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12th Sunday after Pentecost – August 31, 2025

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests! We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 1," as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000* (tan hymnal). Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.

Liturgical Notes for the Season of Pentecost

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ in the "festival half" of the church year (December-June), the worshipping Church spends the remainder of the church year (June-November) focusing on the teachings of Christ ("non-festival half"). The liturgical paraments up front are green in color as a reminder that the Holy Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to help us to grow in our faith, producing fruits of faith for His glory. Appointed lessons during this time cover a great body of doctrine for our faith and life as God's people. This summer we are reviewing in sermons God's will for our lives as summarized in the Ten Commandments. Today's topic: The Eighth Commandment.



Serving Us Today
Organist Lisa Sprengeler
Ushers Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler

◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 126 (pew bible, page 550)

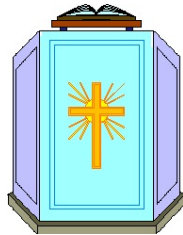
◆ Today's Hymns: 811 (1-4), 696 (1-4), *, 811 (5)

** hymn text printed on page 8*

◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119

◆ Scripture Lessons: James 3:1-10, 16-18; Matthew 26, selected verses

Sermon



Text – Proverbs 22:1

Theme – "God's Gift of a Good Name"

(review of the Eighth Commandment)

*The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and
Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.*

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – James 3:1-10, 16-18

The Untamable Tongue / Wisdom from Above

1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. 4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. | 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 119

With My Lips I Will Praise You

P The entirety of Your word is truth:
C **And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.**
P I rejoice at Your word:
C **As one who finds great treasure.**
P LORD, I hope for Your salvation:
C **And I do Your commandments.**
P My soul keeps Your testimonies:
C **And I love them exceedingly.**
P My lips shall utter praise:
C **For You teach me Your statutes.**
P My tongue shall speak of Your word:

C For all Your commandments are righteousness.

P Let Your hand become my help:

C For I have chosen Your precepts.

Second Lesson – Matthew 26 (selected verses)

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus / Jesus Before Caiaphas and the Council

45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.” 47 And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.” 49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. 50 But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. | 57 And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. | 59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, 60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward 61 and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” 62 And the high priest arose and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?” 63 But Jesus kept silent. And high priest answered and said to Him, “I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!” 64 Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” 65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! 66 What do you think?” They answered and said, “He is deserving of death.” 67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, 68 saying, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?”

Sermon Text – Proverbs 22:1

1 A good name is more desirable than great riches. To be esteemed is better than gold. [NIV84]

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This Week at St. Paul

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| Today (8/31) | 9:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 10:45 am | Coffee / Fellowship Time (downstairs) |
| Sun (9/7) | 9:30 am | Worship Service with installation of Sunday School staff |
| | 10:45 am | Sunday School & Adult Bible Class |

In Our Prayers: Bobbie Brethauer, who underwent intestinal surgery last Thursday at CommonSpirit United Hospital in Longmont.<> The family and friends of Georgia Waters who was called home to heaven last Wednesday. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will resume next Sunday, September 7, beginning at 10:45 am.

Sunday School Calls were issued by the congregation through the Board of Elders to the following individuals to serve in our Sunday School in the coming school year:

- Superintendent: Derek Barthels
- Teachers: Emily Marzofka, Lily Meyer, Carly Mess
- Teacher Assistants: Jesse W. Cornish, Sherman Kettner: John Sprengeler, Emily Ruegge, Sherman Kettner
- Substitutes: Sharlene Chiappetti, Jo Blakey
- Music Coordinator: Suzannah Miller
- Music Assistants: Ruth Greening, Lisa Sprengeler

September Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

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| Ed Chiappetti, Sept 1 | Lily Meyer, Sept 29 |
| Pastor Schuetze, Sept 9 | (Don & Ruth Claeys, Sept 3) |
| Jacob Cornish, Sept 18 | (Jim & Linda Wamboldt, Sept 9) |
| Joyce Maulis, Sept 19 | |

Synod News & Notes

- Pastor Andrew Schaller of Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, WI, has accepted the vacancy call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.
- Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.
- Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Red Wing, MN; Appleton, WI; Eau Claire, WI; and Middleton (Madison), WI.
- On Sunday, September 14, 2025, Pastor David Ude will be installed at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.



The Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or say anything that might ruin his good name and reputation; but we should defend him, speak well of him, and explain all his words and actions in the best possible way.



Hymn after the Lord's Prayer

1. From eternity, O God, In Your Son You did elect me;
Therefore, Father, on life's road Graciously to heav'n direct me;
Send to me Your Holy Spirit That His gifts I may inherit.

2. Born alive but dead in sin,
Lost to all good things by nature,
I was found and changed within,
And became a newborn creature;
Sinful flesh works ruination,
But the Spirit works salvation.

3. Drive away the gloomy night Of my darkened mind's reflection;
Quench all thoughts that are not right; Hold my reason in subjection.
For Your truth may I be yearning, Heav'nly wisdom ever learning.

4. As a branch upon a vine In my blessed Lord implant me;
Ever of my Head divine To remain a member grant me.
Oh, let Him, my Lord and Savior, Be my Life and Love forever!

5. Faith and hope and charity Graciously, O Father, give me;
Be my Guardian constantly That the devil may not grieve me;
Grant me humbleness and gladness, Peace and patience in my sadness.

6. Help me speak what's right and good
And keep silence on occasion;
Help me pray, Lord, as I should;
Help me bear my tribulation;
Help me die and let my spirit
Everlasting life inherit.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 1-6

Mon John 5:30-36 Jesus does not operate on His own, nor does He testify about Himself. Besides the Father who sent Him, John the Baptizer testified about Jesus, and so do the works that Jesus carries out.

Tues Acts 8:9-13 Simon the magician had a following in Samaria until they believed the Good News about Jesus. Then even Simon himself believes, and is amazed by the signs and great miracles among the believers.

Wed Acts 8:14-17 The apostles hear about the Samaritans believing and send Peter and John. Peter and John pray and lay on hands, and the Samaritan believers receive the special gift of the Holy Spirit.

Thurs Acts 8:18-25 Simon offers money for the power to give the Holy Spirit to others. Peter rebukes him and calls upon him to repent and to pray for forgiveness. Simon asks Peter to pray for him also.

Fri 2 Samuel 7:1-16 David wants to build a house for the Lord, but the Lord says “no.” You are the Lord’s warrior. My house will be built by a man of peace. Looking ahead, we also see the Prince of Peace!

Sat Ezekiel 8:9-16 The prophet declares disaster and destruction for the temple which is being desecrated by all sorts of abominations that do not bring the peace of God for which His house was intended.