

**The 9th Sunday after Pentecost,
Sunday, August 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You 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 and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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 **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7



Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*
 make melody to our God | on the lyre!
 He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;*
 he makes grass grow | on the hills.
 He gives to the | beasts their food,*
 and to the young ravens | that cry.
 His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*
 nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,
 but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
 in those who hope in his | steadfast love.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*
 make melody to our God | on the lyre!

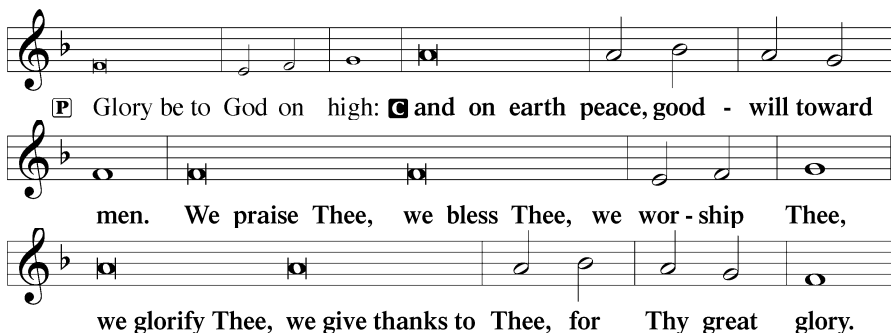
Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



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

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:1–16

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22-34

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

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God

feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

735 Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In

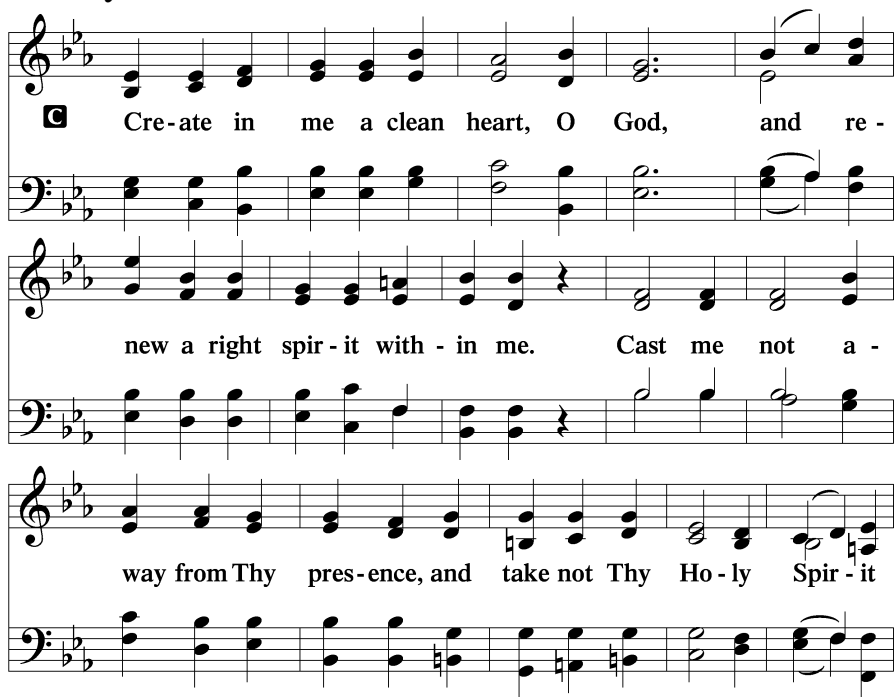
give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192



C 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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



Offering

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faith in the wise and gracious will of God, and for power to turn from false belief in our own plans and natural powers, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the proclamation of the Word, that it may prosper through the work of all pastors and church workers in their various callings; for those who are being called to the Lord's service and those preparing for church-work vocations; and for our seminaries and those who teach and learn God's Word therein, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Christian fathers, that they, with faith like Abram, would prize the gift of their children and work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our nation and those who lead us, that they may be endowed with wisdom and a good heart, seeking justice and showing mercy, especially on behalf of the unborn and those least able to defend themselves, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick, that they would be delivered from suffering and know God's grace and the perfect consummation of hope and full healing of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Holy Spirit, that by His grace, those who recline at Christ's table this day would be enlightened by the Word and dressed in readiness for the coming of the Son of Man who girds Himself to serve them with His body and blood, let us pray to the Lord

C Lord, have mercy.

