

### Weekly Readings:

Monday Matthew 23:1-36  
Tuesday Matthew 20:20-28  
Wednesday Matthew 6:1-24  
Thursday Matthew 6:25-34  
Friday Matthew 5:1-11  
Saturday Matthew 5:13-20

### Announcements:

- ♦ Fall Clean-up date - September 12 & 13
- ♦ Sunday School Rally Day - September 13 @ 8:45 am
- ♦ Youth Group meets September 16 after school
- ♦ If you are planning to come to worship on Communion Sunday, Sept 6th, please bring your communion cups with you.
- ♦ We are collecting good used or new clothing for a family with 4 children; Boy size 8, Girls size 4,5,6.

### Prayers:

Ashton Mullen, upcoming open heart surgery, those dealing with storm damage, school children, parents & staff as they start the school year.

### Office Info:

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or by appointment.

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# **St. Paul United Methodist Church Sunday, August 30, 2020 13th Sunday after Pente-**



**Prelude:** Bringing the Light of Christ

**Welcome & Announcements:**

Colleen Schulz

**\*Opening Song:** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Pg. 64

**Psalm Reading:** Psalm 105:1-6, 23-+26, 45c Pg. 454 Mary Fratzke

**Call To Worship:**

Mary Fratzke

Give thanks for all the wonderful works of God.

**Praise the Lord!**

Sing a new song of praise to the God of all peoples.

**Praise the Lord!**

Proclaim God's name to all the world.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let our hearts rejoice, for the Lord is God.

**Praise the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer:**

Mary Fratzke

**Surprising God, you have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where we least expect you: in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy, in a livestock feed trough, on a rough wooden cross. Turn our lives upside down with your radical love. Help us fully embrace your surprises, even as we revel in the joy of being fully embraced by your all-encompassing grace and mercy. We pray in the name of your most amazing surprise of all: your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 3:1-15 Pg. 44

Mary Fratzke

**\*Hymn of Praise:** God of Grace and God of Glory"

Pg. 577

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

Pastor Allen

**God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love. Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down. And still we don't understand the radical nature of your grace. In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust. God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need; that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Surprise us again, O God. Surprise us again.**

**\*Words of Assurance:**

Pastor Allen

**The God who brought our ancestors out of slavery will not desert us. God has promised to be with us throughout all generations. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice, for God is with us! Passing the Peace of Christ Rejoice, for you are standing on holy ground. Praise the Lord!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**\*Greet One Another and Pass the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Message**

Pastor Allen

**Baptism:**

Clara Elizabeth Opperman

Daughter of Colton & Grace Opperman

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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. Amen.**

**Presentation of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings**

**Doxology:**

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**Offertory Prayer:**

**Dear God, we offer you now these gifts. Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed. Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope. Take our lives and use them for our very salvation. We pray through Jesus Christ, the one whom we follow even to the cross. Amen**

**New Testament Reading:** Romans 12:9-21

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**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 16:21-28

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**Message:**

by Pastor Allen

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

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**\*Benediction:**

**Postlude**

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