ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping today!

Fellowship: Refreshments available in the Gathering Hall Sundays 9am-10:45am. **Holy Communion**: Celebrated during all Worship Services on the first, third & fifth weekends each month.

Parents With Children: Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available. There is a quiet room in the back of church. We Care Cards: Everyone attending is asked to complete a card found in the pew rack and collected during worship.

Volunteers (Acolytes, Live-stream & PowerPoint help): Sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm Sunday 8am | Sunday 11am (Outdoor) Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship *Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at: splgrafton.org/church/livestream & vimeo.com/event/3215174

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson Pastor: Jacob Schultz

Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke

Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prahl
Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf

Principal: Michael Yurk

Director of Music: Valerie Bremer

DCE: Tracy Krueger

EQUIPPING Every Generation to Live Rooted in JESUS



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 25, 2024



AS WE GATHER...We hear many voices in our society, today, about all aspects of our lives. Whether it is about what we eat, what we wear, what we watch, or what we say, there are social norms that our culture proposes. This weekend we hear from the prophet Isaiah that the people turned God's word upside down. In Ephesians, Paul sets out God's plan for marriage—the topic for our sermon. In the Gospel, Jesus condemns the Jewish leaders for following their own traditions rather than God's Word. How do we live in a world which does not want to live according to God's Word? Do we know God's Word sufficiently to follow Him?

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES-Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am; Monday 6:30pm

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS / GRIEFSHARE VIDEO

(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during sermon hymn.)

HYMN "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

LSB 649

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

BAPTISM of *Emma Lynn Kesler (5pm)*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION Psalm 14:1

Pastor: The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

People: They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

Silence for self-examination

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of

Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that my heart may know peace.

Pastor: By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and in Him we are forgiven. 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.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HYMN "Praise the Almighty"

LSB 797, St. 1 & 4

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty and merciful God, defend Your church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful

people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God,

now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 29:11–19 I will again do wonderful things with this people.

(Holy Bible p. 750)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 14

Pastor: The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

People: They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.

Pastor: The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,

People: to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

Pastor: They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;

People: there is none who does good, not even one.

Pastor: Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up My people as they eat bread

People: and do not call upon the LORD? Pastor: There they are in great terror,

People: for God is with the generation of the righteous.

Pastor: You would shame the plans of the poor,

People: but the LORD is his refuge.

Pastor: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of His

people,

People: let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:21–33 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Holy Bible p. 1245)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE Jeremiah 15:16a

Pastor: Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them,

People: and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:1–13 This people honors Me with their lips but their heart is far from Me.

(Holy Bible p. 1071)

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

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "Oh, Blest the House"

LSB 862

SERMON "Defying or Defining Marriage?" by Pastor Maschke based on Ephesians 5:21-33.

APOSTLES' CREED (see screens or back cover of LSB)

OFFERTORY HYMN "Create In Me"

LSB 956

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

LORD'S PRAYER (see screens or back cover of LSB)

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 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

LSB 922

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CHURCH GREETERS NEEDED

We are again organizing Greeters for all church services beginning this fall. Greeters will be stationed at the doors 15 minutes before church services welcoming members and guests as they arrive and to answer any questions they may have. Greeters will be scheduled to a service of their choosing once a month.

If you are interested in helping out in this area there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church or contact Marty Hauser with any questions at **servantministries@splgrafton.org** or call 262-377-4659 Ext. 375.

Please consider serving as a Greeter!

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Trust In God"

APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME / GRIEFSHARE VIDEO

(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during opening song.)

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

WORD OF GOD Ephesians 5:21-33 (Holy Bible p. 1245)

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG "Praise;" "Your Love Never Fails"

SERMON "Defying or Defining Marriage?" by Pastor Maschke based on Ephesians 5:21-33.

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

BLESSING

SONG OF PRAISE "Came To My Rescue"

CLOSING SONG "Trust In God"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD Mark 7:1-13 (Holy Bible p. 1071)

AUGUST 25, 2024 OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE-11am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME / REV. DR. VOSS MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

(Offerings may be placed in collection boxes on the sidewalk.)

