

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

321 N 10<sup>th</sup>, Beatrice, NE 68310

September 21, 2025

(Hymns are found in the pew hymnals (Lutheran Service Book). We use Divine Service, Setting 1 on page 151 in the front section of the hymnal. )

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### Opening Hymn 793: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

#### Invocation

P: In the name of the † Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the † Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Introit** (Psalm 119:137-140, 142; antiphon: Psalm 119:144)

P: Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

**C: Righteous are you, O Lord, and right are your just decrees.**

P: You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

**C: My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.**

P: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

**C: Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Your testimonies are righteous forever;

**C: give me understanding that I may live.**

**Kyrie** ♪ (LSB pg 152)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** ♪ (LSB pg 154)

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

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

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

♪ P: The Lord be with you.

♪ **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray,

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to

all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ **C: Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading: Amos 8:4-7** (page 769 in the pew Bible)

Hear this, you who trample on the needy  
and bring the poor of the land to an end,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over,  
that we may sell grain?  
And the Sabbath,  
that we may offer wheat for sale,  
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great  
and deal deceitfully with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-15** (page 991 in the pew Bible)

<sup>2</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man<sup>[a]</sup> Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrel; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman

to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** ♪ (LSB pg 156)

♪ **C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-15- The Parable of the Dishonest Manager**

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures<sup>[b]</sup> of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world<sup>[c]</sup> are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters,

for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

### **The Law and the Kingdom of God**

<sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Hymn of the Day 557: Seek where You May to Find a Way**

### **Sermon**

### **Apostles’ Creed** (LSB pg 159)

### **Prayers of the Church**

Congregational response after each prayer: “Lord, have mercy.”

### **Offering**

### **Offertory** ♪ (LSB pg 159)

### **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **Preface & Proper Preface** ♪ (LSB pg 160)

♪ P: The Lord be with you.

♪ **C: And also with you.**

♪ P: Lift up your hearts.

♪ **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

♪ **C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus:** ♪ (LSB pg 161)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving** (LSB pg 161)

At the conclusion: **C: Amen**

### **The Words of Our Lord** (LSB pg 162)

### **Proclamation of Christ** (LSB pg 162)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes,

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

***ALL: 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.***

### **Pax Domini** (LSB page 163)

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei** (LSB page 163)

♪ **C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## Distribution

**Distribution Hymn 563: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

**Distribution Hymn 730: What is the World to Me**

**Distribution Hymn 628: Your Table I Approach**

**Thank the Lord** (LSB page 164)

♪ **C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty god, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Departing Hymn 743: Jesus, Priceless Treasure**

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### Please greet one another as you exit.

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## **St. Paul's Lutheran Church - LCMS** **Our Mission: Growing and Serving Together in Christ**

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### **Serving Today:**

Pastor: Rev. Hollibaugh .	Elder: Kevin Ankersen
Organist: Vivian Zimmerman	Greeters: Dale & Rhonda Rickers
Reader: Carla Loemker	Acolytes: Miley Loomis
Communion Prep: Lois Podendorf	
Ushers: Dale Hagemeyer, Cliff Kumm, Brad Long, Steve Schmidt	

### **Coming Up:**

Sunday, Sept 21	9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:15 am Youth Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Monday, Sept 22	6:00 pm Call Committee
Tuesday, Sept 23	6:30 pm Auction/Blessings Committee
Wednesday, Sept 24	6:30 pm Confirmation Class
Sunday, Sept 28	9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:15 am Youth Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

### **Birthdays this week:**

21: Kelsie Hinz, Joyce Neumann, Dianne Springer  
22: Samantha Lockwood, Adeline Thompson  
23: Tammy Lofing  
24: Randy Frerking, Richard Hartman, Tori Oestreich  
25: Pam Norton  
26: Jackson Aden  
27: Dalton Blythe, Elijah Boerger

### **Anniversaries this week:**

22: Keith & Kathy Buhr  
23: Dietrich & Shelley Eisele, 19 years  
26: David & Christine Morris, 43 years

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### **St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)**

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### **St. Paul's Lutheran School, Pre-School & Childcare Center**

**Address:** 930 Prairie Lane, Beatrice, NE 68310; **Phone:** 402-223-3414

**Website:** [stpaulbeatrice.org](http://stpaulbeatrice.org)

**Lead Teacher:** Jonetta Hagemeyer **Childcare Director:** Sheridan Martinez

## **Welcome! We're glad you're here and hope to see you again soon!**

Please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church. If you do not have a church home, are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, or interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, please speak with the Pastor or Elder or contact the church office.

**Communion Guidance:** For visitors who wish to commune, please speak to the pastor or an elder prior to communing. Our summary of faith is available on our webpage and in print in the pews to help you decide if you share in our confession of faith. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are welcome at the table.

