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Welcome to St. Paul Chuckery. Whether you are here for the first time or are a life-long member, we are glad to have you worshipping with us today. The Lord in his great mercy has called us together as a community of believers to have fellowship with him and with one another. We are pleased to share in that fellowship together with you. If there is any way that we can serve you or your family, please feel free to contact any member of our staff. We truly hope that the Lord bless you in His service to you today.

This Week at St. Paul

Today Sunday School Teacher Installation

Monday Labor Day

Tuesday 8:30am Preschool Begins

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Gathering Room)

7:00 pm Elders

Wednesday 11:00 am Enrichment Class Begins

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday 6:00 pm Grief Share (Plain City)

Friday 6:00 pm Preschool Family Cookout in the Shelterhouse

Next Sunday 12:00 pm Darby Clovers 4-H (Gym reserved)

Today

Greeters: Ted & Susan Dellinger and Dorothy Nicol

Acolytes: Emma Agner & Abby Underhill

Ushers: Darrell Breneman, Tim Bosley, Brian Badenhop & Ronnie Boerger

Next Sunday

Greeters: Bill & Mandi Dellinger and Mark & Sue Ann Dillahunt

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Donate Juice Boxes: The Golden Eagles will be visiting Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne early in October. They are again collecting items for the clothing and food bank at the seminary. We thought it would be fun for the children to help out by donating a collection of **juice boxes** to the food bank. **Food and clothing** can also be donated. These items can be brought to Sunday School the entire month of September. They will be delivered by the Golden Eagles in October.

LWML Central Zone Fall Retreat will be held **Saturday, September 29th** at **Concordia Lutheran Church** from **10am – 2pm**. The topic – Mary, Mary, Mary especially Mary, mother of Jesus. See the flyer on the bulletin boards for all the details.

GOLDEN EAGLE EVENTS! (Flyers on the Narthex Table)

- **Play Cards (Euchre) at the Heritage House:** Those 55+ are invited to play Euchre at St. John's Marysville in the Heritage House the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m
- **Oberammergau River Cruise Information Meeting: August 27th at 7:00 p.m.**
- **September 20th at 2:00 p.m.** – Program on Safety and Security by the Sheriff's Department and making of "Witness Bracelets" taught by Mary Mayer. at St. John's Heritage House (the old parsonage)
- **Oct. 2-4 – Shipshewanna Trip**

Delay The Disease, a program about how exercise can delay the progression of Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease and the aging brain is being presented at **Mary Rutan Health Center, 1134 N. Main Street, Bellefontaine, OH Wednesday, September 12th from 6:00 – 7:30pm**. Are you interested? To reserve your space call **937-599-7005**.

There is also an exercise program at Mary Rutan for those with Parkinson's and other degenerative neurological conditions. **See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information on these classes.**

Grief Share: The 4th week session is titled, "**The Journey of Grief – Part 2.**" This session helps you understand why it's important to put effort into your healing, how the events surrounding your loved one's death affect your grief, and the best ways to deal with your loved one's belongings.

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you are welcome to join us for any of the sessions held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the former Plain City Elementary School building (classroom #110 near the lobby), located at 340 W. Main Street in Plain City. To register, please call Janet at **614-561-7411**.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Deuteronomy 4:6 – “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ” There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us; so all His Word is meant to bless us.

Private Confession and Absolution: The practice of Private Confession and Absolution is a practice that was established by Jesus (*If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.* John 20:23) and has been in use in the Church throughout its' history, including our history as Lutherans. (*What sins should we confess? Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.* [Small Catechism: The Keys]) Pastor is available for private confession at any time during the week by appointment. Please call him at (937) 594-1575.

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602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

1 The gifts Christ freely gives
He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride,
His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts
Are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ
And cling to His strong name.

2 The gifts flow from the font
Where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes
Us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins
With water and His Word;
The triune God Himself
Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

3 The gifts of grace and peace
From absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's
For us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need
Is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends
Us forth in His blest care.

4 The gifts are there each day
The holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear,
Receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with Himself,
Blest words that give them life,
Restoring and refreshing
Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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Stand

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

- L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C **Teach me Your paths.**
- L Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C **Your Word is truth.**
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
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- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

- C **The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation. With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:**
- “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.”**
- The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation. Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**
- The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

¹²⁹Your testimonies are | wonderful;*
 therefore my soul | keeps them.

¹³⁰The unfolding of your | words gives light;*
 it imparts understanding to the | simple.

¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant,*
 because I long for your com- | mandments.

¹³²Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
 as is your way with those who | love your name.

¹³³Keep steady my steps according to your | promise,*
 and let no iniquity get dominion | over me.

¹³⁴Redeem me from man's op- | pression,*
 that I may keep your | precepts.

¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your | servant,*
 and teach me your | statutes.

¹³⁶My eyes shed | streams of tears,*
 because people do not | keep your law.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

L A reading from Deuteronomy, the fourth chapter.

¹"And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Stand

Ten Commandments

C **You shall have no other gods.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sit

566 By Grace I'm Saved

**1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.**

- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Sunday School Teacher Installation

Prayer

LSB 265

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

L O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

- C **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.
Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.
Death has no more dominion over Him.
Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.
Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.
Living, He lives to God.
Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Blessing

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C **Amen.**

665 Be Strong in the Lord

- 1 Be strong in the Lord
In armor of light,
With helmet and sword,
With shield for the fight;
On prayer be dependent,
Be belted and shod,
In breastplate resplendent:
The armor of God.
- 2 Integrity gird
You round to impart
The truth of His Word
As truth in your heart;
His righteousness wearing
As breastplate of mail,
His victory sharing,
Be strong to prevail.
- 3 With eagerness shod
Stand firm in your place,
Or go forth for God
With news of His grace;
No foe shall disarm you
Nor force you to yield,
No arrow can harm you
With faith as your shield.

- 4 Though Satan presume
To test you and try,
In helmet and plume
Your head shall be high;
Beset by temptation
Be true to your Lord,
Your helmet salvation
And Scripture your sword.
- 5 So wield well your blade,
Rejoice in its pow'rs,
Fight on undismayed
For Jesus is ours!
Then in Him victorious
Your armor lay down,
To praise, ever glorious,
His cross and His crown.

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Congregation at Prayer

Invocation: In the name of the Father and the Son + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Memory: Deuteronomy 4:6

"Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' "

Meditation: (*Portals of Prayer / Devotion*)

Daily Readings

Sept. 3	1 Kings 19:1–21	Ephesians 3:1–21
Sept. 4	2 Kings 2:1–18	Ephesians 4:1–24
Sept. 5	2 Kings 2:19–25; 4:1–7	Ephesians 4:25—5:14
Sept. 6	2 Kings 4:8–22, 32–37	Ephesians 5:15–33
Sept. 7	2 Kings 4:38—5:8	Ephesians 6:1–24
Sept. 8	2 Kings 5:9–27	Philippians 1:1–20
Sept. 9	2 Kings 6:1–23	Philippians 1:21—2:11

In our Prayers this Week: (on back)

Collect: Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Benediction: May the Lord Almighty bless our days + and our deeds in his peace. Amen.

The following is a list of prayer concerns. Please use this as a daily reminder in your Prayer Time.

Members who are ill, recovering or seeking medical treatment: Belinda Allen (Our Preschool Director), Erin Andrews, Dorothy Jean Boerger, Ann Burns, Harold Burns, Bob Dellinger, Sharon Gale, Bill Headings, Linda Scheiderer (Raymond's wife), and Bonnie Thiergartner

Shut-ins:

Dorothy Jean Boerger – Edgewater
Idella Eickhoff – Heartland
Jane Nicol – Gables
Elton Rausch – home
Carlton Rausch – Georgetown
Jeanne Thiergartner – home
Martha Wolff – Brookdale
Helen Scheiderer – Brookdale
Virginia Greenbaum – Walnut Crossing

Public/National Service: Darrell Breneman (Sheriff's deputy), Joshua Dillahunt (police), William Harms (Prison Guard), Nathan Burns (firefighter), and Shane McNae (police), Pleasant Valley Fire Department and Plain City Police Department (pray for their safety).

Miscellaneous: Epiphany Ministries, Loving Care Hospice and Home Health, Grief Share and Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation – Charities in Thailand, Miguel & Rachel Gonzalez Feliciano (Ladies Aid Seminary Student), and New Path Pregnancy Resource Center

Birthdays: 2 – Tiffany Blair; 3 – Rick Agner; 4 – Connor Burns; 5 – Karen Cremeans & Laura Marshall; 8 – Susan Rausch, Bob Kleiber, Matt Bouic & Kristin Dellinger

Anniversaries: 2 – Josh & Kellie Burns; **4 – Raymond & Linda Scheiderer;** 5 – Mike & Pam Boerger; 6 – Gary & Mary Burns