



The Messenger

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 13, 2024

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

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Grace and Peace

What great news! Grace and peace are ours, as St. Paul writes in Galatians 1: 3. In his commentary on Galatians (Luther's Works, vol. 26, p. 26), Martin Luther writes, "These two words, 'grace' and 'peace,' contain a summary of all Christianity". We so desperately need this good news as we hear of the wars and bloodshed in the Mideast, and throughout the world, or as we face the difficulties and problems of life in this sin-darkened world, or even in times of extreme stress and worry in our lives.

In his Epistle to the Galatians, St. Paul wants us to have grace and peace – not from Caesar or from kings and princes nor from the world, but from God our Father. The apostle clearly distinguishes our Lord's grace and peace from any other kind of worldly grace and peace. He means that worldly types of grace and peace do not last and cannot help us or deliver us from trouble, despair, and death.

God's Word is the good news, that grace forgives sin and peace stills the conscience.

Christ has won the victory, and His people enjoy the fullness of His grace – that is, forgiveness of our sins and therefore a joyful peace of mind, heart, and body. As Luther tells us: "Therefore your bones and mine will know no rest until we hear the Word of grace and cling to it firmly and faithfully" (LW, vol. 26, p. 27).

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Richard Radtke, Pastor Emeritus

Announcements For Consideration Are Due By Wednesday at Noon

Worship Schedule:

Sunday, October 13

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Divine Service

Wednesday, October 16

Twenty-first Week after Pentecost

8:45 a.m. Matins (Student Chapel)

TODAY IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Today we welcome Adeline Margaret Marinko, daughter of Andrew and Margaret Marinko, to the waters of Holy Baptism. We give thanks to our Lord that He continues to bless His church on earth.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Study—10:45 a.m.

God is love! Join Pastor Hoem as he prepares us for Stewardship Sunday as we discuss how God's love compels us to love one another. Meet in the south transept of the sanctuary after the Divine Service.

Sunday School—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Youth ages 2 through high school meet your teachers in the back pews of the church. They will be holding signs for each class. Once your class is together, your teacher will walk with you over to the school. Parents, please pick up your children at the front door of the school after Bible study.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study—2:00 p.m.

Join us for midweek Bible Study with the "Life of David" (from I and II Samuel). Investigate the Shepherd-King from Bethlehem and the line that God draws to David's "greater Son" and LORD, Jesus the Christ. Meet on the first floor of the Indiana District Office, Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Cage.

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study—7:00 a.m.

Men, start your day in God's Word as we prepare for the upcoming Sunday Divine Service. Meet with Pastor Cage on the first floor of the Indiana District Office.

Thursday Morning Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

Dr. Geoffrey Robinson teaches on Psalms at the District Office (1145 Barr Street).

October 13—Pentecost 21

Even in Christian congregations, some promote death as a solution. Sin's deceit has hardened hearts (Hebrews 3:12-13). But Jesus loved the rich young man enough to welcome him with truth and love (Mark 10:21). Let us not keep His courage and compassion to ourselves. We can warn neighbors about abortion and euthanasia. We can win them over with the sanctity of every human life!

Our Giving For October 6

Budget Envelopes	\$10,921.37
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$67.23
Plate Offerings	\$335.00
Youth Group	\$37.50
School Income	\$1,325.00
Total Income	\$12,686.10
PEF/Student Assistance	\$100.00
Gathering In Christ	\$7,955.82
Total of All Donations	\$20,741.92

Attendance Last Week

Sunday, October 6 ~ 9:30 a.m. 273

Serving This Week and Next

Sunday, October 13 ~

Altar Guild: Sue Keck and Michelle Kuehnert

Elder: John Hrehov

Ushers: Craig Linnemeier, Tony Lardydel, Dale Doerffler, Dean Doerffler, Kurt Gutman, Dave Hawk, Mike Hawk, Chris Hawk

Sunday, October 20 ~

Altar Guild: Sue Keck and Michelle Kuehnert

Elder: Dan Wietfeldt

Ushers: Dave Vandre, Josh Vandre, Mark Vandre, Joshuwa Richman, Karl Davis, Kevan Davis, Barry Mezger

Altar/Chancel Flowers

The Altar and Chancel flowers have been given to the glory of God by Paul and Deb Grime, in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Recognition of Service

Today in the Divine Service, we recognize the following staff members for 10 or more years of dedicated service to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. Much gratitude and appreciation for these individuals and all of their hard work as they serve St. Paul's. Please continue to pray for them and their families as they do the work that the Lord has called them to do.

