

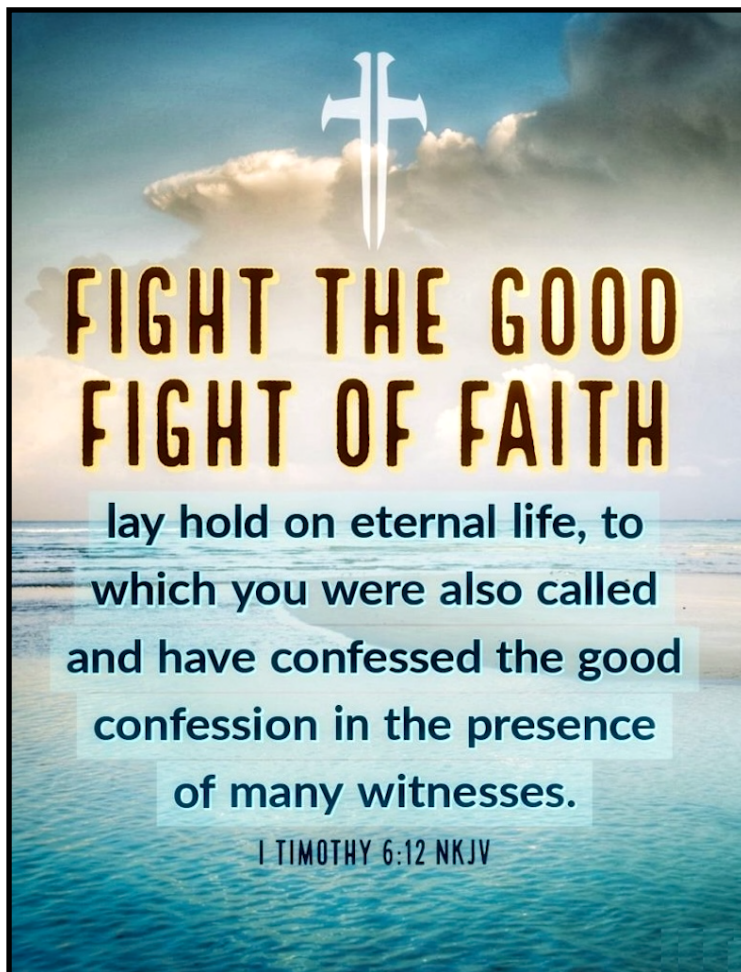
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13th Sunday after Pentecost – September 7, 2025

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 year we are reviewing in sermons God's will for our lives as summarized in the Ten Commandments. Today's topic: The Ninth and Tenth Commandments.



Serving Us Today
Organist: Carly Mess
Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Bob Rankin
Communion Usher: Ed Chiappetti

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 112 (pew bible, page 542)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 902, 704, 618, 632
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 36
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Kings 21:1-16, Matthew 15:1-11

Sermon



Text – 1 Timothy 6:6-12

**Theme – *"Lord, Bless Me with Your
Gift of a Contented Heart"***

(review of the Ninth & Tenth Commandments)

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

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 1 Kings 21:1-16

Naboth's Vineyard

¹ And it came to pass after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. ² So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money." ³ But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!" ⁴ So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food. ⁵ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?" ⁶ He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.' " ⁷ Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." ⁸ And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth. ⁹ She wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor among the people; ¹⁰ and seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, You have blasphemed God and the king. Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die. ¹¹ So the men of his city, the elders and nobles who were inhabitants of his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them. ¹² They proclaimed a fast, and seated Naboth with high honor among the people. ¹³ And two men, scoundrels, came in and sat before him; and the scoundrels witnessed against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth has blasphemed God and the king!" Then they took him outside the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died. ¹⁴ Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned and is dead." ¹⁵ And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead." ¹⁶ So it was, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab got up and went down to take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 36

Lord, How Precious Is Your Steadfast Love

P Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens:

C **Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

P How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!:

C **Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.**

P They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house:
C **And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.**
P For with You is the fountain of life:
C **In Your light we see light.**
P Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You:
C **And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.**

Second Lesson – Matthew 15:1-11

Defilement Comes from Within

1 Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, 2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." 3 He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, '*Honor your father and your mother*'; and, '*He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.*' 5 But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, 'Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God'— 6 then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. 7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 '*These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.*'" 10 When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand: 11 Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

Sermon Text – 1 Timothy 6:6-12

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/7)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School Staff Installation
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Sun (9/14)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

In Our Prayers: Bobbie Brethauer who is recuperating from surgery. She returned from the hospital last Monday. We thank the Lord.

The West-Central Pastoral Conference will be held this Tuesday through Thursday, September 9-11, hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD. Pastor Schuetze plans to attend.

A Memorial Service for Georgia Waters will be conducted at St Paul this coming Saturday, September 13, at 1:30 pm.

Synod News & Notes

Smartphones for Africa: Missionary Bruce Naumann is requesting donations of a certain kind of Android smartphone, for use by pastors and pastoral students in East Africa. If you have a used phone that was once on a Verizon plan and would like to donate it, please bring it to the church office. Verizon is preferred because it will work with African cell carriers, but most others will not. These phones are much appreciated by students and pastors in our sister African churches – thank you!

Banners and Paraments Storage Solution: Members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO, have designed and constructed a storage unit for banners and paraments. It is proving to be quite efficient, and makes these beloved but bulky items easily accessible. This workable plan came about from - believe it or not - plans for storing a horse blanket! If any of our CLC churches are interested in this plan, we will be happy to share it with you. Please contact pastorsamnaumann@gmail.com to be put in touch with the handyman who built it.

Dedications: Mt. Zion Lutheran Church will dedicate their new church property (510 W. Girard Ave., Madison Heights, MI, 48071) on Sunday, September 14, at 4:00pm. < Zion Lutheran Church (formerly of Ipswich, SD) will dedicate their new church building (1223 4th Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD) on Sunday, October 26, at 5:00pm.



The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not sinfully desire to get our neighbor's inheritance or house by a trick or in a way that appears to be right; but we should do everything we can to help him keep what is his.

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his workers, nor his animals, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not sinfully desire to use tricks or force, or do anything that might cause our neighbor to lose his wife, workers, or animals; but we should urge them to remain loyal to him and do what they are supposed to do.



For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrew 4:15-16

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 8-13

Mon John 5:37-47 The Father who sent Jesus has testified about Him, and His testimony is found in the Scriptures. “If you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me” (v46).

Tues Acts 8:26-38 The Ethiopian was reading Isaiah 53:7-8, and starting with that very passage of Scripture, Philip told him the good news about Jesus (v35). The fruit of his testimony? Baptism! (V38)

Wed 2 Samuel 7:17-29 David’s response to God’s promises: a humble prayer, praising the greatness of God and imploring Him to fulfill His gracious words to His people. Amen. “Your words are truth” (v28).

Thurs Proverbs 9:1-6 True Wisdom is pictured as a lady building a house and preparing a banquet. It is complete and there for all who realize that they are simple or naive and need the road to understanding (v6).

Fri Proverbs 9:7-12 Those who think that they already have great wisdom in themselves may scoff or mock at Lady Wisdom’s banquet, but a wise person will hear the Lord’s word and become even wiser (v10).

Sat Proverbs 9:13-18 Lady Folly’s banquet leads away from God’s wisdom, and teaches that “Stolen waters are sweet” (v17). Her guests do not cling to the life which comes from God by His Word.