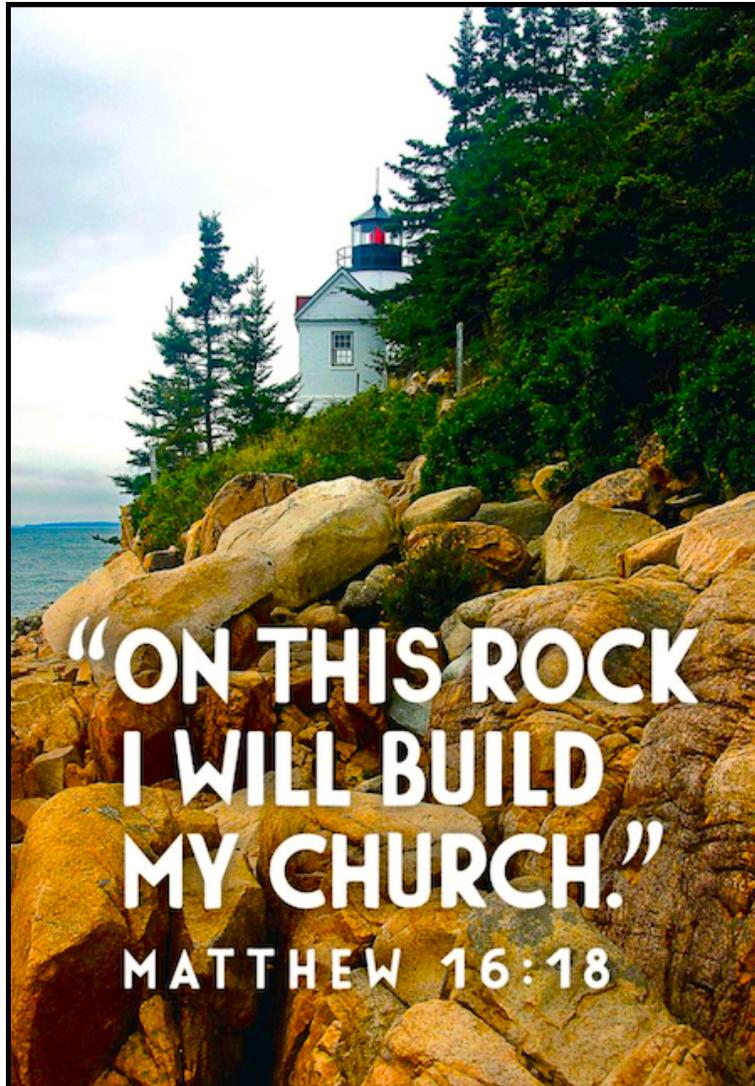


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
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**14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT *(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 34 (pew bible, p.496)
- ◆ The Hymns: 648, 611, 629, 912
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 6:2-8, Romans 11:33-36
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – Matthew 16:13-21

THE CHURCH'S POWER TO DO ITS WORK

1. It lies in the confession of Jesus as the Christ.
2. It lies in the authority to use the keys.

- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (912)

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*Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.*

*You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located in the foyer. There
will be no offering collection during the service.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Exodus 6:2-8

2 God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. 4 I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. 5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. 6 "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.'"

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 147

P Praise the LORD:
C **How good it is to sing praises to our God.**
P How pleasant and fitting to praise him!:
C **Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.**
P The LORD sustains the humble:
C **But casts the wicked to the ground.**
P The LORD delights in those who fear him:
C **Who put their hope in his unfailing love.**
P Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem:
C **Praise your God, O Zion.**
P For he strengthens the bars of your gates:
C **And blesses your people within you.**

Second Lesson – Romans 11:33-36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" 35 "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Sermon Text – Matthew 16:13-21

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he

warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. 21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

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VISITORS, WELCOME! 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, 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 Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- ◆ Organist: Lisa Sprengeler
- ◆ Ushers: Larry Reed, Bob Rankin
- ◆ Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- ◆ Communion Assistant: Ed Chiappetti

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (9/6)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tue-Thu		West-Central Pastoral Conf, hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne
Sun (9/13)	9:30 am	Worship Service with installation of Sunday School staff
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class resume

IN OUR PRAYERS: Brianna Bryson (granddaughter of Fred and Bobbie Brethauer) who is scheduled to undergo abdominal surgery on September 15 in Cleveland, Ohio. ++ Desirae Naumann, wife of Pastor David Naumann of Clarkston, WA, who underwent surgery last Tuesday to remove a brain tumor. ++ We pray the Lord may attend each of them with His grace and strengthen them in their time of spiritual and physical testing. *"I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).*

PASTORAL CALL: *"Dear members of St. Paul, I hope to have reached a decision regarding the call I received to serve as pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Morris, MN by next Sunday. As mentioned last week you are invited to share your thoughts with me regarding this call, whether you think it is God's will for me to accept or decline it. Input that will be particularly helpful will include the reason(s) why you believe I should accept or decline it, that relate to the ministry needs at St. Paul and/or Bethel. (Thanks to all who have already shared thoughts with me.) Pastor Schuetze."*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
SEPTEMBER 7-12

Mon Exodus 6:2-8 What's in a name? That depends on the name, for God fills His Name with Himself and His loving covenant. If you want to know God, you will have to understand Jehovah and what He does for humans. That's what Moses needed to understand for himself before He shared it with the Hebrews. Note how the pronoun *I* dominates this one-sided conversation, thus leaving no doubt about God's preeminence and dominance.

Tues Mark 10:35-45 Be careful what you ask for! James and John weren't careful, so Jesus clarified that their request for future honor in His kingdom meant that first they must share in the pains Jesus would suffer (35-39). [First the cross, then the crown.] The other disciples were miffed that James and John got the jump on them, so Jesus set them straight—in God's kingdom greatness comes with serving, not with bossing. That's the Jesus principle.

Wed Romans 11:33-36 God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform, and no matter how convoluted or complicated life gets on our troubled planet, God hasn't lost control of the steering wheel. There will be detours and rough roads ahead—so that God's purposes will reach their goal, but from start to finish, God is in charge of human events. Praise Him!

Thurs Psalm 34 [It's time-out for worship.] Let us *bless the LORD at all times*—whether we be in good health or in poor, when we feel loaded down with burdens or are elated with bounties. Let us *taste and see that the LORD is good, that His eyes are on us, His ears open to our cries, and He is near to such as have a contrite spirit*. Let us bless the LORD, for He loves us.

Fri Matthew 16:13-20 It seems good psychology to ask what others were saying about Him—before Jesus asked His disciples what they had to say about Him (13-16). Now, to clarify an issue misused by some denominations: 1) Since God is responsible for bringing persons to recognize Jesus for who He is, 2) it follows that God is responsible for building the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, and 3) it likewise follows that His true representatives do not serve themselves, but their Father in heaven.

Sat Acts 16:16-24 Since God authorizes only believers to preach the gospel, Paul exorcised the girl's demon. That got him into trouble with the hucksters who had capitalized on her affliction (18-19); they trumped up false charges against Paul, organized a mob to attack him, and got him thrown into jail. "Where was God?" somebody will ask. Well, God was orchestrating things so that the jail warden (perhaps the "man of Macedonia") and his entire house-hold would hear the gospel and be freed from Satan's delusions. Stay tuned.