Rev. Peter C. Cage, Pastor—17 years

Kevan Davis, Maintenance Supervisor—15 years

Margo Ernst, Business Administrator—21 years

Ann Fritz, Fine Arts & Music Teacher—28 years

Kris Hall, School Administrative Assistant—10 years

Kevin Hildebrand, Kantor—16 years

Julie Trainer, Cafeteria Assistant—28 years

Andrew Whirrett, Principal—14 years

St. Paul's 187th Anniversary!

St. Paul's was founded on October 14, 1837. Of note, there are a couple of other anniversaries to mention. The 175th and 150th anniversaries of synod conventions that were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In 1849, June 6-16, the third synodical convention meets at St. Paul's. In 1874, October 14-23, the 16th synodical convention meets at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Supper Club-5:30 p.m. Wednesday

October 16—Sara's Family Restaurant (5792 Coventry Ln.) Call the church office (423-2496) by noon the day of so we can make reservations.

Nelson's Chicken Sale

Please support our 8th grade students' Washington D.C. Trip! Buy your \$9 pre-sale ticket (per half-chicken) and \$4 pre-sale ticket for Pit-tatoes on Sunday, October 13, from any 8th grade student at church or by stopping in at the school office. We accept checks to St. Paul's Lutheran School or cash. Pick up your chicken from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. in the church parking lot on Friday, October 25. Please note, any pre-sales not picked up by 3 p.m. will be considered a donation and will be re-sold to walk-up customers. Thank you for your support!

Teachers Openings for 2025-2026

St. Paul's Lutheran School is now accepting teacher candidates for the 2025-2026 school year. There will be openings at the elementary and middle school levels. Interested candidates may contact Principal Andy Whirrett at awhirrett@stpaulsfw.org or 260-424-0049.

Music Scholarship Fund

A generous donor has provided funds to begin a scholarship fund for our school music program. We know that music is important to our congregation and we are asking for donations to support this new music scholarship fund. A donation of \$500 could help 1-2 students pay for their lessons. You may drop off or mail a check to the school office. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's Lutheran School with "Music Scholarship Fund" written in the memo.

November Music Events at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Dr. Jeffrey Smith of Indiana University will perform an organ recital on Sunday, Nov. 10, 4:30 p.m. The Schola Cantorum, orchestra, and soloists will sing at a choral vespers that evening at 7:30 p.m., including Bach Cantata 9, "Salvation unto Us Has Come." The annual hymn festival is Monday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. featuring the Kantorei. All events are in Kramer Chapel, free and open to the public. These events are part of the annual Good Shepherd Institute conference. For complete details about the conference, visit www.ctsfw.edu/gsi.

Hurricane Relief through LCMS World Relief

To give, visit lcms.org/givenow/disaster. You can also text "LCMSDISASTERS" to 41444, or call the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. central time at 888-930-4438. Another option is to mail checks payable to "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod" (or "LCMS"). On the memo line, write "Disaster Response" and mail to: LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

The Shepherd's Hand

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center is excited to host their 15th annual meal and blessing bag give-a-way. They are asking for donations of \$25 cash/checks to The Shepherd's Hand to buy food for the community. Your \$25 donation will purchase one blessing bag per family to take home so that when families leave their Thanksgiving meal on November 24 they'll have a full bag of food to celebrate with on Thanksgiving Day. Donations are collected through October in the white box near the glass case in the narthex. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deaconess Jana Peters at 260-424-2224 or email shepherdshandfwed@gmail.com.

