

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music 7:00pm *O Jesus, King of Glory*

Epistle Reading — Ephesians 6:10–20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil

in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed *inside back cover of hymnal*

Hymn **865** *Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*

Sermon **Be Strong** *Ephesians 6:10*

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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For our guests desiring the Lord's Supper...

Holy Communion is the eating and drinking of Christ's crucified and risen body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, for strength for this life, and for the assurance of everlasting life with Him. It is a miraculous gift full of grace.

The Bible also teaches that anyone who receives the Lord's Supper who does not believe or has not been taught our Lord's teaching, or who is unrepentant, receives Christ's body and blood to his or her harm. Out of love for you, we kindly ask you to speak to one of our pastors before communing if you are not a member of an LCMS congregation.

Distribution Hymns **664** **587** **615**

Post-Communion Canticle ~ Thank the Lord **page 164**

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction **page 166**

Closing Hymn **707** *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy Rev. Timothy J. Shoup **Sermon** Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organists Thursday — Ms. Rhoda Lehrke **Music** 7:00pm — Schmidt Quartet
Sunday — Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . Sue Nohr, Andrew Schoepke, Theresa Runge, Allie Gardner, Jacob Worthington, Todd Westphal, Connie Rusch, Julie Schneider, Todd Krull, Mark Welch, Tom Bohn, Gary Holewinski, Briana (Buss) Ghbein, Troy Westphal, Lynn Barkhaus, Pearl Kyle, and Rev. Harley Kopitske, Marybeth Peterman,



This weekend's bulletin . . . is sponsored to the glory of God in loving memory of *Bob Woldt* by his family.

We pray for . . . the family of *Jon Baker*, who went to his eternal home on Monday, August 26, 2024, and whose funeral was held at St. Paul on August 30.

Announcements

Preparing for next week's worship . . . Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:24-37

Attended/Communed— August 22/25, 2024

Wednesday 8/21	11:00am	18/19
Thursday 8/22	7:00pm	80
Sunday 8/25	8:00am	181
	10:15am	<u>335</u>
	Total	614/17

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A Special Voters' Meeting . . . will be held on Monday, September 16 at 6:30pm to call our next associate pastor. Information on the candidates will be arriving soon.

Church Picnic/Fall Festival . . . will take place on September 22, 2024. Help is needed for promotion/marketing, welcome team, set-up, food and beverage, missions, audio/visual team, children's games/entertainment, clean up, and follow-up/thank you notes. Please look for sign-up sheets in the narthex. Many hands make light work!

*Did you know? There is going to be cookie/bars baking contest. There will be judges!
Prizes will be awarded - good prizes - we are talking great prizes here. Get those recipes ready!*

September 22 Worship . . . will be held at 8:00am in the sanctuary and **9:30am in the grove.** Which one will you attend?

Vendors Needed . . . for the craft fair at the WRLHS Fall Extravaganza, which will be held on Saturday, October 5 from 9:00am —2:00pm. For more information please email mari7613@yahoo.com.

Thank You!

Thank you so very much for all of the cards, gifts, well wishes, but mostly the support you have shown me these past 25 years. I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve this congregation and the families of St. Paul and surrounding communities. It has been a joy to watch the little children learn about Jesus and then grow to share their faith in leadership roles in youth and as young adults. Thank you again, and may God bless you all!

Mrs. Robin Reep

The North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering . . . will be held Tuesday, October 15 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Weston. Registration and morning refreshments will begin at 9:30am, and the program will be run from 10:00am – 2:30pm. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Devotions will be led by District President Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, will share a message based on his book “Overcoming Life’s Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah” which is included with each registration. Registration forms are available in the narthex and on the NWD homepage at nwdlcms.org under “Events and Info.” Please register within the next three weeks. A bus has been graciously sponsored for this event, and the correct number of those registered is needed.

LCMS Foundation . . . The gift planning process of an estate plan requires multi-channel communication, which begins with your spouse if you are married. It is essential that both spouses buy into the whole process, expressing their wishes and becoming educated so that the plan can stay in place over many years. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor uses a special survey incorporating wishes from both spouses into a final design, even if one spouse ordinarily avoids involvement in financial affairs. To get started, contact Gift Planning Counselor Gary Vought at 715-891-1447 or by email at gary.vought@lfnd.org

Public School Confirmation . . . will begin Wednesday, September 11 at 5:00pm for grades 7 and up. There will be a parent meeting at 6:00pm. Please contact Pastor Palmer at 715-853-5225 if you have any questions.

Family Fun and Prizes . . . Look for the list of prizes to be won at our September 22nd Fall Festival. Enticing!

Jesus and the Old Testament . . . Ever wonder how the Old Testament readings fit into our Christian belief? Sign up and attend the 8-week *Messianic Prophecies of the Old Testament* Bible study beginning September 29 at 9:15am!

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Conditioned by the Unconditional" *Genesis 25:23*
God's forgiving love for you in Christ is love that your accomplishments can't enhance and your failures can't diminish. Tune in next Sunday at 10:00am to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

Sept. 5	Sandy Staszak	
Sept. 8	Barb Swiecichowski	Amy Schmidt

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9/1	8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion
Monday	9/2	<i>Labor Day-No School</i>
Tuesday	9/3	7:00am Bible Class 8:00am Quilting 7:00pm Board of Elders
Wednesday	9/4	6:00pm Bell Choir 7:05pm Choir
Thursday	9/5	1:30pm Ladies Aid 7:00pm Worship
Friday	9/6	7:30am Strong Bodies
Saturday	9/7	
Sunday	9/8	8:00am Worship 9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #1) 10:15am Worship



All Things St. Paul



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