previously had been a deaf-mute.

First Lesson – Isaiah 35:4-7a

In chapter 34 Isaiah foretold horrors—total destruction for all nations, all the stars of heaven being dissolved, and the sky rolling up like a scroll. Now, what does Isaiah describe? That is, if chapter 34 pictures judgment day, what will follow judgment day (according to chapter 35)?

After judgment day, everything ruined will be restored in general. The ultimate restoration (35:8-10) will be when all of the Lord's people walk the Way of Holiness. They will re-enter God's eternal city, the new Jerusalem, with great gladness; as sorrow and sighing flee away.

What will happen to the blind and deaf, specifically? (See 35:5.)

Isaiah says that the blind will see and that the lame will walk.

Second Lesson – James 1:17-27

Where does every good gift come from?

It is God's nature to give good gifts to his children. In fact, those are the only kinds of gifts he can give.

How is the righteous man blessed?

The Christian, because of Christ, will look to the Law as a joyful obligation. He will listen to it and strive to obey it. This will make him truly "religious."

Gospel – Mark 7:31-37

Why does Jesus use sign language as he heals the deaf man?

Jesus probably used sign language because the poor man could not have understood what Jesus was doing if he had spoken to him. Jesus used sign language to help the deaf man gather what was about to happen and to give him faith in Jesus.

Once healed, the deaf man "spoke clearly." What is the significance?

The fact that the deaf man spoke clearly after Jesus healed him shows that Jesus healed the man perfectly. The deaf man did not have to go to a speech therapist to learn how to pronounce words.

Why did Jesus not want them to tell anyone about the miracle that just had taken place?

Jesus told people not to tell anyone about this miraculous healing because he did not want fame and popularity to go to his own head or to hinder his way to the cross.