



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**September 1, 2024**

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**Pianist:** Julie Reim  
**Ushers:** Guy Harding & Ken Johnston

**Read Before the Service:** Psalm 13 Hymnal page 124

## **Order of Service**

### **Opening Prayer**

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You that You have gone with us into the desert of this life and You invite us to come into your presence as a beautiful oasis where we can refresh our souls. Come to us, O Lord, that we may receive your grace and strength to fight the good fight of faith. Teach us to pray that we may receive your Spirit and stand firm against temptation and give glory to you with our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who shed his blood to cleanse us from our sins and make us yours forever. Amen.

### **Opening Hymn: 351 Love Divine, All Love Excelling**

1. Love Divine, all love excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, oh, breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit,  
Let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all Thy life receive.  
Suddenly return and never,  
Nevermore, Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessings,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**Invocation:**

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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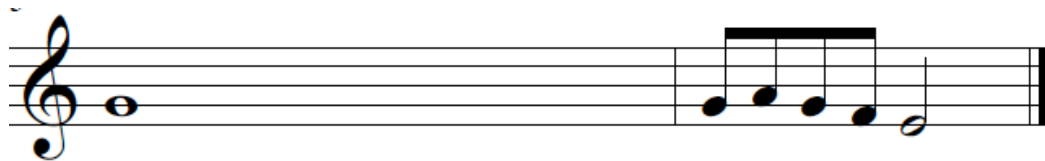
P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, asking him to forgive us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C:           Who   made   heav en   and       earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



C: And You forgave the iniquity of\_ my sin.

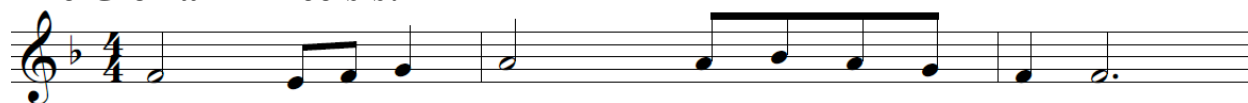
**C & P: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them, and I pray, of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

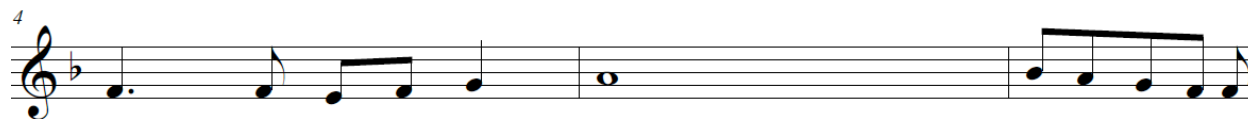


C: A\_\_\_\_\_ men.

### The Gloria in Excelsis:



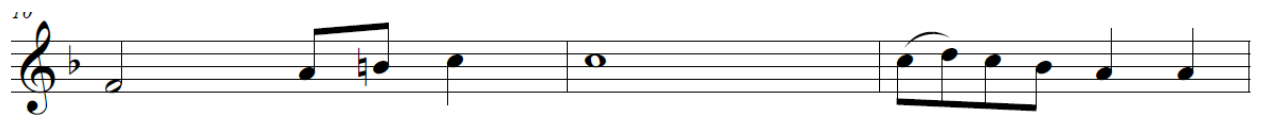
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you,



we bless you, we wor - ship You, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glo-ry




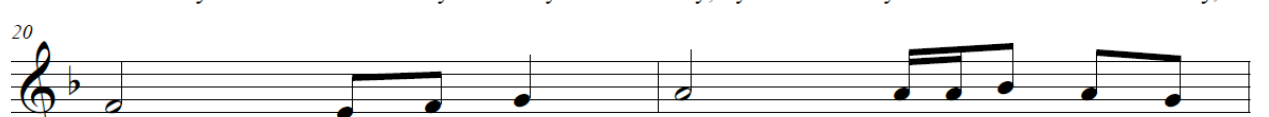
O Lord God, heav' - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the

