



*Rooted in grace;
bearing fruit with love*

Traditional Worship

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am
Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship

Sunday 9:30am

Blended Worship

Sunday 11am (Outdoor)

Servant Leaders:

Associate Pastor: Luke Anderson
Associate Pastor of Care Ministry:
Timothy Maschke
Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah
Pastor Emeritus: John Suefflow
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf
Principal: Michael Yurk
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**



AS WE GATHER... In today's Gospel, Jesus does the good work of healing by restoring a man's hearing and speech. Our faith in Jesus is marked by our reflection of His love and service. While we are not able to do all the things Jesus can do, we are called to reflect His faithful work as we serve in our vocations by loving our neighbors.

Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping today!

Fellowship: We miss connecting with you, but at this time no refreshments will be available

Holy Communion: Celebrated in all Worship Services on the first & third weekends each month

PowerPoint Volunteers: To serve for future services, sign up in advance at: tinyurl.com/splsignups

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE – Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am, 11am Outdoor

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

OPENING HYMN “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

LSB 908

1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.

3 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

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2 Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Psalm 146*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live.**

Pastor: Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;

People: **the LORD sets the prisoners free.**

Pastor: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

People: **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.**

Pastor: The LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless.

People: **The LORD will reign forever!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: **we have failed to heed Your Word. We have failed to love others as You love them. We have failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to listen and act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ into our world to serve and save all people, showing no partiality or favoritism. By His death, He forgives all our sins. By His resurrection, He destroys death forever and offers us eternal life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We are set free to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.**

HYMN “Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

LSB, 737 St. 1, 5

1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,
A cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the source of ev'rything,
Your portion shall remain.

5 He only will with patience chide
His rod falls gently down;
And all your sins He casts aside
In ocean depths to drown.

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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 35:4–7a God will come and restore all things (Holy Bible p. 757)*

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *James 2:1–10, 14–18 What good is a dead faith? (Holy Bible p. 1289)*

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Psalms 147:2–3*

Pastor: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

People: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:24-37 Jesus heals a deaf man in the Decapolis. (Holy Bible p. 1072)*

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

People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Son of God, in Galilee "

LSB 841

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| 1 O Son of God, in Galilee
You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see;
O blessèd Lord, be near. | 4 Meanwhile to them the list'ning ear
Of steadfast faith impart,
And let Your Word bring light and cheer
To ev'ry troubled heart. |
| 2 O listen to the silent prayer
Of Your afflicted ones.
O bid them cast on You their care;
Your grace to them make known. | 5 Then in Your promised happy land
Each loss will prove a gain;
All myst'ries we shall understand,
For You will make them plain. |
| 3 The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear
You can restore, O Lord;
Your "Ephphatha," O Savior dear,
Can instant help afford. | |

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SERMON "Eyes that Hear" by Pastor Maschke, based on Mark 7:31-37.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Offerings may be placed in collection boxes near the exit.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all the nations of the world, their leaders and residents, that peace may reign and that the Church would be a faithful witness of Jesus' love and service in every place. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who work in the service of others, that their work might be blessed by God and appreciated by others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, *especially...* Grant that all those who mourn find hope in the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who have abandoned the faith, Lord, that they would once again hear Your Word and receive Your good gifts. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all who fight the assaults of Satan, that they find strength and protection in the whole armor of God. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all Christians throughout the world, that their faith and good works would overflow as a blessing to many others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those with disabilities, Lord, that we might treat them with more thoughtfulness and care, serving them as Your beloved people. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, preparing for surgery, and recovering, *especially...*, that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: Lord, into Your hands we place all these things, knowing that You hear us and remain faithful.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (*Saturday, Sunday 8am, for Sunday 11am go to p. 7*)

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who fed Your children in the wilderness with manna from heaven and feed us today with bread from heaven, the Living Bread, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 178

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord, of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God”

LSB 180

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

PREPARATION *As you prepare to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood, please review these questions:*

1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I repent of them?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Lord and Savior?
3. Do I believe that the true body & blood of Jesus Christ are present together with the bread and wine?
4. Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God & neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?

If you are not in agreement with these questions, please refrain from communing.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stay seated until the ushers give direction to come up for communion. You will receive the host in your hand and you may take an individual cup from the tray without touching the other cups. After receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, you may pray: “May the Body and Blood of my Lord Jesus Christ preserve me now and to life everlasting.”

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord”

LSB 181

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.

Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.

Alleluia, alleluia.

