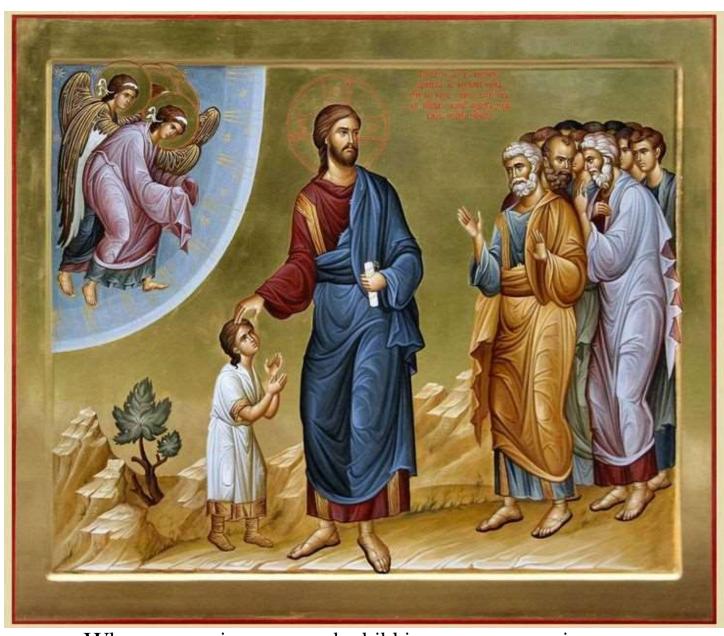
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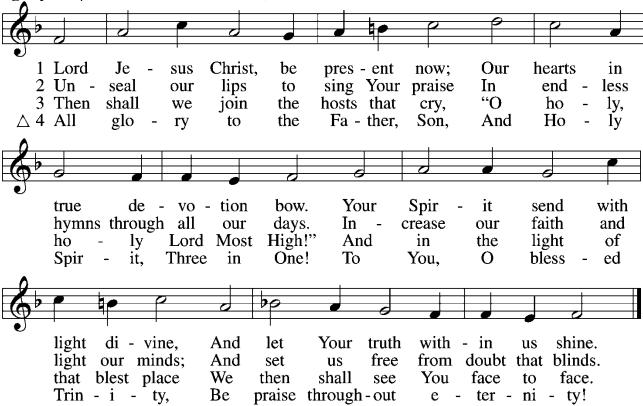


Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.

Matthew 18:1–20

When the bells ring, stand and face the Cross.

Opening Hymn | 902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

Antiphon: How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.



Antiphon: How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

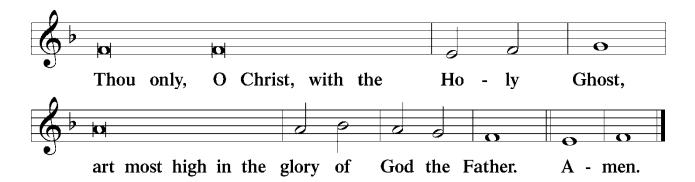


Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187



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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit Epistle

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not

murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

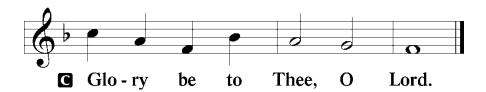
Alleluia

LSB 190

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 18:1—20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take