P For a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in God's mercy, and a sincere love for the Lord and all our neighbors, that although we are not worthy of the least of His benefits, the Lord would accept our sacrifice of thanks, together with the offerings that we return to Him in faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we would not be fruitless or ungrateful but magnify God's grace and name throughout our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You worked the salvation of the world through the death of Your dear Son, and You work out Your holy purposes through the deaths of Your saints. Make us faithful unto death, and so receive the fulfillment of all Your promises; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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The musical notation for the Preface consists of three staves. The first staff is a single melodic line in G major (one flat) with a common time signature. The second staff is a two-part setting, with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The third staff is a single melodic line in G major. The lyrics are in German and English.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly meet, 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 195

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,

Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who

tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

This musical score is for a hymn in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The bass staff begins with an F-clef and a key signature of one flat (D minor). The lyrics are: 'For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the'. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a key signature change to two flats (B-flat major) for the final phrase. The lyrics are: 'glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

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Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

This musical score is for a hymn in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The bass staff begins with an F-clef and a key signature of one flat (D minor). The lyrics are: 'O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the'. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a key signature change to two flats (B-flat major) for the final phrase. The lyrics are: 'world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that'. The piece ends with a double bar line.

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

744 Amazing Grace

sts. 1–5

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

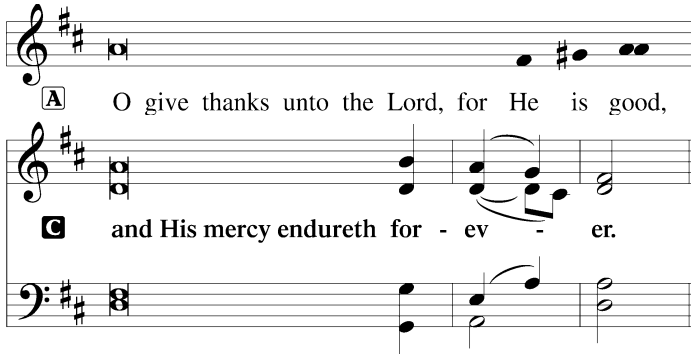
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

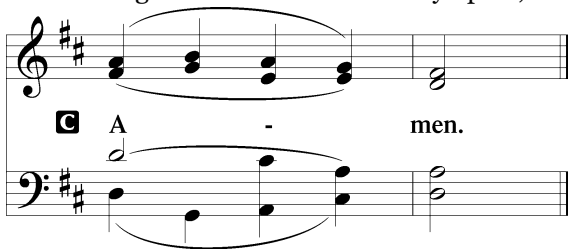


Three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a whole rest. The second staff has a treble clef and contains the lyrics "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,". The third staff has a bass clef and contains the lyrics "and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.".

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** 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.



Two staves of music in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and contains the lyrics "A - men." with a long note. The second staff has a bass clef and contains the lyrics "A - men." with a long note.

C A - men.

Salutation

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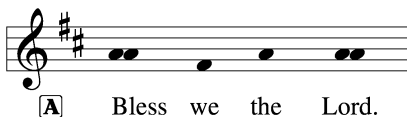


Three staves of music in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and contains the lyrics "The Lord be with you." The second staff has a treble clef and contains the lyrics "And with thy spir - it." The third staff has a bass clef and contains the lyrics "And with thy spir - it.".

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



Two staves of music in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and contains the lyrics "Bless we the Lord." The second staff has a bass clef and contains the lyrics "Bless we the Lord.".

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

This musical block contains a short piece in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a half note G, followed by a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a half note G. The bass staff begins with a half note G, followed by a quarter note F, a quarter note E, and a half note G. Both staves end with a double bar line.