INVOCATION

BAPTISM of Clara Donna Rathke

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will Come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word"

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

LSB 655

3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 5:21–33 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

(Holy Bible p. 1245)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God. **HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 7:1–13 This people honors Me with their lips but their heart is far from Me.

(Holy Bible p. 1071)

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

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

SONG "To Live is Christ"

1 If I rise, let me rise on you
Not on all of my successes,
my esteem or my pursuits
If I lose, let me lose my life
'Cause if I belong to Jesus,
the flesh is crucified

Chorus: For me to live is Christ For me to live is Christ For me to live is Christ, to die is gain

2 If I grow, let me grow in You Wilt the seeds of wanting more Ripped and pried out by the roots And if I'm still, let me hear You speak Not the tone of my transgressions But the song of the redeemed *Chorus* People: (spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

Bridge:

My great desire is to be with You But this is the place you chose for me This is the place you chose for me To lift my cross and give everything This is the time you gave to me This is the time you gave to me **Chorus**

Tag: I'll never be the same I'll never be the same

For me to live is Christ, to die is gain Songwriters: Dave Frey / Jonathan Lindley Smith / Casey Brown To Live Is Christ lyrics © Sony/atv Timber Publishing, Dayspring Music Llc, Run Run Milo, Pencil Prophet Publishing, Not Just Another Song Publishing CCLI License #145328

SERMON "Defying or Defining Marriage?" by Pastor Maschke based on Ephesians 5:21-33.

PRAYERS (The pastor will end each prayer with "Lord, in Your mercy," and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer.")

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN "Oh, Blest the House"

- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
 A home that is not wholly His—
 How sad and poor and dark it is!
- Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound; They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!

LSB 862, St. 1, 2, 4, 5

- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
- 4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell, And in their children's lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.

BIBLE CLASS INFORMATION

SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am-Family Life Center

August 25:

Topic: Biblical Bioethics, pt.2

Rev. Dr. Kevin Voss

September 1 & 8: NO CLASS

COME And SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN - Season One **Led by:** John Anciaux & Steve Leonard

Starts: Wednesday, September 4th thru November 20

Time: 6:30-8pm in the Family Life Center

THURSDAY MORNING MENS BIBLE CLASS STARTING SOON!

Topic: First Thessalonians
Led by: Bob Kasten
Starts: Thursday, September 5
Time: 6:30am in the Front Conference Room

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Topic: Chasing Vines by Beth Moore Led by: Amy Swiertz & Pat Kuerschner Starts: Wednesday, September 18 Time: 6:30-8pm in the School Library More Information coming soon!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS



Sunday school for children ages 3 through 6th grade will be starting up again in September. In order to make Sunday school a success we are looking for volunteers to help with teaching, assisting, and check-in/out. To sign up to help check this link: tinyurl.com/SSvolunteers24.

For more information contact

Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Public School Confirmation begins Sunday, September 15, from 5-6:30pm with a Parent Informational Meeting 6pm. Letters were sent out last week so if your child is going into 7th or 8th Grade and you have not received a letter, please email Pastor Schultz at pastor.schultz@splgrafton.org.

WANT TO BE A READING BUDDY?

Our St. Paul First Graders would love to read to you! If you would like to interact and listen to some great stories, please join us every first Tuesday of each month. Reading Buddy time is from 8:30am to 9am in Room 208 starting **Tuesday, September 3.** If you are interested, contact Deanne Boyce at 262-377-4659 or deanne.boyce@splgrafton.org.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Yes, the LWML Cards Ministry is once again preparing Thanksgiving and Christmas cards for St. Paul members and friends to order beginning in September. Watch this space for more information and share this resource with family and friends. All proceeds from these cards support the new mission projects approved by the LWML SWD convention in June. See the Card Ministry table for a listing of these new mission projects.

DO YOU LOVE KIDS?

St. Paul Extended Care is looking for kind, caring individuals to work with our After School Students during the school year afternoons. This is a great position for high school or college students looking for 10-12 hours a week. Shifts fall between 2:45-5:15 \pm Monday - Friday, exact start & end time can vary a bit depending on availability.