one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Sit



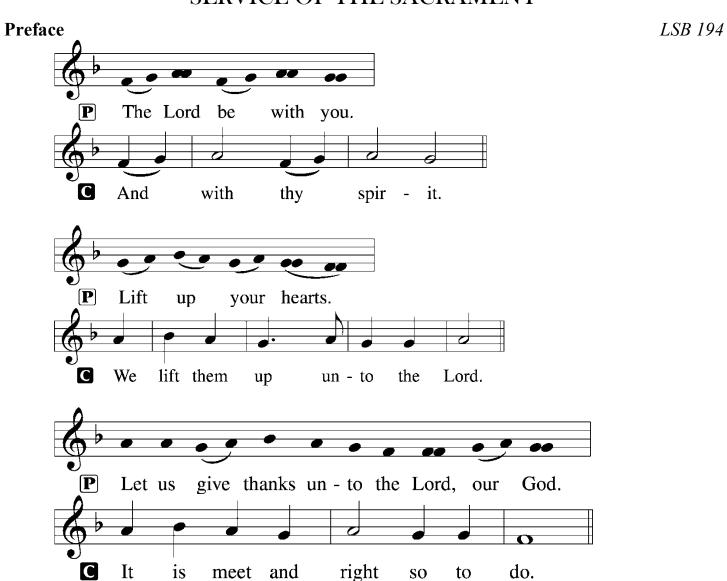


Sermon

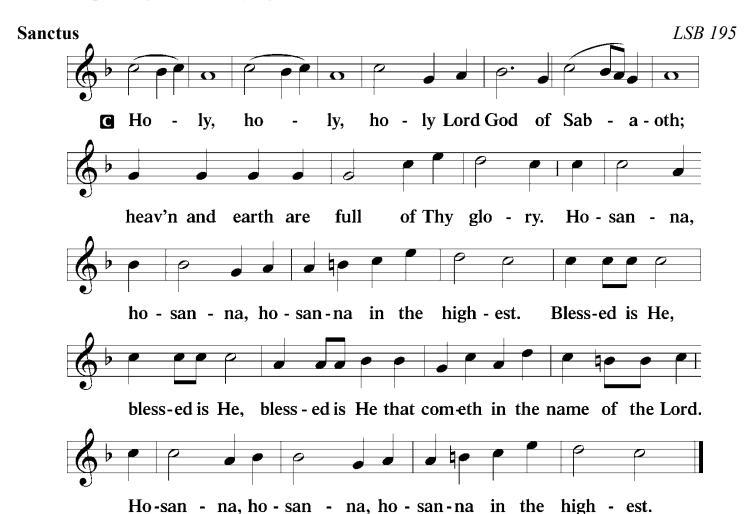
- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer LSB 196

P 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

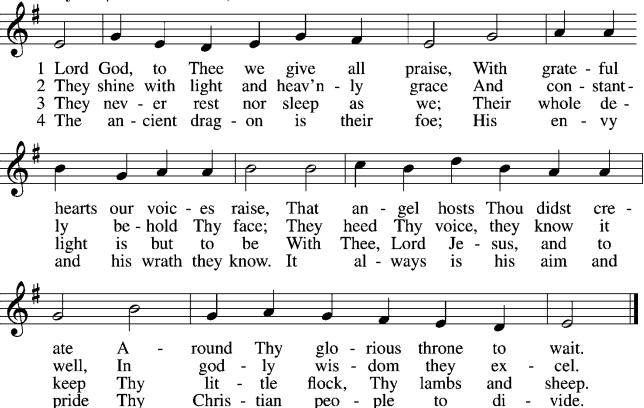
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Distribution

Distribution Hymn | 522 Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise



- 5 As he of old deceived the world And into sin and death has hurled, So now he subtly lies in wait To undermine both Church and state.
- A roaring lion, round he goes,
 No halt nor rest he ever knows;
 He seeks the Christians to devour
 And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.
- 7 But watchful is the angel band That follows Christ on ev'ry hand To guard His people where they go And break the counsel of the foe.
- 8 For this, now and in days to be, Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee, Whom all the angel hosts adore With grateful songs forevermore.

Distribution Hymn | 614 "As Surely as I Live," God Said



- 5 The words which absolution give Are His who died that we might live; The minister whom Christ has sent Is but His humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ the sinner stands; He who by grace the Word believes The purchase of His blood receives.
- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be For absolution full and free, In which You show Your richest grace; From false indulgence guard our race.
- D8 Praise God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One, As was, is now, and so shall be World without end, eternally!

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith unto life everlasting. Depart T in peace. **Amen.**



Thanksgiving ## | D

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



A Let us pray.