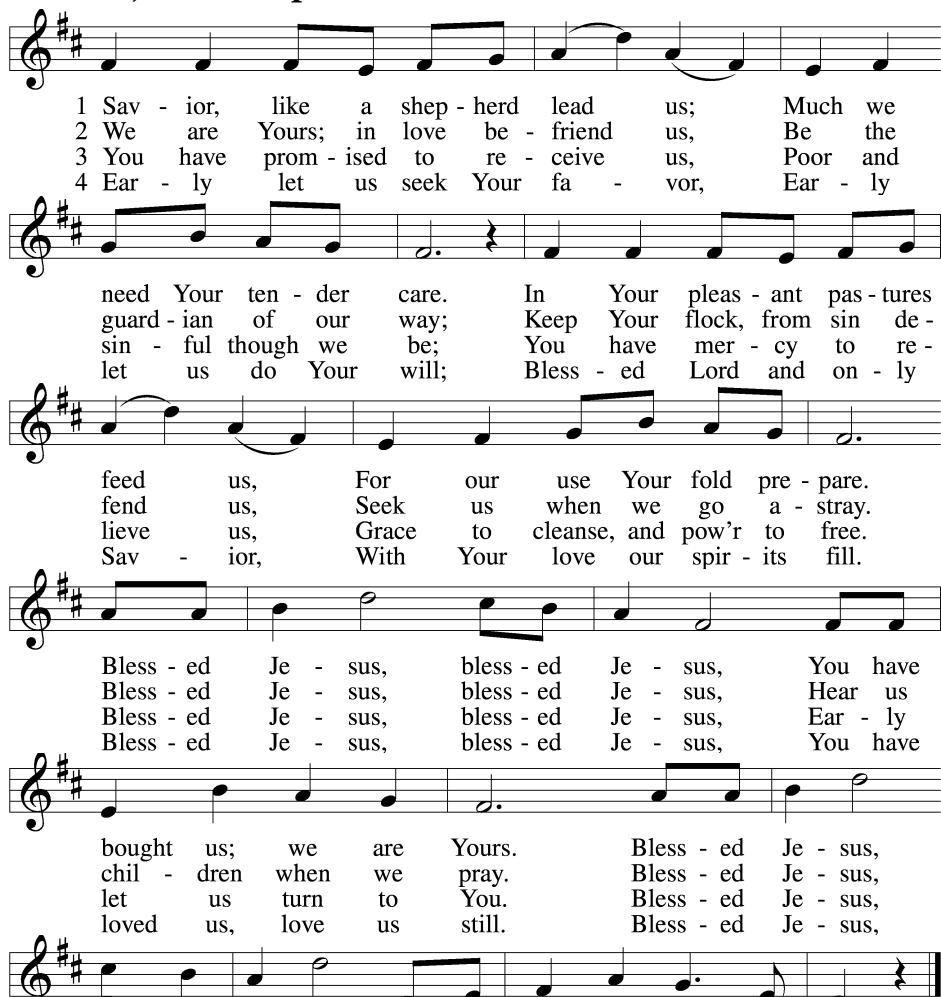
Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C A - men, a - men, a - men.

This musical block contains the full text of the Benediction hymn. It is written in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first three lines of text are set to a simple melody on a single treble staff. The final line, 'A - men, a - men, a - men.', is set to a more complex melody on a grand staff (treble and bass staves). The hymn concludes with a double bar line.

711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly

need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly

feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have

bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,

bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 10, 2025

WELCOME to St. Paul's Lutheran Church: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul's, please contact the church office.

Communion Guidance: Holy Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift in which Jesus Christ gives us His true body and blood, together with the bread and the wine, for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. Because the Bible teaches that this Sacrament may be spiritually harmful if it is misused and that participation in the Lord's Supper is an act of confessing a shared faith, we seek to commune those who have been instructed and confess the Christian faith as it is taught in God's Word. For visitors who wish to commune at St. Paul's, we want you know that we value you and reach out to you in love. It is our desire to provide communion for not only members of our congregation, but also members of fellow Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations and congregations in fellowship with the LCMS. If you are not a member of such a congregation, it is godly and caring to carefully consider your attendance at the Sacrament in advance to see if there is need for further instruction or questions to be answered. Please refer to our summary of faith, which is available on our webpage and in printed form by the entrance or in the pews, to help ascertain if you share in our confession of faith or would like to receive instruction. We also invite you to speak with the pastor well before the service regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

Please continue to keep our congregation, school, and child care center in your prayers. And in addition,

We Also Pray For:

We Pray for Our Fellow Parishioners: --- **Angie Fossler** (cancer), **Mike Holthus** (leukemia), **Marge Itzen** (recovering from a fall), **Cheri McConnell** (lung cancer & recovering from surgery), **Cindy Weise** (melanoma)

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: **Vern Ankersen**, brother of Bob Ankersen,

We Pray for Those in Service of Our Nation: Olivia Hatzenbuehler, William Kelley

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

Today’s Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Arvid & Althea Wiest.