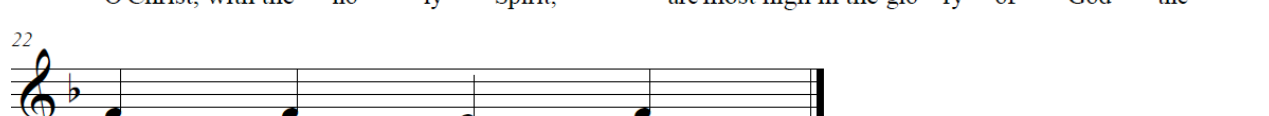
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 only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father You take

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 away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

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 sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father;

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 have mercy on - us. For you on-ly are ho - ly; you on - ly are the Lord. You only,

20  
  
 O Christ, with the ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glo - ry of God the

22  
  
 Fa - ther. A - men.

**Scripture Readings:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules 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. 2 You 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. ... 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.’ 7 For 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? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules 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.”

## Psalm 106

Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. 2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can declare all His praise? 3 Blessed are those who keep justice, And he who does righteousness at all times! 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation, 5 That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers, We have committed iniquity, We have done wickedly. 7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, But rebelled by the sea—the Red Sea. 8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power known. 9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; So He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. 10 He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. 11 The waters covered their enemies; There was not one of them left. 12 Then they believed His words; They sang His praise. 13 They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel, 14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, And tested God in the desert. 15 And He gave them their request, But sent leanness into their soul.

16 When they envied Moses in the camp, And Aaron the saint of the Lord, 17 The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan, And covered the faction of Abiram. 18 A fire was kindled in their company; The flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb, And worshiped the molded image. 20 Thus they changed their glory Into the image of an ox that eats grass. 21 They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt, 22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, Awesome things by the Red Sea. 23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath, lest He destroy them.

24 Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe His word, 25 But complained in their tents, and did not heed the voice of the Lord. 26 Therefore He raised His hand in an oath against them, To overthrow them in the wilderness, 27 To overthrow their descendants among the nations, And to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor, and ate sacrifices made to the dead. 29 Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds, and the plague broke out among them. 30 Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, And the plague was stopped. 31 And that was accounted to him for righteousness to all generations forevermore.

32 They angered Him also at the waters of strife, So that it went ill with Moses on account of them; 33 Because they rebelled against His Spirit, so that he spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples, concerning whom the Lord had commanded them, 35 But they mingled with the Gentiles and learned their works; 36 They served their idols, which became a snare to them. 37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons, 38 And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus they were defiled by their own works, and played the harlot by their own deeds. 40 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against His people, so that He abhorred His own inheritance. 41 And He gave them into the hand of the Gentiles, and those who hated them ruled over them. 42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times He delivered them; But they rebelled in their counsel, And were brought low for their iniquity. 44 Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry; 45 And for their sake He remembered His covenant, And relented according to the multitude of His mercies. 46 He also made them to be pitied By all those who carried them away captive.

47 Save us, O Lord our God, And gather us from among the Gentiles, to give thanks to Your holy name, To triumph in Your praise. 48 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the Lord!

### **The Gradual:**

P: Behold, God is my Helper:

**C: The Lord is with them that uphold my soul.**

P: Save me, O God, by Your name:

**C: And judge me by Your strength.**

P: O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth:

**C: Who has set Your glory above the heavens. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Blessed is the man that fears the Lord:

**C: That delights greatly in His commandments. Hallelujah!**



**Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 6:10-20



C: Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For 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. 13 Therefore 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. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying 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, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.



C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

**Confession of Faith:** The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very

God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn: 450** Soldiers of Christ, Arise

1. Soldiers of Christ, arise  
And put your armor on,  
Strong in the strength which God supplies  
Thro' His eternal Son;
2. Strong in the Lord of hosts  
And in His mighty pow'r.  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
Is more than conqueror.
3. Stand, then, in His great might,  
With all His strength endued;  
But take, to arm you for the fight,  
The panoply of God,
4. That, having all things done  
And all your conflicts past,  
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone  
And stand entire at last.
5. From strength to strength go on,  
Wrestle and fight and pray;  
Tread all the powers of darkness down  
And win the well-fought day.



