

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping 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
Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship

*Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at:

splgraffton.org/church/livestream &
vimeo.com/event/3215174

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson
Pastor: Jacob Schultz
Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke
Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah
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****



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 1, 2024



AS WE GATHER...There is a lot of good news in the readings of the day, but you won't find it in today's Holy Gospel, which points out that our fallen hearts produce much of the evil around us. Likewise, the Old Testament reading warns against not telling the next generation about God's goodness. But the Epistle, which uses the imagery of a suit of armor, tells us to rely on God and His gracious goodness. And the Introit has the Gospel in full measure! While asking for God's forgiveness; we also rejoice that He re-creates us, cleaning us inside out. What a great reason to gather to sing His praises today!

COMMUNION STATEMENT

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 Savior and that His body and blood are truly present together with the bread and the wine?
3. Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God & neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?
4. Am I a member of an LCMS congregation or a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS?

*If you are not in agreement with these questions,
please refrain from communing or speak with a pastor before communing.*

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

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

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

HYMN "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

LSB 704

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:2, 7, 10–12*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

LSB 500, St. 4

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9 Do not forget all that God has done; teach your children. (Holy Bible p. 188)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 6:10–20 Be certain about teachings and put on the armor of God. (Holy Bible p. 1245)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE *Matthew 5:8*

Pastor: Alleluia. Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: for they shall see God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:14–23* *People are not defiled by what they eat but by what comes out of their hearts and mouths. (Holy Bible p. 1072)*

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 “Not What These Hands Have Done”

LSB 567

SERMON “A Defiled Heart Made Clean,” by Pastor Schultz based on the readings.

NICENE CREED *(see screens)*

OFFERTORY HYMN “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

LSB 610

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(see screens)*

SACRAMENT

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

Pastor: It is truly good, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 161

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(see screens or LSB 179)*

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 *(see screens or back cover of LSB)*

PEACE

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God”

LSB 163

PREPARATION *(see screens or top of Page 2)*

DISTRIBUTION *Common cup and individual cup are offered on both the lectern and pulpit sides. Please assist the pastor or server when receiving the chalice for common cup. Non-alcoholic wine (pink) is served in individual cups in the center of the tray.*

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”
“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”

LSB 625
LSB 693

DISMISSAL and POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. For all the gifts that flow from this Sacrament, we give You thanks, gracious God. Grant us humble faith so that our thoughts, words, and deeds reflect the mercy You have shown us this day. We pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE–9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “United In Christ”

NICENE CREED *(see screens)*

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution / Lord’s Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / “Before The Throne Of God Above;” “God Who Bleeds” / Dismissal

INVOCATION

PRAYERS

OPENING SONG “Thank You, Lord”

WORD OF GOD *Mark 7:14–23 (Holy Bible p. 1072)*

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SERMON “A Defiled Heart Made Clean,” by Pastor Schultz based on the readings.

SONG OF PRAISE “Power Of The Cross”

BLESSING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

CLOSING SONG “Joy Of The Lord”

WORD OF GOD *Ephesians 6:10–20 (Holy Bible p. 1245)*

September 1, 2024 OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE–11am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Offerings may be placed in collection boxes on the sidewalk.)*

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

LSB 704

1 Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.

3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.

2 Remove the pow’r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.

4 Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face,
O Light eternal, through Your grace.

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SERVICE OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

EPISTLE READING *Ephesians 6:10–20 Be certain about teachings and put on the armor of God. (Holy Bible p. 1245)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:14–23 People are not defiled by what they eat but by what comes out of their hearts and mouths. (Holy Bible p. 1072)*

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.

People: (spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

SONG “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace

3 The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures **Chorus**

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SERMON “A Defiled Heart Made Clean,” by Pastor Schultz based on the readings.

PRAYERS *(The pastor will end each petition with “Let us pray to the Lord,” and the congregation will respond, “Lord, have mercy.”)*

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

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” *(see next page)*

LSB 919

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@splgrifton.org or 262-377-4659 Ext.110

CLOSING HYMN "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

LSB 919

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.

4 Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.

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BIBLE STUDIES, SERVANT MINISTRY EVENTS AND MORE!

SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

9:30am-Family Life Center

September 1 & 8: **NO CLASS**

COME And SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN - Season One

Led by: John Anciaux & Steve Leonard

Starts: Wednesday, September 4 - November 20

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

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

Register: tinyurl.com/WomensFall by September 11.