If you are interested, contact Extended Care Director-Jess Koch @ jessica.koch@splgrafton.org. We would love for you to join our team!

QUILTERS

Due to the school expansion activity and the need for the quilting room for a classroom, the Quilters will not meet this next year. **NO SHEETS** are needed this next year.

If you have any questions, please contact Maribeth Witkowski at 262-339-4796.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Registration for Sunday School 2024-25 opens August 11th. Come join us for the fun! Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 8:15-9:15am, and is open to children ages 3 thru 6th Grade. Our first day of Sunday school this year will

be **September 15 at 8:15am** in the youth room. To have your child join us for this year's Sunday School please fill out the registration form at the following link:

https://tinyurl.com/SSregistrate24.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Krueger at <u>tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org</u>.

FAITH STEPPING STONES



Faith Stepping Stones is faith based parenting education from cradle to high school graduation through eight short-courses, which pull parents into the role of primary faith mentors for their own children every night through blessing, prayer, scripture, Highs & Lows, and faith dialogue (FAITH 5).

Stone 3: Entry into School (Kindergarten families)

This is a three week class geared towards parents of children entering kindergarten, that covers the physical, emotional, and spiritual development of children at this age. This class will be taught on Wednesdays, August 28, September 4 and 11 from 6-7:15PM in the youth room. Check out the link to sign up: https://tinyurl.com/FaithStone3.



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

The LWML will begin collecting items for **Layette**, **Hygiene**, **and School Kits**. As you begin Spring cleaning and attend yard sales look for items you may donate for the Layettes. Items may not be new, but should be in good repair. A complete listing of items needed for each Kit may be found in the carport entryway.

Please contact Dorothy Monson at 262-375-1223 with any questions.

This project will be completed in the Fall.

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer / Mr. Greg Batiansila Altar Guild: Caroline Wohlers & Sue Hauschel

Leader: Rev. Luke Anderson **Sermon:** Rev. Timothy Maschke

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Jim Schroeder	Jo Wolf
Sun., 8am	Gary Hilgendorf	Bob Utecht
Sun., 9:30am	Stu Natale	Todd Willman
Sun., 11am	Mark Papcke	Mark Papcke
Mon., 6:30pm	Gabriel Metzger	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: Cheryl Boesch; Jason Boesch (son of Cheryl Boesch); Jean Dorman (niece of Norma Prahl); Tracy Ernst; Bob Fleischmann (godson of Darlene Sukowski); Dick Frisqe (father of Rob Frisque); Ken Frisque (brother of Rob Frisque); Cassie Gebauer (Granddaughter of Marv & Connie Borchardt); Deanna Gerhke; Cindy Hilgendorf (sister of Gail Goetter); Ann L. (friend of Catherine Kiener); Peter Levihn; Robert Marshall (father of Chris Marshall); Annette Mentzel; Ruth McCutcheon; Ted Otto; Lois Poisson; Mandy Powers (niece of Dan & Sue Hueppchen); Lisa (niece of Jan Moegenburg); Michelle Reedy (daughter of Beverly Kelling); Jean Stickney; Darlene Sukowski; Wendy Zettinig

Long Term Illness / Treatment: Samuel Becker (grandson of Lucille Becker); Jim & Sharon Caulfield (parents/in-law's of Alison & Steve Eckert); Christine Capstran (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); Heidi Feucht (friend of Stephanie Steinert); Christine Groth; Dan Haupt (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); Daniel Kekic (nephew of Paulette Rammel); Mary Lou Mercer; Tom Miller; Andy Panasa (friend of Dennis Kranz); Brian Schroeder, Patrick Swan (friend of Liz Dehmel); Joy (friend of Bev Schinker); Bob Willegal (friend of Tom Lubner)

Anniversaries: Joseph & Alexandra Brunnquell 2nd wedding anniversary; Richard & Gina Kassens 20th wedding anniversary; Richard & Evonne Musbach's 42nd wedding anniversary

Baptisms: Emma Lynn Kesler: Clara Donna Rathke

Blessings: On the beginning of St. Paul Lutheran School's 173rd school year!

