

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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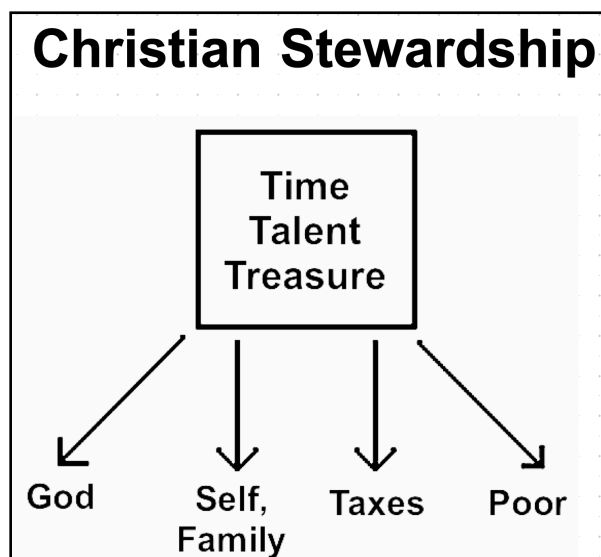
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – August 24, 2025**

**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 Seventh Commandment.



Serving Us Today  
Organist Suzannah Miller  
Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 145 (pew bible, page 557)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 790, 732, \*788, \*789 *\*tan hymnal*
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 37
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 4:17-28, John 12:1-6

## **Sermon**



**Text – Hebrew 13:14-16**

**Theme – *"Sharing Is Good and Godly,  
Stealing Is Not!"***

*(review of the Seventh Commandment)*

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

## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – Ephesians 4:17-28

*The New Life of the Regenerate Child of God*

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. 26 “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil. 28 **Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.**

### Psalm of the Day – Psalm 37

*The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked*

P Do not fret because of evildoers:

C **Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.**

P For they shall soon be cut down like the grass:

C **And wither as the green herb.**

P Trust in the LORD, and do good:

C **Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.**

P **Delight yourself also in the LORD:**

C **And He shall give you the desires of your heart.**

P Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him:

C **And He shall bring it to pass.**

**P** A little that a righteous man has:

**C** Is better than the riches of many wicked.

**P** Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright:

**C** For the future of that man is peace.

**P** The future of the wicked shall be cut off:

**C** But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD.

**P** He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them:

**C** Because they trust in Him.

## **Second Lesson – John 12:1-6**

### *Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany / Judas' Thievery*

1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. 3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. 4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, 5 "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. 7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. 8 For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

## **Sermon Text – Hebrews 13:14-16**

### *Sharing with Others is a Sacrifice Well Pleasing to God*

14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. 15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. 16 **But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.**

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### This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/24)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time (downstairs)
Sun (8/31)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time

### Synod News & Notes

Women's Retreat – Run the Race! (Hebrews 12:1-2). Registration is open (<https://tinyurl.com/MtnWomen>) for the retreat! Please consider joining us for a weekend in God's Word while relaxing in the mountain beauty of His creation. We'd love to have you with us! September 26-28 in Cusick, WA (fly or drive into Spokane, WA) Questions? Contact Tina at [teichstadt@gmail.com](mailto:teichstadt@gmail.com)

Call News – Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has accepted the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Emeritus Dave Schierenbeck has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Last Sunday, August 17, Mr. Rick Mariner was installed as Principal, Mr. Michael Wheaton as Assistant Principal, Mrs. Debra Mayhew as 1-2 Grade Teacher, Pastor Emeritus Paul Nolting as a part-time Religion Teacher, Mr. Bob Heller as Teacher/Teacher's Aide, and Mrs. Jackie Friedrichs as Music Teacher at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN.

Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of September 7, 2025.

Last Sunday, August 17, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA, observed Pastor Mark Gullerud's 50<sup>th</sup> year since his ordination into the public ministry.

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (Detroit, MI) will dedicate their new church property on Sunday, September 14.



### The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions or get them in a dishonest way; but we should help him to improve and protect his property and way of making a living.

### Quotable Quotes for the Seventh Commandment

- ▶ *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10)* – Every Christian has received from the Lord a special gift. This gift, bestowed on him by God's pure undeserved favor, he is to use in the service of others and for the building of his Savior's church. In this way he proves himself God's "good steward."
- ▶ Smitten with blindness, a college student accepted his blindness as a gift from God and prayed this prayer: "Father, I thank You for the talent of blindness. May I invest that talent so that at the coming of the Lord Jesus, He may receive it back with interest." The student's name? William Moon, the inventor of Moon type, the first widely used practical reading alphabet for the blind, which put the Scriptures within reach of millions of blind people, being used in over 500 languages. "The talent of blindness" — if blindness can be a talent, then who can say that he has no talent?
- ▶ "With all your giving, see that you give yourself" (Henry David Thoreau).
- ▶ "Half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. they think it consists in having and getting and in being served by others ... It consists in giving and in serving others. He that would be happy, let him remember that there is but one way — it is more blessed (happy), to give than to receive, Acts 20:35" (Henry Drummond)

(from *That I May Know Him* Bible study guide, by Oswald Riess)



## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### August 25-30

**Mon John 5:19-21** Jesus answers those who claim He breaks God's sabbath law. "Amen, Amen," this is truth: the Son does not act on His own, but does exactly what the Father does.

**Tues John 5:22-24** The Father judges only through the Son, so the Son has equal honor with the Father. "Amen, Amen," this is truth: those who hear my word and believe Him who sent Me have eternal life already.

**Wed John 5:25-29** "Amen, Amen," this is true: now is the time to listen to the Son of God and live! Don't just be amazed, but believe! A time is coming when all in the graves will come forth to live or be condemned.

**Thurs Acts 8:1-8** After Stephen's death, a persecution breaks out, led in part by Saul of Tarsus. He hunts down believers to imprison them. God uses this turmoil to spread His saving Word!

**Fri 1 Samuel 24:2-23** King Saul is hunting down David and his men, trying to prevent David from becoming the next king. David does not return evil for evil, and Saul relents for a time.

**Sat Jeremiah 8:4-9** The Lord does not desire the death of the wicked, but pleads with His people to listen, repent, and live! Even migrating animals know the seasons, but the people cannot see where they are going!