Cost: \$6

SUMMER BIBLE CLASS AT PROVIDENCE PLACE RESCHEDULED

Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30-7:30pm

Book of Daniel

By Pastor Prahl

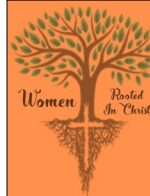
PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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@splgraffton.org.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our first meeting will be **Thursday, September 5 at 12pm in the FLC**. We will be having a potluck. The ladies whose last name begins with the letters O-Z should bring a casserole or salad. The committee will provide the beverages and the desserts. We have lots of catching up to do and you will receive your new WG directory.

See you then and please bring a friend!



Rooted Women

Fall Bible Study

Mondays 9/30,

10/7, 10/21,

11/4 & 11/18

at 6:30PM



**Join us for our
Fall Bible study
Unexpected by
Christine Caine**

Get your study guide at our Fall Kickoff 9/16 or in the office!

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED!



There will be a short meeting for all Sunday school volunteers on **Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30pm** in the Youth Room. We will look at how the year will run and go through the curriculum for the year. Please let Tracy know if you will not be able to attend at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org. If you are interested in volunteering and haven't signed up yet, check out the signup link here:

tinyurl.com/SSvolunteers24.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Registration for Sunday School 2024-25 opens August 11. 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: tinyurl.com/SSregistrate24.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer
Leader: Rev. Timothy Maschke

Altar Guild: Kathy Lubner & Sharon Hawkins
Sermon: Rev. Jacob Schultz

SERVICE	ELDERS / COMMUNION SERVERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	B. Dorn / J. Schroeder / T. Kohlwey / C. Meunier / R. Schultz	Brian Hadler
Sun., 8am	G. Hilgendorf / M. Young / M. Hauser / J. Brooks	Ron Kuta
Sun., 9:30am	J. Wegner / M. Benson / J. Kell	Dave Schmidt
Sun., 11am	B. Buske / R. Klotka	Matt Stec
Mon., 6:30pm	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Cheryl Boesch; Jason Boesch* (son of Cheryl Boesch); *Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Bob Fleischmann* (godson of Darlene Sukowski); *Dick Frisque* (father of Rob Frisque); *Ken Frisque* (brother of Rob Frisque); *Cassie Gebauer* (granddaughter of Marv & Connie Borchardt); *Cindy Hilgendorf* (sister of Gail Goetter); *Ann L.* (friend of Catherine Kiener); *Peter Levihn; Ken Luckjohn family; 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; Pastor Smiles* (friend of Larry Luckjohn); *Patrick Swan* (friend of Liz Dehmel); *Joy* (friend of Bev Schinker); *Bob Willegal* (friend of Tom Lubner)

Anniversary: *Mark & Sue Roeder* 47th wedding anniversary; *Steven & Martha Witt* 38th wedding anniversary.

Death: *Cheryl Hafemann*

Prayer for *Pastor Anderson* as he begins his sabbatical.

FLOWERS & GIFT

Flowers next to the pulpit are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 47th wedding anniversary of *Mark and Sue Roeder*.

A Gift has been given to the glory of God to Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in celebration of *Steven & Martha Witt's* 38th wedding anniversary.



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

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL—Visit splgraffton.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 splgraffton.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**



We are accepting donations of **new small toys and new mini or small** stuffed animals for prizes.

Drop off prizes in the Welcome Center bin.

If you are interested in being a part of the cornhole 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

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

All 6-8 graders are invited to join us for Middle School Youth. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month September through May from 3-4:30pm in the Youth Room. Please watch for email updates and reminders throughout the year. Our first meeting will be **September 22 at 3pm** in the Youth Room. **Don't forget to bring your completed release form with you.** If you haven't received a release form or for more information contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org. Hope to see you there. **9/22:** Come play nine-square in the air and stay for devotions and popcorn.

Signup: tinyurl.com/MSYSept24

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 iPad, 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.

GRIEF SHARE



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, questions, and worries.

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



Rooted Women

Fall Kickoff!

Monday, September 16, 6:30PM

Join us as we highlight Bible studies & events for the

upcoming '24-25 season plus fall fellowship & fun!

Just come-
No sign up
needed!