

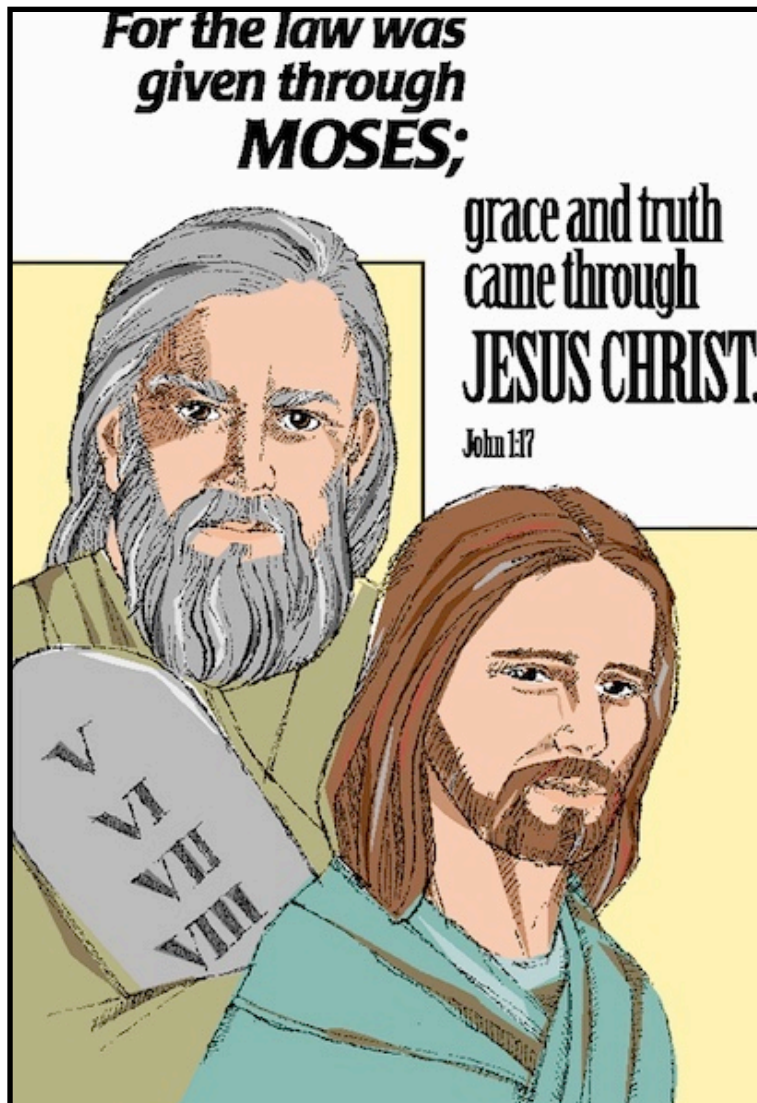
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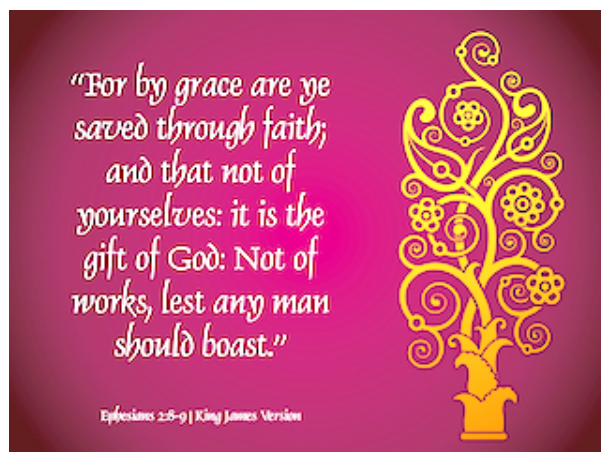
14th Sunday after Pentecost – September 14, 2025

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests! The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 2" as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. This service is based on pages 5-14 in *The Lutheran 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 Conclusion to the Commandments.



Serving Us Today
Organist: Lisa Sprengeler
Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 1 (pew bible, page 481)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 816, 565, 575 (1-3), 575 (4)
- ◆ Responsive Reading: Psalm 119
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Galatians 3:10-14, Matthew 5:1-10

Sermon



Text – Joshua 1:1-8

Theme – *"God Graciously Blesses All Who Obey His Commandments!"*

(review of the Conclusion to the Ten Commandments)

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

Today's Scriptures

Responsive Reading from Psalm 119

(read responsively after the Confession of Sins and Words of Absolution)

All Your Commandments Are True

- P Make Your face shine upon Your servant:
C **And teach me Your statutes.**
P Your word is very pure:
C **Therefore Your servant loves it.**
P You are near, O LORD:
C **And all Your commandments are truth.**
P Concerning Your testimonies:
C **I have known of old that You have founded them forever.**
P I see the treacherous, and am disgusted:
C **Because they do not keep Your word.**
P Consider how I love Your precepts:
C **Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.**
P I rejoice at Your word:
C **As one who finds great treasure.**
P Great peace have those who love Your law:
C **And nothing causes them to stumble.**

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First Lesson – Galatians 3:10-14

Christ Redeemed Us from the Curse of the Law

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” 11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.” 12 Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.” 13 Christ has

redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Second Lesson – Matthew 5:1-10

*God Promises Many Blessings to Those Who
Love and Obey His Commandments*

1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Sermon Text – Joshua 1:1-8

God’s Commission to Moses’ Successor, Joshua

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying: 2 “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

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This Week at St. Paul

Call News: Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

The Conclusion to the Ten Commandments

What does God say to us about all these commandments?
He says: “I the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who do not obey these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His anger and not do anything against what He commands. God also promises grace and every blessing to those who obey these commandments. Therefore we should love and trust Him and willingly do what He commands.



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 15-20

Mon John 6:44-47 Coming to Jesus is not something for which we can take any credit. The Father who sent Him into the world is the one who teaches us, draws us to Him, and persuades us to believe in Him.

Tues John 6:48-51 As great a miracle as the manna in the wilderness was, it did not give life forever. So much greater is the living bread, Jesus, who gave Himself for the eternal life of the world!

Wed Acts 9:1-9 Saul thinks he is chasing after disciples of a dead Lord, but near Damascus suddenly the living Lord speaks to him, “Why are you persecuting **me**?” While digesting this, Saul fasts for three days.

Thurs Acts 9:10-22 The Lord sends Ananias to Saul to restore Saul’s sight. After taking some food, he stays in Damascus several days and proclaims that Jesus is the Son of God! Jesus is the Christ! (v20, v22)

Fri 2 Samuel 12:1-10 After King David has committed adultery and murder, the Lord sends the prophet Nathan to show him his sin and draw him to repentance.

Sat Job 38:1-11 The Lord responds to Job’s erroneous explanations by reminding him of the far greater wisdom and power of the creator of the universe. Who is worthier of our trust than the Lord?