

**Worship with St. Paul from your home *LIVE* on Sunday mornings,
Or anytime throughout the week!**

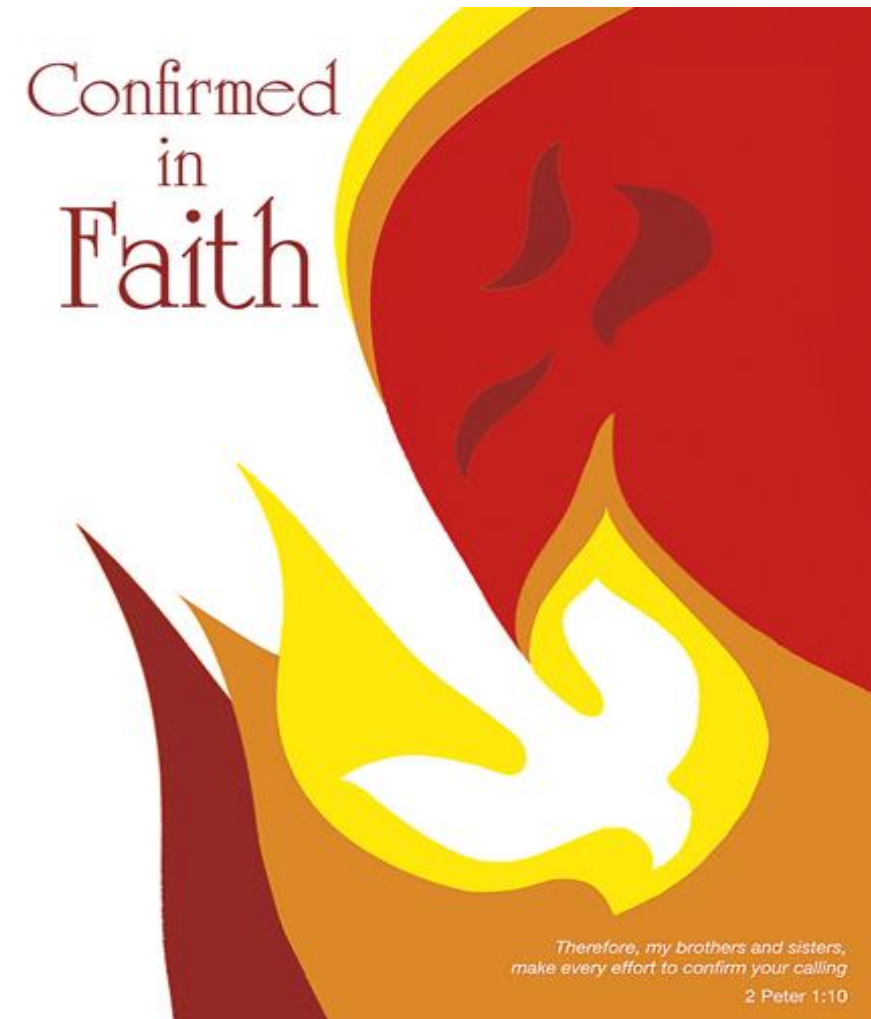
Get up on Sunday morning, get ready for church and join us on your computer, tablet, smartphone, or TV. To join us on TV use Roku, Amazon Firestick, Google Chrome TV, or other streaming device to go to YouTube, and once you're on YouTube, go to our channel, St. Paul Lutheran Amherst Ohio. You may see both the 8:30 AM and 10 AM worship services *live* on Sunday mornings. Recordings of the 8:30AM worship services remain on-line after the livestream for viewing anytime.

We have corrected problems transmitting sound in live-streamed worship services.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
8/23 Worship 8:30 AM Confirmation / Holy Communion 10 AM 8/24 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM	8/30 Worship 8:30 & 10 AM 9/1 No Seasoned Saints Women's Ministry 7 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor Rev. Paul Werner
Organist Emily Marty
Elders Marty Offineer, Jeff Krupp (E) Bruce McGlothlin (L)
Readers Christine Krupp (E) Beth Albrecht (L)
Acolytes Ashton Draga (L)
Greeters Judy Starbuck (E) Karen Anderson (L)
Sound Bruce McGlothlin (E) Bruce McGlothlin (L)
Altar Guild Edna Klenz, Wanda Aschnebach
Head Usher Dan Koch
Ushers Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E)
 Dean Koch, Dave Timbs (L)



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Sunday, August 23, 2020

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP: "Hallelujah! Celebrate what's *RIGHT* in the world." The pandemic, economy, the uncertainty, fear, and unrest cause us to focus on the negative things. Yet, in spite of troubles, God's goodness is all around, if only we have the eyes to see it. Today we praise God because Jesus has given us meaning to life now and forever, and a purpose worth living – and dying -- for.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your good Word in doubt and strife Be in us strongly burning That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith, From You true wisdom learning. Lord, Your mercy on us shower; By Your power Christ confessing, We will cherish all Your blessing. Amen. *Lutheran Service Book # 913, vs.3*

Whether this is your first time at St. Paul, or you're a "regular," we hope you see that our welcome mat is out for you. If you're a guest with us for the first time, we hope you'll find today's experience helpful to you, and you are invited back any Sunday at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM.

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and to our nursery.