Hospice: Cheryl Hafemann

FLOWERS

Flowers next to the pulpit are in praise of the baptism of Emma Lynn Kesler.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism: *Emma Lynn Kesler,* born July 22, 2024, daughter of Ryan and Sarah (nee Gierach) Kesler, will be baptized during the 5pm service on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

Baptism: Clara Donna Rathke, born July 1, 2024, daughter of Evan and Megan (nee Breuer) Rathke, will be baptized during the 11am service on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL—Visit splgrafton.org/church and Look for the Give Now! Button.

- Plate: Offerings may be placed in a collection box near the exits.
- Mail/Drop-Off: 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8am to 4pm.
- VancoOnline Electronic Giving: Visit splgrafton.org/church/giving (then click Online Giving).
- Vanco Mobile App: Vanco Mobile 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 "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" to download the app.
- **Text-to-Give**: Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to 855.927.0750 (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.
- Text-to-Give directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund: Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute followed by the letters EGFT, to 855.927.0750. For example, text "25 EGFT" to contribute \$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. Every contribution sent to this number will go directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together fund.

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

You're Invited to the St. Paul Lutheran

PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

NOON TO 3PM

GAMES & PRIZES - FOOD - BINGO BOUNCE HOUSE - CRAFTS - FUN!

JOIN US FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP
AT 11AM AND STAY FOR THE PICNIC



If you are interested in being a part of the corn hole tournament please contact Robert Marien at blmarien@gmail.com

Thank You Cedar Crest for your Ice Cream Donation!

NEW

MEMBER CLASS

SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

CHURCH FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM

SEPTEMBER 15 APOSTLES' CREED

SEPTEMBER 22 TEN COMMANDMENTS &

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

SEPTEMBER 29 LORD'S PRAYER & LUTHERAN WORSHIP

OCTOBER 6 SACRAMENTS

OCTOBER 13 ST. PAUL ORIENTATION

SIGN UP NOW! 262-377-4659, EXT. 332

MINISTRY FAIR AT THE CHURCH PICNIC-SEPTEMBER 8

This year, members of church boards and committees will be hosting booths at the church picnic. The booths will include photos, displays or other information to inform picnic attendees about what each ministry does for the congregation or for others. The Board of Stewardship will be sponsoring a prize drawing in connection with the ministries' booths. To participate, congregation members 18 years of age or older will receive a stamp card containing the names of all the ministries represented at the picnic. You are encouraged to visit each ministry's booth where the host will stamp your card. After you have visited each booth, your completed card will be collected and submitted for a prize drawing taking place at the end of the picnic. Prizes include an Apple I-Pad, Apple Air Pods and gift cards from some of your favorite stores. Please make the Board of Stewardship's booth your first stop to pick up your stamp card. We hope you will have fun competing for these significant prizes while learning more about the great ministries at St. Paul.

GRIEFSHARE



A GriefShare grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one is starting soon. Please join us on Mondays, September 9 to December 2 at 6:30-8:30pm at Providence Place, 815 Washington Street, Grafton. Registration will be on Monday, September 9 from 6-6:30pm. At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories—followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include what's normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions; and what to do with regrets, guestions, and worries.

For more information, contact Pastor Maschke or Marty Hauser at the Church Office or visit https://www.griefshare.org/groups/242269/ registrations/new.

NEW PODCAST SERIES LAUNCH

We are excited to announce the launch a new monthly podcast series beginning on **Monday**, **September 16**. The series will dive in to the rich history and steadfast faith that have shaped St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. The podcast will offer stories and discussions designed to deepen your connection to the St. Paul legacy. Be sure to tune in each month to celebrate our past while looking forward to a future built on a strong foundation of faith.



LABOR DAY
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 2
NO MONDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE
CHURCH & SCHOOL
OFFICES CLOSED

CHURCH CHOIRS STARTING SOON! Are we missing your voice?

Choirs will be officially starting Tuesday, September 3. Mixed Choir: 6:30pm Male Choir: 7:30pm Contact Valerie Bremer at music@splgrafton.org or 377-4659 x.110