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Go then to Benediction and Closing Song)

11AM SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREPARATION *As you prepare to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, please review these questions:*

1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I repent of them?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Lord and Savior?
3. Do I believe that the true body & blood of Jesus Christ are present together with the bread and wine?
4. Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God & neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?

If you are not in agreement with these questions, please refrain from communing.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / DISTRIBUTION / DISMISSAL

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BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

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| <p>1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
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Hymn License no. 110005609</small></p> | <p>2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.</p> |
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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE – Sunday 9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "King of Kings"

WELCOME

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG "More than Amazing"

CONFESSION & WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG "Goodness of Jesus"

WORD OF GOD *James 2:1-10, 14-18*
(Holy Bible p.1289)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NICENE CREED (*see p. 4*)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preparation / Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer /
Distribution / "King of Kings" / Dismissal

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Offerings may be placed in
collection boxes near the exit.*)

PRAYERS

WORD OF GOD *Mark 7:24-37* (Holy Bible p.1072)

SERMON "Eyes that Hear" by Pastor Maschke,
based on Mark 7:31-37

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "At Your Name"

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALL UPDATE

After prayerful deliberation and by way of voter assembly approval, the call committee has extended a Call to Tracy Krueger to serve as our next DCE. Tracy is currently serving a congregation in Stockton, CA. We ask that you keep Tracy in your prayers as she deliberates. We also ask that you keep her current congregation as well as St. Paul in your prayers that God would lead both congregations in a way that pleases Him.

NEW ADULT MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS

New Adult Midweek Bible Class

Begins September 15

Led by Pastor Anderson

When: Wednesday from 6:30-7:30(ish)pm

Where: St. Paul Family Life Center

What: 1Peter and 2Peter in the Fall,
Apologetics in the Spring

Who: All adults (men and women)

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY (NEW TIME)

Sunday Morning Religious Ed Hour

9:30am in the Family Life Center

September 5

Ephesians 2

Dr. Jason Soenksen

September 12

Ephesians 3

Dr. Jason Soenksen

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Start date: Thursday, September 9

Time: 6:30am

Location: Church Office Conference Room

Leader: Bob Kasten

Please come and join us as we begin studying the Book of Matthew.

LWML HANDMADE CARDS



Too early to think Thanksgiving or Christmas? Not really! The LWML will have a display table at the Church Picnic next Sunday – take a look at the beautiful, handmade Thanksgiving and Christmas cards you can order for sending this holiday season. Bless your friends and family with Christian messages and bless the people hearing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through the mission projects of the LWML. Order forms will be available next weekend.

Women of St. Paul: Do you have a heart for mission work? Please help the LWML make Veteran's Day cards and tie blankets for the layette project on **Saturday, September 11**, from 9-11am in the FLC.

Orphan Grain Train ALERT: The deadline is coming soon (October 3) for the Ingathering of layettes, hygiene & school kits. There has been a change in the items needed for the layettes. They are: rubber pants, washcloths, sleepers, large safety pins, receiving blankets, and blankets. Please contact Dorothy Monson with any questions 375-1223



NEW BIBLE CLASS FOR GIRLS

ATTENTION GIRLS IN GRADES 5-8

WOMEN OF FAITH: This Bible Class / Craft / time will be held during our JAM time on Sunday mornings starting September 19 from 8:15-9:15am. Ava-Marie Cheeseman will be leading this class, she is a junior at Living Word Lutheran High School. If you have any questions contact Martha Witt 262-377-4659 Ext. 332.

ESTATE PLANNING APPOINTMENTS

September Estate Pre-Planning appointments are now available! These will be 60-minute, in-person or virtual appointments:

Wednesday, September 15: 11am, 12pm, 1pm

Thursday, September 23: 6:30pm, 7:30pm

To schedule an appointment,
visit splgrifton.org/will-planning.

QUILTER'S TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We will begin quilting on Tuesday, September 7 at 9am in the Quilting Room and work until 12pm. There are many quilts ready to work on and so we need all your help. We also welcome visitors and newcomers! Come in and see what we do.

WELCOME BACK WOMEN'S GUILD LADIES!

Our first meeting this fall will be after Labor day on Thursday, September 9 beginning at 12 noon. The officers decided not to have a program but to use this time to catch up on things that had happened this past year and just to socialize. Refreshments will be light and provided by the officers.

Reminder: \$5.00 dues is due in September.

Any questions contact Eva at 377-4321.

PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES

ROOTED WOMEN EVENT

On **Saturday, September 18** from 8:30 to 10:30am in the St. Paul Youth Room, we will be **Praying the Scriptures**. During this event, we will look at favorite scripture passages and learn different ways to pray with them. Please bring a BIBLE. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 18!