Kids' Activity Bags are filled with crayons and coloring booklets, and other quiet things to keep kids' attention. They are in the back of the worship center, or see an usher for these.

Worshippers who wish to receive Holy Communion are encouraged to thoroughly read the announcement on the following page regarding Communion reception.

CONGRATULATIONS Ruari, Nathan, Shane, Katie,

and Makaya ! Today is a great day for Ruari Dever, Nathan Draga, Shane Hargreaves, Katie Steindl, Makaya Thomas, their families, and all the people of St. Paul! They are confirmed in today's 10AM worship service as they share their personal faith in Jesus, and we welcome them as mature Christ-followers. These young men and women have completed several years of growing to understand and believe who God is, what the Bible teaches, and how to keep growing in faith in Jesus, their Savior.



Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by: The 2020 Confirmation Class and their families.

Join the Tech Team Our tech team is growing! With the addition of making our service available LIVE on the internet each Sunday, we are need of teams of two for each service. No experience necessary! You will be trained with what you need to know. We currently have four people serving. If you are interested in being trained and put into the tech rotation, please contact Judy at the church office!

The Tuesday morning Bible Study will not meet Tuesday, September 1st.



Your Prayers are Important and Powerful!

Prayer can do what government cannot, what education cannot, what military might cannot, and what planning committees cannot. All are important, but powerless in comparison to prayer.

Prayer can move mountains. Prayer can change human hearts, families, neighborhoods, cities, and nations. It is the ultimate source of power, because it is the power of Almighty God. And prayer is available to even the humblest Christian.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

- Please pray for St. Paul's Preschool as the covid19 pandemic is causing a loss in students and an increase in expenses, creating a season of distress for our Preschool.
- Pray for all schools, colleges, teachers, students, and administrators. Pray that learning may happen in a safe way, without conflict, or anxiousness.
- Pray for parents who are struggling to work, find day care for children, home school, and keep kids free from covid19 infection.
- Pray for St. Paul's confirmands: Ruari, Nathan, Shane, Katie, and Makaya. Ask God to strengthen their faith and guide them to live for Jesus all their lives.
- Pray for Lauren Bender who will be having scoliosis surgery on Tuesday.
- Pray for Candy Fike who is recovering from surgery last week..
- Pray for Cheryl Street, Richard (Edna Klentz's brother), Pam Savoy (friend of Karen Anderson), Naomi Yates, and Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock), who are battling cancer.
- Pray for Olga Vincek, a friend of Diane Lamoreaux's, who is in rehab following a stroke.
- Pray for Gladys Strauss in hospice care.
- Pray for Lindsey and Jeffrey Trottier as Lindsey is in Rainbow Babies downtown awaiting the birth of their son, Colt. He will be in NICU to gain weight and strength before coming home.
- Continued prayers for Eleanor Northeim, Emma Jenkins, Charles Waryu, Jack Green, Don Lamoreaux, Lois Manes, Gladys Strauss, Ruth Pasta, Marilyn Green, Wade Hubbard, Andy Lasko, Joanne Werner, Ruth Murdy, who have chronic illnesses, some who are shut-in as a result.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week: Sherry Fisher, Ann Conley, Deborah Heller.
- Pray for our country, that we work together on preventing the spread of covid19, caring for those who are ill, and helping those who have lost loved ones.

Fall is coming fast and it is time to prepare the church grounds for the winter season. Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM we will need helping hands to trim bushes, and clean out gutters. No matter your age or ability to move about there will be small and large tasks that can be aligned to your God given abilities. Bring hedge trimmers, loppers, hand cutters, gloves, rakes, and wheel barrels if you have them. Leaf blowers can be used to speed up gutter cleaning and ladders will be appreciated for the gutters on the church proper. Teenagers on up are welcome to assist. If it is warm and due to COVID-19 make sure to bring your own water bottle, hat, gloves and mask.



Help for Beirut through Lutheran World Relief. On August 4, 2020 a massive explosion tore through Beirut, Lebanon. In addition to the devastating casualties, injuries, and widespread destruction, Lutheran World Relief learned that three 40-foot shipping containers filled with thousands of handmade mission quilts and school, personal, and baby care kits—amounting to more than 47,000 items—were destroyed. The total value of the lost shipments was approximately \$624,000. These items were bound for families throughout Lebanon struggling with the current economic crisis and COVID-19 pandemic, including refugee families from Syria and the Palestinian territories. The containers were part of a shipment to be distributed by Anera, an NGO and longtime Lutheran World Relief partner that serves refugees and other vulnerable communities in the Middle East.



The loss of more than 22,000 quilts, sewn by individuals and members of Lutheran congregations across the U.S., could mean a more bitter winter for thousands of refugees. “Our quilts are made with love by those who painstakingly craft them, and they’re deeply appreciated by the people in distress who receive them, both for the warmth and the message of care they provide,” said Melanie Gibbons, deputy director, outreach and engagement at Lutheran World Relief.

To support Lutheran World Relief’s work in Beirut, you may give your gift at: www.lwr.org or by mail send your check to: Lutheran World Relief PO Box 17061 Baltimore, MD 21297-1061 or call +1 (800) 597.5972 to make your secure credit card donation.

Nativity Scene Refurbishment Thank you to the Trustees for sanding and prepping and especially Ann Streza for her talent and effort in painting the figures.