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WORSHIP HELPERS FOR THIS WEEK

9:00 am Divine Service

- Preacher: Rev. Karl Hollibaugh
- Organist: Vivian Zimmerman
- Reader: Marilyn Keilig
- Elder: Greg Penner
- Acolytes: Brooklyn Duff, Neeley Duff
- Greeters: Vicki Frerking, Carlyn Koenig
- Ushers: Dale Hagemeyer, Cliff Kumm, Brad Long, Steve Schmidt

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Luke 12:24 – “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” God feeds the birds of the air, this we know. It’s just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds....to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come — Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

GIFTS OF TIME AND TREASURE

Contributions	
Weekly Offering	\$5,779.00
Coins for Christ (Loose Coins)	\$0.00

OUR WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

Birthdays:

- 10 Aaron Bishop
- Kirsten Holle
- 13 David Doering
- 16 Deanna Paulson

Anniversaries:

- 10 Larry & Deb Kolman, 40 yrs.

THE LORD'S WEEK

Sunday	8:00	Radio Broadcast on KWBE
	9:00	Divine Service
	10:15	Adult Bible Class No Sunday School
Tuesday	6:30	Church Council
Wednesday	8:15	School Chapel
	2:00	Lydia/Mary Circle
Thursday	7:00	Call Committee Meeting
Saturday		Kelly's Day Off
	10:00	Altar Guild
Sunday	8:00	Radio Broadcast on KWBE
	9:00	Divine Service
	10:15	Voter's Assembly No Adult Bible Class/Sunday School

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS will change beginning August 1st so Kelly can help the help at the school. While Kelly is working at the school calls to the church office will be forwarded to her cell phone. Her new hours will be Monday through Friday.

8:00am-11:00am in the church office

11:15am-1:15pm in the school office

1:15pm-2:15pm Kelly will be at lunch

2:15pm-5:00pm in the church office

Kelly's day off will be Saturday.

The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead. Church office number is 402-228-1540.

MONDAY NIGHT SERVICES: Beginning June 23rd, there will be no Monday night services for the foreseeable future during the vacancy. The travel distance to come for the Monday service is not feasible during the vacancy. We do apologize for this inconvenience.

BUSY BAGS for your child to use and return are available in the narthex of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

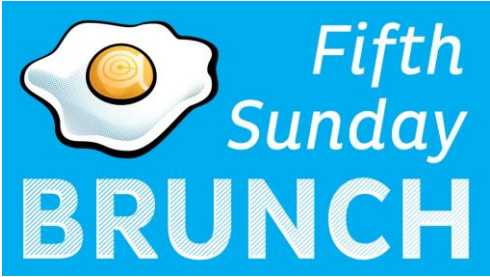
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS: St. Paul's has large print hymnals available for use during the services. The hymnals are in the back pew and on a table by the elevator. Feel free to take them to your pew.

RADIO & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS: Radio Broadcasts, Bulletin, & Quarterly Children's Bulletin Sponsorships are currently being scheduled for 2025. You can sponsor them in honor, memory, or recognition of someone. Radio sponsorship cost \$100, bulletin sponsorship cost \$25 and children's bulletin sponsorship costs \$25. Please call Kelly in the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a date or quarter. Current dates available for radio broadcast are: October 5, October 12,

and October 26 are the only dates left available for 2025. Current dates available for bulletin sponsorships are: any date you would like to pick in 2025.

THIRD QUARTER VOTERS MEETING has been moved to Sunday, August 17.

There will be no meeting on Sunday, July 20th. Health insurance rates were received in this week and time is needed to review this information and to meet with the staff. Moving our meeting will allow us not to have to call an additional meeting to approve the insurance later. Plan now to join us on Sunday, August 17th. We will also have the chance to update the congregation on the status of both the pastoral and principal call positions.



Plan now to join us on Sunday, August 31st for a **5th Sunday Brunch** in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:15am. Come celebrate our church with breakfast. Please let the church office know by August 27th if you and your family plan to attend. The brunch is being provided by the Evangelism Committee.