**Sermon Text: Psalm 68:7-8**

*“O God, when You went out before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness, The earth shook; The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God.”*

Theme:

# *God Goes With You Into the Desert!*

1. Our Desert is the Result of Sin.
2. God Goes With Us in Spite of Our Sin.
3. When we Walk with God He makes Our Desert Bloom.

**Hymn: 408** Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory

1. Jesus Christ, my pride and glory,  
He, the true and living Light,  
Strengthens me with glorious might.  
Christ, revealed in sacred story,  
Whom I now as Lord confess,  
Teaches me true holiness.

2. Let me live to praise Thee ever,  
Jesus, thou my heart's Delight,  
Thou who leadest me aright.  
Let me cling to Thee forever,  
All the fleshly lusts deny  
And the devil's hosts defy.

3. Grant me, Lord, Thy Holy Spirit  
That in all I follow Him  
Lest the light of faith grow dim.  
Let me ever trust Thy merit,  
Let Thy blessing me attend,  
From all evil me defend.

4. From all pain and imperfection,  
Gracious Lord, deliver me,  
Heaven's glory let me see.  
Keep me under Thy direction  
That the grace thou gavest me  
I may praise eternally.

**Offering of Thankful hearts:**

**Sing while bringing up the offering:**

We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a Trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first fruits give!

**Prayers of the Church:**

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



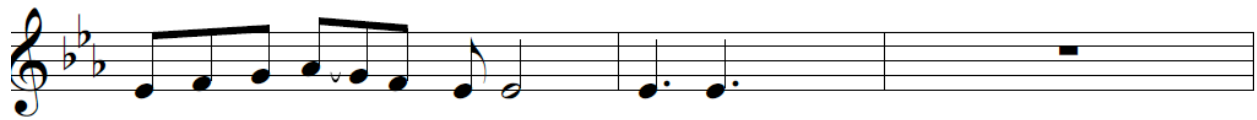
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.



Cast me not a-way from your pre-sence and take not your Ho-ly Spir - it from



me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal-va - tion; And up -



hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

## The Sacrament of the Altar

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right to do so.**

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Especially do we praise You that You sent Your only Son into the flesh, to reconcile us to You through His own suffering and death which has taken away all our sin, clothing us with His righteousness and giving us eternal life. Therefore with angels and

archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav' - ly  
 hosts; heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho-san - na, ho-san -  
 na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he, Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho-san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

**The Lord's Prayer:** 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.

**Words of Institution:**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

## The Agnus Dei:



O — Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O — Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; — have mer - cy on us;



O — Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world



— grant us your peace. — A - men.

## The Distribution:

**P:** Take and eat. This is the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

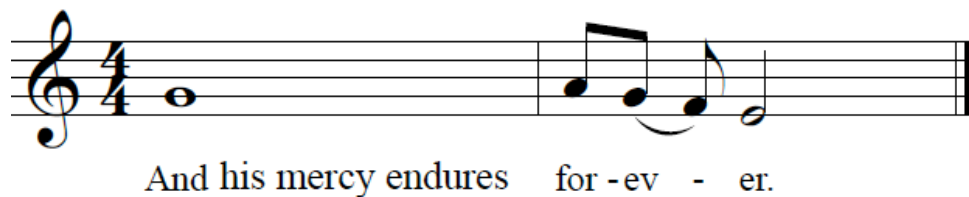
Take and drink. This is the blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

## The Nunc Dimittis:



Lord, now let your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have  
pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light -  
en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is  
ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spirit; As it was in the beginning,  
is now and al - ways will be for - ev - er - more. A - men.