**We pray for:** Mary Scheve, Pat Nave, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Marge Itzen, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise, Vern Ankerson, and those serving our country Olivia Hatzenbuehler, William Kelley.

**\*\*Please call the church (402-228-1540) by Thursday if you have a prayer request.**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is sponsored in memory of Norman Tegtmeier. (Sponsorships of broadcasts (\$100), bulletins (\$25) and children's bulletins are available. 2025 broadcast dates open at Oct 5, 12, and 26. Please call or email the church office to schedule.)

**Church office hours** vary at this time. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email [splc.beatrice@gmail.com](mailto:splc.beatrice@gmail.com) if you have an item for the bulletin. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Rod Aden at 402-239-5305 or Dave Doering at 402-806-1015.

**Pastor Hollibaugh** is at church on Wednesday afternoons. If you'd like to talk to him please call him at 225-361-5121 to schedule.

**Busy Bags** for kids are under the bulletin board. Please use and return.

**Large print hymnals** are in the back pew and near the elevator to use and return.

## **CHURCH & SCHOOL NEWS**

**Surveys for the Call Committee are due today!** Return surveys in the box in the narthex by no later than today so the call committee can begin compiling the information. If you haven't filled one out yet, surveys are available in the narthex by the box. Thank you! -Call Committee Members Rod Aden, David Doering, Carissa Hoops, Carla Loemker, Brad Long, Diane Lux, Martin D. Seckel, Penny Shaffer, and Marilus Snyder.

### **Children and Youth! The Fall Sunday School Session has begun!**

Come downstairs after the service for a fun 45-minute class with a bible story, activities, sing, and maybe even a craft! \*\*Sunday School will not be held on Sundays when we hold Congregational meetings.

**Adults! An insightful, interesting bible study** with Pastor happens weekly downstairs following worship! Coffee and treats served!

**Middle and High School Youth Group** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at school from 5-7 pm. We eat, have a Bible Study, and do some fun activities! Watch the bulletin for additional activities or contact leaders Joanna Gellerman-Long (425-591-5318) or Jessica Leseberg (402-230-0988). We sell discounted **Car Wash Tokens** for Super Wash – 5 for \$20!

**Church & School Picnic!** Saturday, September 27 at noon! Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, watermelon and drinks served beginning at 12:30 pm. Bring a chair or blanket (and maybe a towel??) for Three-legged race, water balloon catch, corn hole toss, team sponge relay, watermelon eating contest, plus other contests for the not-so-adventurous attendees! No charge for this!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blessings of the Harvest Dinner & Auction** is Saturday, November 22 at the Vintage Venue, downtown Beatrice. Get your tickets at the church or school office. They'll be available to purchase after worship soon in the narthex. \$50/person for meal and 2 drink tickets. (\$25 is tax deductible).

We are excited to announce that we are one of only 50 **Thrivent Fall Food Shelf Challenge grants** awarded! Now the generosity begins on our part. Between October 12 and November 12, **we are challenged to collect 500** individual containers of non-perishable foods or essential items. If we reach the goal of 500 items, the Beatrice Community Food Pantry will be given \$500. The food drive will be supplemented with a Generosity Multiplier Gift, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network-Nebraska Region.

**Thank you to everyone who supported our school's Big Give Gage** project. We received over \$9,500 which will go to the installation of epoxy

flooring in the south bathrooms. Any leftover money will be used for future carpet replacement.

**We're collecting Russ's Market receipts again!** Receipts from September 1 through March 30, 2026 can be put in the box in the narthex, along with **Best Choice and Our Family UPC Codes**. Ask the greeter or usher where the box is. Russ's cash register receipts current total: \$14,006.21!

**Wednesday morning chapel offerings** through September are for Mercy Meals. Our total to date is \$180.87. If you want to give to this, join us at 8:30 Wednesdays at school for chapel, or put a designated offering in the church offering plate.

There is **no school** on September 26 and September 29 (Parent-Teacher Conferences).

### **Community Events**

**Mosaic invites you to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** of the founding of Martin Luther Home on Sunday, Oct 5, 1-4 pm on their campus in Beatrice. Mosaic CEO Linda Timmons and Rev. Jim Fruehling will speak briefly. Tours, games, refreshments, and the opening of the new MLH Museum will take place. Martin Luther Home was founded in Sterling, Nebraska, on October 20, 1925, and relocated to a new, in Beatrice in 1956. In 2003, Martin Luther Home and Bethphage joined to create Mosaic.

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Hanover, KS invite you** to their 41<sup>st</sup> "all you can eat" church supper Sunday, September 28, 4-8 pm. Adults \$15, Children 12 & under \$5, preschool free. Tickets available at the door with take out available. Serving ham, bbq beef, fried chicken and the trimmings!