

This Coming Week at St. Paul's

Sun:	Spoken Divine Service (reservation only)	7:30 am
	Divine Service	9 am
	Sunday School	10:15 am
	Adult Bible Study	10:15 am
Mon:	Church Council	7 pm
Tues:	Morning Prayer Service	8 am
	Junior Confirmation Class	6:30 pm
Wed:	Morning Prayer Service	8 am
Wed:	Private Confession & Absolution	8:30-9 am

Our Gifts to the Lord Last Week

77 people (total) worshipped the Lord at the 7:30 and 9 a.m. services.

\$3,983.74.00 was received in regular offerings last week.

\$ 3,770.84 is needed every week to meet our church budget.

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Pastoral Care – If anyone is in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Antonetti at (847) 971-0848 and he will help to take care of the situation and address it as quickly as possible. Our elders are also available if you would like to reach out to them as well; call Erich Kittlaus at (630)210-1171 or Ken Gerk at (815)263-0199.

Mr. Lance Thies, Congregation President

Mr. Dennis Zimmer, Kantor

The Sunday Messenger

October 11 2020

Good morning to all gathered here today at Saint Paul Lutheran Church. A warm welcome to all of you as we gather together to receive God's gifts, His Word read and proclaimed, His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank you for being here today. A summary of today's readings for the Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost follows:

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He *“will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth”* (Is. 25:8). Therefore, *“let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation”* (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made *“for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine”* (Is. 25:6). It is the royal *“wedding feast”* of the Son of God, *“and everything is ready”* (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, *“both good and bad,”* to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the *“wedding garment”* of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,”* and *“rejoice in the Lord always”* (Phil. 4:4–6).

Upon Entering the Sanctuary – We kindly ask that all conversation cease or be kept to a minimum and at the very most a whisper as we prepare ourselves for divine worship. In the beginning of the hymnal you will find some excellent prayers for worship.

The Lord's Supper – will be celebrated this morning. We ask our visitors and those who have not worshipped with us in a while to please read over the statement of Holy Communion (blue laminated sheet) that is found in each pew rack. Thank you.

Manna Program – Please note these dates: Order forms available 10/4/2020; Orders due with payment 10/11/2020; Orders available for pickup 10/18/2020.

Attendance Slips – In each pew, there are small slips which we are using for attendance. Please fill them out and place them in the offering plate as you leave.

Visitor Slips – There are “visitor” forms available in the narthex. Please don't hesitate to fill them out and place them in the offering plate if you're a visitor.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES – Confirmation classes have been MOVED to Tuesdays due to scheduling conflicts. Please note the date change.

Weekday Morning Prayer – There will be no Morning Prayer on Monday, October 12 or Thursday, October 15 due to Pastor's PALS and Circuit Meetings.

Every Member Visits/Calls – St. Paul said, “*Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood*” (Acts 20:28). To this end, Pastor Antonetti would like to get to know you personally! There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex after the service for times that Pastor can visit and meet

your family (You may also indicate if you prefer a phone call due to COVID-19 precautions). Pastor is excited to be here and looking forward to getting to know his St. Paul's family.

Spoken Service For Those Who Prefer a Smaller Gathering – Held every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. The service is limited to 25 members, and members must reserve their space by contacting either Pastor Antonetti or the church office by phone at (815) 838-1832 BY THURSDAY of each week. This service will be shorter, to limit potential personal exposure. We hope that this provides an opportunity for our members who may be concerned about attending the later service. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Antonetti.

Next Weekend's Scripture Readings – In preparation for our worship next Sunday, the appointed texts are: Is. 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9(10-13); 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22.

Serving the Lord this Weekend: Preacher: Rev. Christopher Antonetti; **Organist/Pianist:** Dennis Zimmer/Milton Lillie; **Elder:** Erich Kittlaus & Jerry Staley; **Trustee:** Richard Czimer; **Hannah Guild:** Rachel Popadowski, Lisa Misiurewicz, Sophia Misiurewicz.

This Week We Lift Up Prayers

Members of our church family: Michael and Tracey Bachmann, Mike Benson, Daena Hinkelman, Heidi Kopp, Marge Fischer, Barbara Ferrentino, Denise Pilz

Family and friends including: John St. Aubin (Thies); The Rev. Ron Rock; Annie Picard (Gerk); Pastor Dan Teller (Johnson); Gail Ruesch (Jarosz); John Benson (Gudgel); Jeanne Irvine (Wetherbee); Erica Doerfler (Fox); Cathy Herman (Gudgel); Parker Vicich (Lemke).