October 2024

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6 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School Kick Off in the School Gym	7 4pm—Handbell Practice 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study— Canceled	8	9 8:45am - School Chapel 2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office 7:30pm - Choir Practice School Music Room	10 7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office 9am - Bible Study—District Office 5:30pm - Elders Mtg 7pm - Church Council	11	12
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27 Stewardship Sunday 9:30am - Divine Service 10:45am - SCRIP Sales 10:45am—Bible Study & Sunday School	28 <u>St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles</u> 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study	29	30 8:45am - School Chapel 2pm - Bible Study—IN District Office 7:30pm - Choir Practice School Music Room	31 <u>Reformation Day</u> 7am - Men's Bible Study—District Office 9am - Bible Study—District Office		

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Gathering In Christ:

† *God's continued blessing of our "Gathering In Christ" building project.*

Baptismal Life:

† *For Adeline Margaret Marinko, daughter of Andrew and Margaret Marinko, baptized today.*

Thanksgiving:

† *For the staff members dedicated to many years of service at St. Paul's.*

† *For the 187th anniversary of St. Paul's.*

For Those Who Mourn:

† *For the family of Laurel Van Gundy, mother of Carrie Kroenke, who has been given the gift of eternal life.*

Ongoing Chronic Concerns:

† *John Furniss & Susan Balsamo-Furniss*

† *Harris Beck*

† *Bob Demaree*

† *Joanne Engstrom*

† *Carolyn Falkenstern*

† *Dennis Harmeyer*

† *Terry Harmeyer*

† *Mary Hathaway*

† *Judy Helmchen*

† *Lonni Helmchen*

† *Jerry Huitt*

† *John Huitt*

† *Roy Huitt*

† *Ruth Huitt*

† *Juanita Jefferson*

† *Karen Johnson*

† *Mark Knoblauch*

† *Kelly Kochensparger*

† *Jodi Kreiger*

† *Diane Lewis*

† *Gail Ludvigson*

† *Sandy Macon*

† *John Mader*

† *James Maier*

† *Leah Maier*

† *Eleanor Marine*

† *Joan Messmann*

† *Mary Mundt*

† *...and those who care for them.*

† *Sara Nordling*

† *Juan Perez*

† *Ron Rastl*

† *Andrew Scholes*

† *Wanda Schweyer*

† *Fred & Norma Scott*

† *Amanda Seeger*

† *Sam Suarez*

† *Denise Trentadue*

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

† *Judy Backs*

† *Marilyn Berning*

† *Roger Couch*

† *Nick Demaree*

† *Pam Johnson*

† *Dennis and Jane Jordan*

† *Barbara Nelson*

† *Judi Parrot*

Our Homebound Members:

† *Neva Aldridge*

† *Joan Badders*

† *Myra Carrier*

† *Mary Ann Cordes*

† *Jane Doehrmann*

† *Phoebe Fett*

† *Rodney Hall*

† *Jan Leffel*

† *Lois Meyer*

† *Ernestine Morrison*

† *Larry Murphy*

† *Esther Pinnow*

† *Leona Puff*

† *Carolyn Reincke*

† *Susan Schamberg*

† *Walter Schroeder*

† *Rev. Ralph Seilaff*

† *Dorothy Taylor*

† *Mary Weick*

† *Sharon Williams*

Serving in the Armed Forces

† *KiVuan Edwards*

† *Cierra Germann*

† *Rev. Brian Hamer*

† *Zachary Harmeyer*

† *Jasmine Jackson*

† *Austin Kerr*

† *Courtney Linnemeier*

† *Sharia Macon*

† *Jamara Moore-Chambers*

† *Rev. Joshua Schiff*

† *Brandon Sreeton*

† *John Sheaffer Jr.*

† *Ryan Sheaffer*

† *Brandon Skalicky*

* Pray for these saints throughout the week.

Please submit prayer requests by calling the church office at 260.423.2496 ext. 310