

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

321 N 10<sup>th</sup>, Beatrice, NE    September 28, 2025

Hymns are found in the Lutheran Service Book in the pews. We use Divine Service, Setting 1 on page 151 in the front section of that hymnal.

(♪ denotes responses that are to be sung. P= Pastor; C= Congregation)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

### **Opening Hymn 549: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

#### **Invocation**

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

**Congregation: 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 119:73-75, 77; antiphon: vs. 76)**

P: Let your steadfast love comfort me  
according to your promise to your servant.

**C: Your hands have made and fashioned me;  
give me understanding that O may learn your commandments.**

P: Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,  
because I have hoped in your Word.

**C: I know, O Lord, that your just decrees are righteous,**

**and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.**

P: Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.

**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: Let your steadfast love comfort me  
according to your promise to your servant.

### **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,

### **Collect**

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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 6:1-7**

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,  
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samar’ia,  
the notable men of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel come!  
<sup>2</sup> Pass over to Calneh, and see;  
and thence go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.  
Are they better than these kingdoms?  
Or is their territory greater than your territory,  
<sup>3</sup> O you who put far away the evil day,  
and bring near the seat of violence?  
<sup>4</sup> “Woe to those who lie upon beds of ivory,  
and stretch themselves upon their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the midst of the stall;  
<sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music;  
<sup>6</sup> who drink wine in bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first of those to go into exile,  
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves shall pass away.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

There is great gain in godliness with contentment; <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and<sup>[a]</sup> we cannot take anything out of the world; <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is

through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup> I charge you to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>15</sup> and this will be made manifest at the proper time by the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for the rich in this world, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on uncertain riches but on God who richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous, <sup>19</sup> thus laying up for themselves a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life which is life indeed.

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 16:19-31**

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

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

<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Laz’arus, full of sores, <sup>21</sup> who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; <sup>23</sup> and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Laz’arus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Laz’arus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that

you in your lifetime received your good things, and Laz'arus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup> And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' <sup>30</sup> And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup> He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Hymn of the Day 708: "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"**

#### **Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed** (LSB pg 159 AND inside the back cover of the LSB)

#### **Prayers of the Church**

Congregational response after each prayer: **"Hear our prayer."**

#### **Offering**

**Offertory** ♪ (LSB pg 159)

♪What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

### **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.**

Pastor: 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)

Pastor: 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 of the Sacrament**

**Distribution Hymn 802: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

**Distribution Hymn 622: *“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”***

**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 842: *“Son of God, Eternal Savior”***

**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”**

**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Rev. Karl Hollibaugh Elder: Steve Sandman

Organist: Bev Duensing Greeters: Vicki Frerking & Carla Koenig

Reader: Bob Frerking Acolyte: Mia Holthus

Communion Prep: Bob & Vicki Frerking

Ushers: Steve Sandman, Brian Hoops, Vaughn Wright, Colton Siefken

**Today’s Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** Joyce Neumann and family in remembrance of Herman Neumann whose birthday would have been September 28.

**Bulletin Sponsor:** none

**4th Quarter Children’s Bulletin Sponsor:** Jared & Hannah Himmelberg in honor of Everett’s Baptismal Anniversary on October 7. (Sponsorships of broadcasts (\$100), bulletins (\$25) and children’s bulletins are available. 2025 broadcast dates open are Oct 12 and 26. Please call or email the church office to schedule.)

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**(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)**

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**Pre-School & Childcare Center**

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**Childcare Director:** Sheridan Martinez

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**Birthdays this week:**

**September:** 28: Kathryn Robinson, Althea Wiest;  
30: Hayden Lattimer  
**October:** 1: Paxton Teeter-Sewell, Vivian Zimmerman  
2: Cynthia Boyer, Brad Long, Diane Lux, Susan Yates;  
3: Larry Kinzie

**Anniversaries this week:**

**September** 29: Dave & Lisa Oltmans, 23 years  
30: Bruce & Tracie Fossler, 17 years  
**October** 1: Dale & Liz DeBuhr, 42 years  
3: Jerrod & Samantha Lockwood, 4 years  
4: Dennis & Vivian Bledsaw

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, Sept 28	8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of 10/21/25 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Youth Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Sept 30	7:00 pm Elizabeth Circle
Wednesday, October 1	8:30 am School Chapel 1:00 pm Dorcas Society meets 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
Thursday, October 2	9:30 am Ruth Circle
Sunday, Oct 5, LWML Sunday	8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of 10/28/25 9:00 am Divine Worship 10:15 am Youth Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, & LWML Sunday

***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, Elder, or Usher on duty or the church office.

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

**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 determine if you share in our confession of faith. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are always welcome at the table.

**In our prayers** are our members and friends: (with cancer), Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise; Pat Nave (COPD); Marge Itzen (recovering from a fall); those serving our country Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley; and the family of Vern Ankersen, brother of Bob Ankersen. .