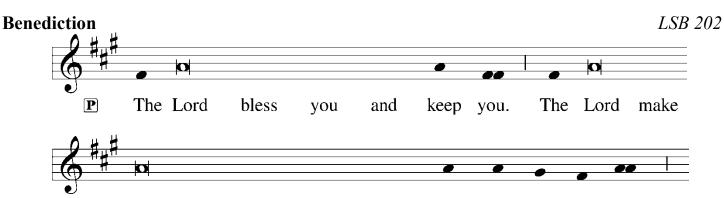
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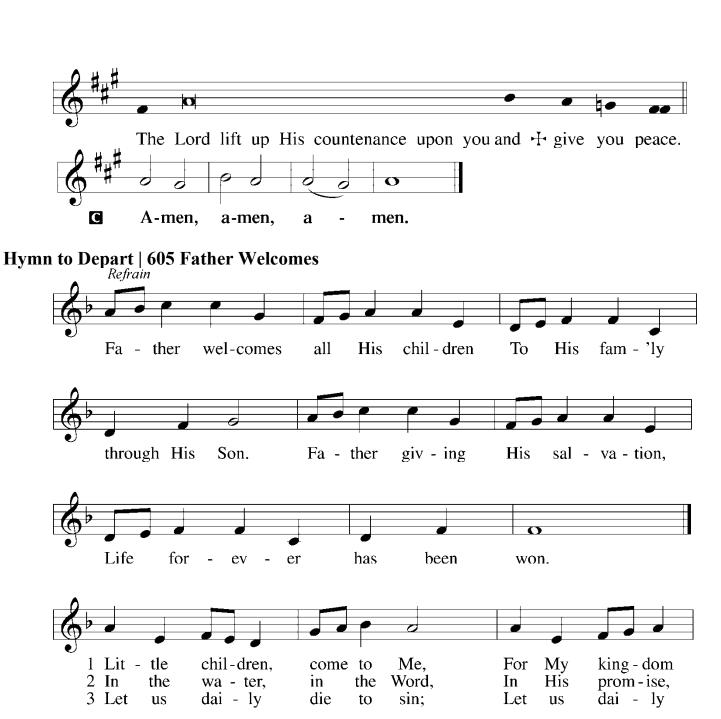
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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





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His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.





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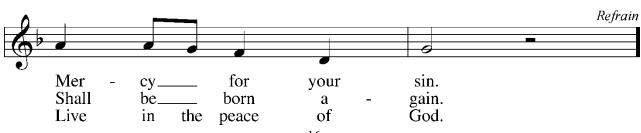
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Christ

our Lord,

Walk

rise with Him,



The WORD of GOD for TODAY | Matthew 18:1–20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At St. Paul.

Services of the Church. Next Sunday, September 13th, we will to return to our normally scheduled service times of 8 and 10:15am with Bible Class in between. (Until then we will continue our summer schedule of Divine Services at 8 and 9:15am).

Bible Class/Sunday School (revised). We are going to begin Bible Class once again September 13th, but we will not resume in-person instruction for our Sunday School students on this date. We are going to hold off for about a month and revisit where we stand with another teacher meeting, looking toward October for a potential start date to in-person Sunday School instruction. Having said that, our Sunday School teachers will be ready to hand out materials to every student after Church for use at home. Please see your teacher for those materials. Sunday school students, especially confirmands, are invited to come to Bible Class.

Nursing Home Services. St. Paul is scheduled to host the Divine Service at Adams Heritage <u>Thursday</u>, <u>September 10th at 9:30am</u> and Thursday, October 1st at 9:30am and the Service at Woodcrest Thursday, September 17th at 1pm. Thanks be to God, both Heritage and Woodcrest have allowed pastors and pianists to enter the building for these services now. However, both homes are going to bring the members themselves, so there is no need for extra help. Please encourage loved ones to let a nurse know that they would like to attend Holy Communion.

Gently Used Sale is September 18-19. You may bring your gently used items (no TVs please) to Church after the late service on Sunday September 13th and any time that week till noon on Thursday. Please save your summer items for our Gently Used Sale next April. We are also having a bake sale along with the Gently Used sale. If you would like to donate any baked goods please have them bagged and here by Thursday evening. Thank you.

Choir members needed. The Choir is going to start practicing and singing in services in a limited way. If you have any interest in joining the choir, please talk with Connie Garner.

Phone Directory. We are compiling a new phone/email directory for the congregation. If your phone numbers/ emails have changed recently or if you would not like your contact info made public, please contact the Church office at stpaulpreble@gmail.com or 547-4176.