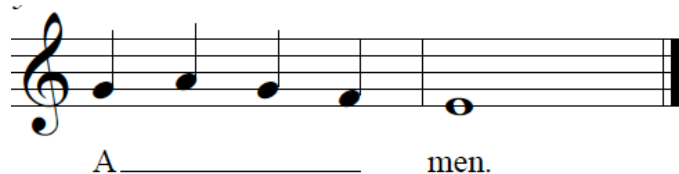
P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

**Prayer:** O God the Father, fount and source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to suffer and die for us on the cross. We thank you that for his sake you have given us forgiveness and peace in this sacrament. And we pray that you will always rule in our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we may willingly serve you all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

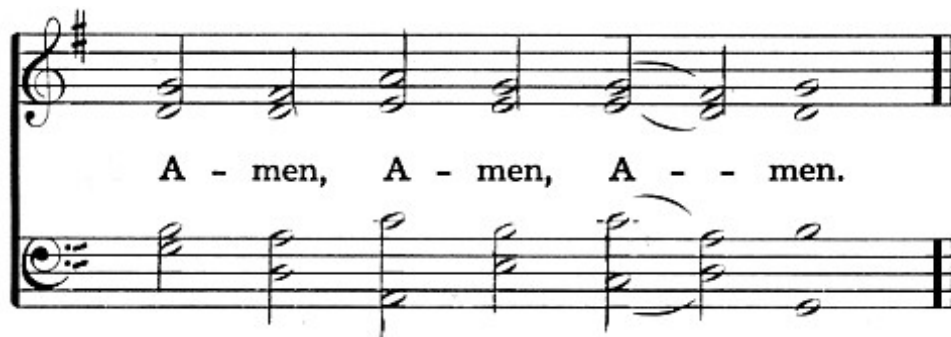
C:



**The Benediction:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C:



**Closing Hymn: 401 Praise to Thee and Adoration**

1. Praise to Thee and adoration,  
Blessed Jesus, Son of God,  
Who, to serve Thine own creation,  
Didst partake of flesh and blood.  
Teach me that I never may  
From Thy fold or pastures stray,  
But with zeal and joy exceeding  
Follow where Thy steps are leading.

2. Let me never, Lord, forsake Thee,  
E'en though bitter pain and strife  
On my way shall overtake me;  
But may I through all my life  
Walk in fervent love to Thee,  
In all woes for comfort flee  
To Thy birth, Thy death, and Passion,  
Till I see Thy full salvation.



### **Scripture Treasure to Remember**

**Psalm 145:2-3**

*“Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is  
unsearchable.”*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wednesday - Skype Bible Study at 9:30**

Bible Study with Karrie at 2:00

**Thursday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30**

**Next Sunday-** Worship Service at 10:00 in the People Place.

Bible Class at 11:20

### **Praying for our Family**

Pastor Monotosh was in a motorcycle accident. We thank the Lord that he was not seriously injured, but his motorcycle did sustain some damage. We pray that the Lord will bless and keep all our students who are returning to school, that they may learn what they need and reject all that is wrong and evil.

### **Bible Class Resumes**

Next Sunday we begin our fall Schedule with Bible Class following the Worship Service. We will begin the year with a study of the first 11 chapters of Genesis as the foundation for the whole Bible and the portion of Scripture that is under constant attack by the world.



### **Catechism Class**

Catechism Class will start up again next week. Discuss with the Pastor what day will work best.

### **Voter's Meeting Report**

The Treasurer's Report shows that our expenses for this year average just under \$8,000 per month, while our offerings average around \$6100. That means our General Fund is losing almost \$2000 per month. It is getting to the point where our Treasurer is having difficulty paying the bills each month. We do not want to eat away our Building Fund. We pray that the Lord may preserve us and enable us to continue the witness of God's Word in the Okanagan.

### **Coming Up**

- September 16-19 - Board of Doctrine Meeting in Eau Claire
- October 1-3 - Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference in California
- October 13 - Our Thanksgiving Service
- October 20 - Guest Speaker for Mission Festival in Spokane
- October 27 - Our Reformation Festival
- November 3 - Our Quarterly Voters Meeting

### **September Birthdays and Baptisms**

<b>David Reim</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>13th</b>
<b>Julie Reim</b>	<b>16th</b>	
<b>Karrie Würmann</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>23rd</b>
<b>Guy Harding</b>		<b>29th</b>