**\*\*Please** contact the church by Thursday morning if you have a prayer request and also when you no longer wish to be on it.

**Church office hours** vary at this time. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email [stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com). If you need immediate or pastoral assistance, please contact Church Chair Rod Aden at 402-239-5305 or Head Elder Dave Doering at 402-806-1015.

**Pastor Hollibaugh** is at church on Wednesday afternoons and evening for confirmation class. 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 in the narthex.

## **CHURCH & SCHOOL NEWS**

**Children, Youth, and Adults! Come downstairs after the service** for coffee, juice, snacks, and informal Bible Study with Pastor, and Sunday School classes with bible stories, activities, singing, and maybe even a craft! **\*\*Sunday School** will not be held on Sundays when congregational meetings are held. Sunday School teachers are Lisa Oltmans, Vicki Frerking, Amanda Brand, and Peggy Doering.

**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 for a meal, Bible Study, and some fun activities! Watch the bulletin for additional special 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! Their available in the church office after worship or from school.

**Thank You to all who've contributed to beautifying our church through monetary gifts and labor.** The improvements look great! Projects done: painting the sanctuary, replacing flooring/carpet, repair of flat roof, refinishing the front doors. Left to do: replace the outside pole and step lights, add LED lighting in the front pictures, replace chapel ceiling tile, and other things that may have surfaced.

**The Call Committee** is compiling the returned surveys. Watch for their next report in the bulletin. Call Committee Members: Rod Aden, David Doering, Carissa Hoops, Carla Loemker, Brad Long, Diane Lux, Martin D. Seckel, Penny Shaffer, Kelly Mees, and Marilus Snyder.

**2nd 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 soon be available to purchase after worship too. \$50/person for meal & 2 drink tickets. (\$25 is tax deductible). Donations for the auction are needed and can be given to Carla Loemker.

**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 additional money is for future carpet replacement.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the food and fun at the **Church & School Picnic yesterday!** Great Fun and Fellowship!

**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 behind the greeters, along with **Best Choice and Our Family UPC Codes**. Russ's cash register receipts current total is \$19,008.85! Wow! Keep it up!

**Wednesday morning September chapel offerings** were for **Mercy Meals**. Total collected was \$311. Pastor Stuckwisch, Our Savior Lutheran in Odell, hopes meals can be packed again in January. October Chapel offerings are for **"Stuff the Cruiser Christmas Toy**

**Collection"**. You can contribute at school chapel Wednesdays, 8:30 am, or put a designated offering for school chapel in the church offering plate.

**October 5 is Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday.** This year's theme focuses on the **LWML Mission Statement:** *"As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others."* LWML members will serve as ushers, reader, and present the Children's message on that Sunday. A reception will be held downstairs following worship to celebrate LWML.

**LYF is meeting tonight, September 28, at Beatrice Mini-Golf from 5-7 p.m.** \$10 should be plenty for golf and a treat.

**Congratulations to Sloan Penner,** Beatrice High School Student of the Week!

Copies of the **October newsletter and calendar** are available as you leave church, will be posted on the church website, and emailed this week.

## **Community Events**

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Hanover, KS** invite you to their 41<sup>st</sup> "All You Can Eat" **church supper today, 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!

**66<sup>th</sup> Annual Smorgasbord & Bake Sale at Immanuel Lutheran Church** (Hermansberg) Parish Hall Sunday, **Oct. 5,** 4:30-8:00 pm. Fried Chicken, ham, bbq meatballs, pie & drinks. Adults \$15, Children \$5, Preschool free.

**Mosaic 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** of the founding of Martin Luther Home is **Sunday, Oct 5,** 1-4 pm on their campus in Beatrice. Tours, games, refreshments, and the opening of the new MLH Museum will take place.

**Night Of Light For Every Fight! Oct 2, 6-9 pm** at the Beatrice Community Hospital main parking lot. **An evening dedicated to**

**everyone touched by cancer.** There will be powerful personal stories, informational booths, vendors, food trucks, and kids activities. Come help us light the night, with love, strength, and support. Luminaries are available in the narthex for a suggested donation of \$5. Please return your decorated luminary to the church narthex by Tuesday, Sept 30 to be taken for display. Proceeds go to BCH Cancer Fund. Checks should be payable to BCH Foundation. Sponsored by BCH Foundation, Beatrice YMCA, and NE Hematology & Oncology (NHO).C

**LifeChain 2025** will be held Sunday, **October 5** from 2:00-3:00 pm on Highway 77 extending north from 6<sup>th</sup> & Court. LifeChain is the annual non-denominational prayer gathering of people in peaceful, non-confrontational silent protest of the holocaust of abortion. - Beatrice Coalition for Life.

**Beatrice Regional Orchestra Concert** October 12, 2 pm at the Hevelone Center. Tickets \$10 at the door. Students are free. Theme: Patriotic.