RSVP by September 15, 2021

<https://forms.gle/wv16uiVmd1PbP2xS9>

Listen to: Dr. Jason Soenksen on KFUO Radio. He will present Thy Strong Word Bible Study on **Tuesday September, 7 at 11AM** www.kfuo.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Dave Antoine* (father/father-in-law of Brian & Nicole Goetter, grandfather of Zak, Kayleigh, and Brady Goetter); *Michelle Casper* (sister of Jenna Bagley); *Jenny Chromy* (daughter-in-law of Gerald & Kathy Chromy); *Pam Conlin* (daughter of Penny LaBounty); *Gerardo Gallegos* (co-worker of Kris Schroeder); *Marlene Hartung*; *Michelle Hernandez*; *Pam Jung* (friend of Gail & Nicole Goetter); *Catherine Kiener's* brother and wife (long-term rehab); Penny LaBounty; *Anita Larson*; *Larry Luckjohn*; *Sue Micha*; *Kash Mielotz*; *Phil Monson*; *Kelly Nelson*; *Grace Peterson* (grand-daughter of Diane Kuczynski); *Dejon Wagner*; *Bob Wolf*; *Sharon Wolfgram*; *Wendy Zettinig*; *Marianna Ziemer*

Long Term Illness/Treatment: *Liam Anderson* (friend of Joan Suelflow); *Scott Goetz* (son of Joan Goetz); *Barett Graminske* (neighbor of Connie Borchardt); *Glenn Grotkiewicz* (friend of Lenore Wolff); *Steve Johnston* (friend of Bob & Mary Lou Mercer); *Jay Jorgensen* (father of Andy Bowen); *John Kohlwey*; *Scott Lemke*; *Dick & Ginny Seefeld*; *Betty Wyatt* (mother of Kim Edgar)

Anniversary: Prayer of Thanksgiving for *Steven & Martha Witt* on their 35th wedding Anniversary.

Surgery: Prayers for healing as *Steven Spiekerman* undergoes surgery (son of Marion Spiekerman).

Wedding: *Alexa Ernst* (niece of Sandy Ernst Anderson) & *Michael Kaland* were united in marriage on Saturday, September 4, 2021 in Minneapolis, MN.

Please Note: To add a prayer to the prayers list, your request needs to be called into the Office by Tuesday at 10am. If you have a prayer request listed above, please notify the Church Office at 262-377-4659 Ext. 332 or at prayers@splgraffton.org with any updates. At the end of each month, any requests that we do not receive an update for will be removed. (Next deadline date: Tuesday, September 28)

FLOWERS

Flowers next to the pulpit are given in honor of the 35th wedding anniversary of *Steven & Martha Witt*.

PASTOR WENDORF'S WEEKLY DEVOTION

FILL UP

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
So that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

Each of us need a “fill up” in our lives. With all the news and heartache, at times we can be overwhelmed with grief or worry. In the midst of our struggles especially when our lives seem to be on empty, we have the promise of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is one that brings us the joy and peace that we need. How? The Spirit points us to the God of hope. We have a hope, that is not anchored in the circumstances of our lives or the world around us, but is anchored in our faith. Our hope is found in Christ. Having a tough day? Ask the Holy Spirit to “fill you up” with Hope! Thank you Lord for the *fill ups* that you give in our lives.

You are welcome to contact Pastor Wendorf to share your thoughts regarding his weekly devotions: pastor.wendorf@splgraffton.org.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

Mail/Drop-Off: You can mail or drop-off your Offerings at St. Paul. Our address is: 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Our Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8am to 4pm

Visit SPLGrafton.org: Look for the Give Now! button on the right side of the webpage

Give+ Mobile App: GivePlus Church is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church” to download the app

Give+ Text: Simply text 855.927.0750 (the St. Paul Give+ Text number) the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25 for \$25). You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text “repeat” to make it a recurring donation.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul. If you have questions, contact St. Paul Finance office at 262-377-4659.

Music Leader: Valerie Bremer / Rinda Bye
Leader: Rev. Larry Prahl

Altar Guild: Sue Hauschel & Marlene Hartung
Sermon: Rev. Timothy Maschke

SERVICE	ELDERS / COMMUNION SERVERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	B. Dorn / J. Schroeder / T. Kohlwey	Brian Hadler
Sun., 8am	R. Schultz / R. Wellman / B. Buske	George Krueger
Sun., 9:30am	B. Eggold / R. Klotka / W. Cheeseman	David Schmidt
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