

ESV(Daniel 9:15-19) And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly. ¹⁶ "O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us. ¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. ¹⁸ O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. ¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."

ESV(John 8:1-11) Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴ they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" ⁶ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."]

ESV(1 Peter 1:13-16) Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

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The 14th Sunday after Pentecost – September 6, 2020

The Opening Prayer by the Pastor

The Opening Hymn – 56 (Red Hymnal)

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

The Order of Service – Supplement page 12ff. (Brown Hymnal)

The Scripture Lessons: (Printed on the back page of this bulletin)

The Old Testament Lesson: (Daniel 9:15-19) In our first reading, Daniel prays for his people, for Jerusalem, and for the temple that lay desolate in that city. Yet note the basis and perspective of his prayer. All is based on the fact that Israel and the temple bear the name of their God. That is what makes them special, and that is the point of Daniel's prayer. He asks God *for his own name's sake*. Daniel also makes it clear that, though the people are undeserving, he asks God for his grace – his *undeserved* love.

Psalm 66 (Supplement page 37) (Brown Hymnal)

The New Testament Lesson: (John 8:1-11) In our second reading, the scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman who was caught in the act of adultery, asking him what they should do with her. It was a test, of course – a trap. If he told them to let her go, they would accuse him of violating the Law of Moses. If he told them to stone her, as the Law of Moses prescribed, his popularity among the people would suffer. Hear Jesus' masterful reply of grace, remembering that you too will one day stand before him.

The Confession of Faith -

The Apostolic Creed – page 15. (Brown Hymnal)

The Pre-Sermon Hymn – 374 (Red Hymnal)

"Grace! Tis a Charming Sound"

The Sermon – Text: 1 Peter 1:13-16 (Printed on the back of this bulletin)

THE GREATEST GRACE IS YET TO COME

- I. ...So prepare for action.
- II. ...So practice childlike obedience.
- III. ...So strive for holiness.

(Professor Paul Naumann, Guest Speaker)

The Offertory – (Supplement page 16 insert)

The Post-Sermon Hymn – 373 (Stanzas 1-3, 7) (Red Hymnal)

"By Grace I'm Saved"

The Prayers

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn – 660 (Red Hymnal)

"I'm But a Stranger Here"

Silent Prayer

Welcome! - We warmly welcome any visitors who might be with us this morning and invite you to join us every Sunday at this time. St. Paul is a congregation in fellowship with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) – a conservative Lutheran synod with churches and missions throughout the United States, as well as Canada, India, and Africa. We are glad you are here. Thank you for letting us share the Word of God with you. Please record your visit in our Guest Book, and come again!

Attendance – Sunday (35) Average (35)

This Week at St. Paul:

Today	-10:00 a.m.	– Worship Service
	-11:00 a.m.	– Fellowship Hour
Tues-Thurs	-10:00 a.m.	– WCDC in Cheyenne, WY
Next Sunday	-9:00 a.m.	– Sunday School and Bible Class
	-10:00 a.m.	– Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	-11:15 a.m.	– Fellowship Hour

CLC News – Pastor Chad Seybt is considering calls to the Tri-Parish of La Crosse, Millston, and Fairchild. Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the vacancy call to those congregations. Pastor Ben Libby has returned the calls to Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich. Pastor Luke Bernthal has returned the call to Living Savior or Eden Prairie. Pastor Thomas Schuetze is considering the call to Bethel of Morris.

In Our Prayers – Desirae Naumann, wife of Pastor David Naumann, was recently diagnosed with a serious brain cancer. After a successful surgery to remove the majority of a tumor, she has returned home, but faces an uncertain future. Please carry the needs of the Naumann family in your prayers to our merciful, all-powerful God.

West Central Pastoral Conference – Pastor Roehl is scheduled to attend the West Central Pastoral Conference this week in Cheyenne. Plans call for a Monday departure and a return late Thursday.

Regular Schedule Resumes – Remember that we return to our regular (non-summer) schedule next Sunday, with Adult Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:00am and Sunday worship at 10am. Since Pastor Roehl will be out of town attending the WCPC this week, Confirmation and Mid-week Bible Study are scheduled to resume on September 16, at 6 pm and 7 pm respectively.