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

CAR WASH TICKETS: The LYF are selling Super Wash car wash tokens - 5 for \$20!! They are available in the church office.

ST. PAUL’S YOUTH GROUP meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. Meetings are held at the school from 5-7pm. Youth plan now to join us at our next meeting for an activity, food, and a Bible Study. Watch the bulletin for more information. Questions, you may contact Joanna Gellermann-Long 425-591-5318.

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN SCHOOL INFORMATION

OUR FAMILY AND BEST CHOICE UPC CODES: Please save the labels from all Our Family and Best Choice products and bring them to school or church. We need the UPC codes from them. We receive \$25.00 for each group of 500 Our Family UPC codes we send in. We receive \$30.00 for each group of 1,000 Best Choice UPS codes we send in. So please bring all your Our Family and Best Choice labels to school or church. They are Valuable!

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What does “worship” really mean?

Most people use the word “worship” to mean something we do to honor God. Because of this misunderstanding, many people believe that a church service is what we do for God. The word “worship” comes from the root words “worth” and “ship.” These two words describe God rather than the ones praising Him. These words describe a God who is *worthy* of being honored and adored because of His love for us. God gives us His love through His Word and Sacraments. Worship is not something we do, but rather something that God does for us!

What makes the Divine Service so important?

The Divine Service is not about what we are doing for God, but who God is and what He does for us in the ways He has promised: His Word and Sacraments. That’s why Lutherans call it *Divine Service*. God is serving us! What a wonderful God we have!



Parents: The Divine Service is like listening to one long reading from the Bible. Everything in the Divine Service has been given to us through God’s Word. Explain this to your children, reminding them that it is God’s Word that delivers God’s salvation to us!



St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School, & Childcare

2nd Annual

Blessings of The Harvest Dinner & Auction

@ Vintage Venue, Beatrice, NE



Saturday, November 22nd

Doors Open 4:30 pm

Dinner 6:00

Live Auction 7:00

Get your tickets in the church/school office

or in the narthex on Sunday mornings.

\$50 per ticket, includes meal and 2 drink tickets.

(\$25 of each ticket is a tax-deductible contribution)

Beautifying Our Church

With grateful hearts we acknowledge, “The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.” Psalm 126:3.

All blessings we have received, all favors of divine grace that have been shown us, all manifestations of His love that we have experienced, we ascribe to His mercy and loving kindness. All praise, honor and glory to Him, for He has given us His Holy Word and has continued to share among us the sweet Gospel of our Redeemer.

This year St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is celebrating its 110th birthday. The cornerstone of our current building was laid in 1954, making our building 71 years old. In honor of our birthday, we are going to do some upgrades within our church. Some of these upgrades are painting the inside of the church, repair/replacing the lights outside of the church, refinishing the front doors, installing new tile flooring, installing new carpet, painting wood trim around door frames, cleaning the church, and so much more.

You may have noticed some of the work has already begun in the sanctuary. If you have a desire to help with any of these projects, contact Ron Fehn (402-223-0449). He is always looking for willing volunteers.

Would you be willing to donate to help offset some of the cost associated with these projects? If you are so inclined you may place your gift in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. Make sure to ere mark your gift “St. Paul’s Birthday.”

If you have Thrivent insurance, you might want to consider applying for a Thrivent Action Grant for \$250. Carla Loemker is willing to coordinate the application of these. Her number is 402-520-0015. Ron has obtained estimates for some of these projects. Here are some of the estimated costs.

~~Painting the sanctuary \$3,680 (fully funded)~~ completed - actual cost was \$3,680

Replacing the lights outside \$3,500 (fully funded)

Replacing the lights in the stairs outside \$660 (fully funded)

Refinishing the front doors \$300 (fully funded)

Painting trim around doors \$100 (fully funded)

~~Replacing the carpet and tile \$18,000 (\$16,026.94 fully funded)~~ completed - actual cost was \$16,026.94

Replacing the ceiling tile in the chapel

Putting LED lighting in the stained-glass pictures \$500 (fully funded)

Additional funds given \$5,338.06.

If you would like your donations to go to a certain part of the project, please let us know.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of supporting this project, whether it be through prayer, physical labor, grants, or monetary donations.

