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125TH ANNIVERSARY
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 10, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE		Special Anniversary	
HYMNS:	Processional Hymn	<i>The Church is One Foundation</i>	644
	Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace w Mark Woolley</i>	Insert
	Celebration Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	803
	Anniversary Hymn	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	809
	Hymn of Response	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	790
	Recessional Hymn	<i>By Faith</i>	Insert
OLD TESTAMENT READING			Lamentations 3:21-24
SECOND READING			Hebrews 11:1-16
HOLY GOSPEL			Luke 12:22-34
SERMON THEME & TEXT		"Wow"	Hebrews 11:1-16

WELCOME!

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we welcome all of you to our service today. Your presence here is a blessing to us, and we invite you to worship with us again. Visitors, please fill out the pew card, tear off and place it in the offering plate which is on the table in front of the organ.. We also ask that you sign our guest book in the Narthex. God's love and peace go with you!

CHURCH REPORT

Sun., Aug. 3, 2025

ATTENDANCE: Members = 18; Visitors = 5; Total = 23

OFFERING: Envelopes = \$1169.00 Plate = \$00.00 Total = \$1169.00

The budget for 2025 is \$1848.27 per week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, 9:00 a.m.	Anniversary Service
10:15 a.m.	Coffee and Refreshments followed by Celebration
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
Every Mon., 1-4 p.m.	Game Day
Sun., Sept. 14	Annual Fundraiser at Columbus Club Hall
Today's Pastors	Pastor Ken Sinclair and Rev. Michael Newman
Next Sunday's Pastor	Pastor Wayne Schueler

TODAY'S FLOWERS placed in memory of Jeff Shofner who served as long-time elder here at St. Paul.

644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1-5

Invocation and Confession

P Dearly beloved, on the special occasion of our 125th Anniversary, we have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great blessings given to our forefathers and to us. On this Celebration Sunday let us praise our gracious God, listen to his Holy Word, and ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary, not only for our life and salvation, but for the life and salvation of others through us.

Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by his infinite grace and mercy.

C **Almighty and merciful Father, we have committed to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and in the example of the founders of our church. We have not always lived as we had intended and have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. Instead of following Your Commands, we have sometimes followed the devices of our own hearts. We have offended You and Your Holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done; we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, oh Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us according to the promises you have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake, grant that we may live lives that reflect who we are as children of the**

Most High God. Help us to live Godly, righteous, and sober lives to the glory of Your holy name.

- P The Almighty and merciful Lord, has granted us, pardon and forgiveness of all of our sins, grace for true repentance, amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

Mark Woolley on guitar

Insert

- P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before him.

Venite

LSB 220

- P **O come, let us sing to the Lord,**
C **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**
P **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,**
C **let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

- P **For the Lord is a great God**
C **and a great king above all gods.**
P **The deep places of the earth are in His hand;**
C **the strength of the hills is His also.**

- P **The sea is His, for He made it,**
C **and His hand formed the dry land.**
P **O come, let us worship and bow down,**
C **let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

- P **For He is our God,**
C **and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

- P **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
C **and to the Holy Spirit;**
P **as it was in the beginning,**
C **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

The Reading of the Scriptures

Old Testament read by Maxine Cates, Celebration Chairman

Lamentations 3:21–24

- L A reading from Lamentations, chapter 3.

²¹But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle read by Don Trojacek, Elder

Hebrews 11:1–16

L A reading from Hebrews, chapter 11.

By Faith

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

Alleluia

Holy Gospel read by Pastor Ken Sinclair

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



Do Not Be Anxious

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sermon delivered by Rev. Michael Newman

Offering (Members of St. Paul regularly place their offerings in the offering plate on the table in front of the organ. That offering is being brought forward. Our guests are not expected to contribute. But, if you wish to make a Thank Offering, an offering plate will be in place after the service.)

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer

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.



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Insert By Faith

Biography – Rev. Michael W. Newman

Michael Newman has been a pastor since 1987. He served as the President of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod from 2018 through 2025. He also served local congregations for over 20 years before spending 10 years helping to start new churches in the Texas District as a Mission Strategist.

Pastor Newman is an author of many books, journal articles and Bible studies—particularly focusing on life's struggles and grief. He is the author of the adult and youth versions of *“Getting Through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss,”* and *“Hope When Your Heart Breaks: Navigating Grief and Loss.”* His most recent book is *“Faith Notes: A Christ-Centered Survival Kit for Young Men.”*

In 1983 Pastor Newman received his B.A. degree from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan, majoring in Philosophy and Biblical Languages. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri in 1987.

He has been married to Cindy since 1983. They have been blessed with two wonderful daughters and their families.

In his spare time you might catch him hanging out with his family, running a few miles on the Texas roads, or enjoying a good book. Find out more about Pastor Newman's books at www.mnewman.org.