The Lord's Supper. Communicants are invited to either side of the altar rail and are communed individually or in pairs without kneeling. There is no dismissal of each individual or couple; the dismissal is spoken over the entire congregation at the end of the Sacrament. After having received the Body and Blood of Christ, please return to your pew by the side aisle. You may receive the Body of Christ with an open mouth or an open hand.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class and Compline will meet two more times at 6pm (including this Wednesday). We are finishing the Book of Two Corinthians.

Offerings and E-Giving. To set up automatic online giving from your bank or financial center, go to the Congregation's website, www.splutheranpreble.org, click the Online Giving tab in the upper right corner of the homepage, then click the Donation Link provided, set up your online giving profile, and follow the simple instructions. This is a safe, easy and automatic way to tithe to the Church. For those who have already established online giving, your offerings are being recorded by the Church's financial secretary. We give thanks for your gifts to St. Paul.

For those who are staying at home—this is a standing invitation to you to call Pr. Yeager if you would like to receive the Word and the Body and Blood of your Lord, yet you are not ready to enter the Lord's house with the congregation assembled. Please remember that as Christians, our spiritual food is the Word and Sacrament. Without it, our faith starves. We stay away from the Lord's gifts to our spiritual peril. Pr. Yeager is prepared to give you the gifts of God in a safe way, either in your home, or in a service at the Church where only you/your family are present. Even another situation might be imagined, such as meeting outside. The important point is that all of our members continue to receive the gifts during these challenging times. Pr. Yeager promises you that he does many of these services for individuals or families on a regular basis throughout the week and is happy to do them and not burdened at all by them. Please don't feel awkward or embarrassed to call/email/text him and ask for this service, which he is called and ordained to perform for you. If you have not been to the Lord's house since the disease began, or for some time, he would be delighted to bring Jesus to you.

At Wyneken.

<u>Teacher Subs – Aide Subs – Kitchen Subs & Custodian Subs Needed:</u> If you are interested in being able to serve as a teacher sub, an aide sub and/or kitchen sub or custodian sub, please call the school office at 260-639-6177 for information and to get an application. All applicants for the teacher sub position must have a valid sub teaching license with the state of Indiana. All applicants will also have to complete an Expanded Criminal Background Check.

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is seeking individuals to serve in the following areas: Food service (Cook) and day-time janitorial. Please contact Principal Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org for more information.

Wyneken Golf Fundraiser: The Wyneken Class of 2022 (current 7th grade) golf outing fundraiser is Sunday, October 4 at the Cross Creek Golf Course in Decatur. Four-person scramble with a shotgun start at 12pm. Golfers of all ages and abilities are welcome! \$240/per foursome; \$60/individual – Cost includes greens fees, prizes and dinner. A meal will follow at approximately 5pm in the pavilion and will be catered by Nine Mile Restaurant. Don't golf? That's okay, you can purchase meal tickets only for \$12. There will be Individual and Team prizes - Longest drive and closest to the pin contest – Putting contest – Skins Game! We are looking for sponsors! Promote your business while you support the class of 2022. All proceeds go towards trip expenses. **Deadline to enter is September 25.** Forms are available in the school office during business hours, 7:30am-3:30pm or for information contact Hope Dressler at 744-2759 or dressler2007@yahoo.com.

Wyneken Daycare is open. If needing daycare, call 260-639-6164 or email childcare@wyneken.org. A copy of the re-open is sent to all of our daycare families.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- +The Sick and Recovering: Irene Bieberich, Bonnie Gallmeyer, Duane Hoffman.
- +Expectant Mothers: Irene Keilani, Sarah Mesing.
- +For the Homebound & Infirm: Delores Rumple, Edna Mesing, Irene Bieberich, Faye Keuneke, Marge Merriman (at Woodcrest); Ken Schueler (home); Bonnie Gallmeyer (home); Anita Spiegel (home).
- +Birthdays: Kim Ehlerding, Tiffany Reinhart, Jared Butcher, Renee Gallmeyer, Meg Todd, Greg Gallmeyer, Scott Marbach, Ted Buuck, Sue Buuck, Kris Nussbaum.

ATTENDANCE

8.31.20

8am 72

9:15am 119

Individual 21

OFFERINGS

8.31.20

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84

Received Last Week: \$4,055.00

-\$2,994.84/week

-\$17,058.75/year

HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. PAUL

Our congregation confesses the Bodily Presence of Christ Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord, the Altar is open to those who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of the Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

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