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15th Sunday after Pentecost September 21, 2025

NOTE: Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex for worship services.
Please see an Usher or Greeter if needed.

Presiding Minister	Pastor David Viles
Organist / Keyboard	Zola Finch
Song Leader	Dan Tschirgi
Acolyte	Morgan Schroeder
Audio / Video Technician	Roger Pennell
Reader	Lori Meyer
Council	Gus Fischer
Greeters	David & Trish Russell
Altar Flowers	Julie Nelson

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Congregation meeting – immediately following service today we will stay for about 15 minutes to vote on approving funds from the General Fund to replace the A/C unit in the Fellowship Hall that is no longer working. This is a continuation of the September 7th meeting.

Chili Supper (pending A/C vote and installation) will be held on Sunday, October 5th from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. That is 2 weeks from today. Emails have been or will be sent for requests of help and donations of food, time & talents.

St. Paul's Lutheran Perpetual Cemetery Fund., Inc. Lohman will hold its annual meeting today, September 21st, at 1 p.m. in the church Friendship Hall.

Children's Sunday School today after the Children's Sermon.

St. Paul's Women of the ELCA will host the Mid-Missouri Fall gathering this Saturday, September 27th beginning at 9:00 am with registration (\$5.00) and refreshments. There will be an opening devotion, group singing and Bible Study will be presented by Pastor David. There will be a lunch and an afternoon program. Details are in this month's Epistle.

In-Kind gifts for RACS include paper towels, laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and monetary gifts are also appreciated. We will gather these gifts on or before September 27 at St. Paul's Church.

Church Fall Clean-up will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday, October 4th to make our outside areas beautiful. Please show up and help out.

Adult Forum: After the worship service, we often meet in the large Sunday school room to look at the Gospel and discuss it in more detail. We share questions and answers and have great discussions. It normally lasts about 30 to 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome to join this Bible study group, so give it a try if you like.

Hymn History - Frances Havergal wrote our Gathering Song in 1874 as a prayer that God would draw us closer to him. The prayer was made a hymn named "Take my Life and Let It Be" to a tune called "Hendon" that was composed in France in the early 1800's. Later our hymn was set to a tune written by her father, the Rev. William Havergal, and named "Take My Life, That I May Be". There are many accounts of Frances Havergal's divine inspirations for her life and writings. One is that She "...first saw the blessedness of true consecration...as a flash of electric light, and what you see you can never unsee. There must be full surrender before there can be full blessedness." She gave up secular music and donated all her jewelry to a mission, retaining one brooch as a memorial to her parents and a locket which contained a holy portrait of her niece in heaven.

NOTE: Use Hymnals to read Music for the Hymns if desired.

***Gathering Song: Hymn # 685 Take My Life, That I May Be (4 Verses)**

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| 1. Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise. | 3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. |
| 2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. | 4. Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose. |

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence for Reflection

P: Merciful God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GREETING (Please be seated)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie: Hymnal Page # 147 - 148

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For his holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **A-men.**

Hymn of Praise: Hymnal Page 148-149

Song Leader

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Prayer of the Day:

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Choir: #790 Day By Day

Children's Sermon

Children's Sunday School

WORD

The 1st lesson is a reading from Amos, the 8th chapter.

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 113. (Read Responsively)

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

The 2nd lesson is a reading from I Timothy, the 2nd chapter.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth. The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation: Hymnal Page 151**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor David Viles
" Faithful in Little, Faithful in Much "

Hymn of the Day: Hymn # 588
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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| <p>1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's
sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's
failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.</p> | <p>3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.</p> |
| <p>2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.</p> | <p>4. 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more
faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.</p> |

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

*** Apostle's Creed – Please stand.**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Offering: We worship God by giving back a little of what he has first given us. God calls us by the Holy Spirit to care for all of God's people and creation through these gifts. Through this small sacrifice, God's love is shown through us, to those who are in need.

***(Please Stand) Offertory:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Offertory Prayer:** Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

*** The Prayers of Intercession:**

The congregation's response to "God of Grace," is "**receive our prayer.**"

***The Lord's Prayer:**

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.

SENDING

***Blessing:** (Please Stand) Pastor David Viles

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***Sending Song: Hymn # 669 Rise Up, O Saints of God! (4 Verses)**

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| 1. Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn. | 3. Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place. |
| 2. Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim. | 4. Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain. |

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936; Text © Norman O. Forness, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude