

**Holy Cross Sunday,
Sunday, September 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Divine Service, Setting 1: 151; 152, 154, 156, 159, 160, 161, 163, 164, 166

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

837 Lift High the Cross

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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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

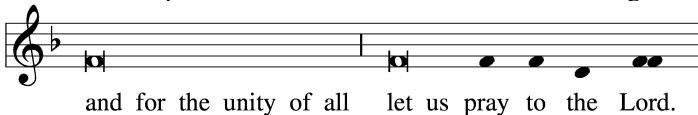
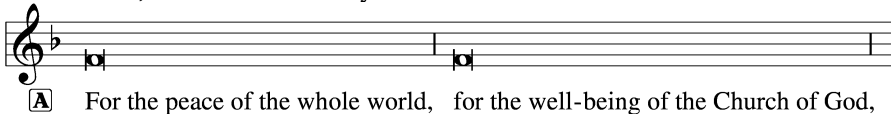
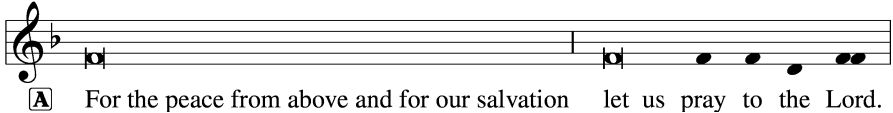
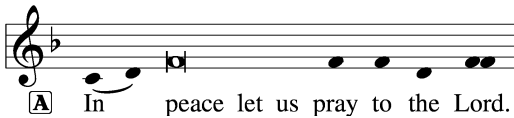
Introit

Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2

- P** The LORD has made known his salvation;
C **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
C **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**
P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
C **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**
P With trumpets and the sound of the horn
C **make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**
C **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 The LORD has made known his salvation;
C **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Kyrie

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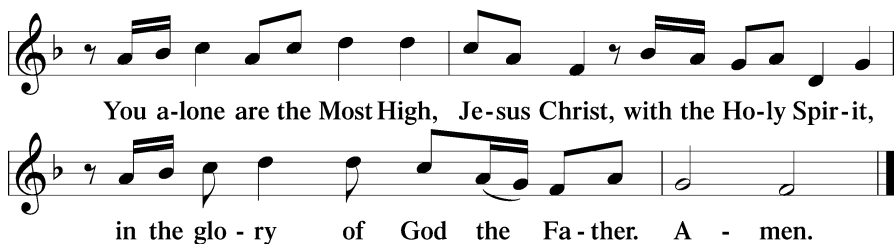


A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 12:20–33

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Sermon

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.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace to proclaim the triumph of the cross throughout the world, so all would rejoice in the victory of that love which hate could not destroy and that life which death could not overcome, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the continued proclamation of the cross’s power, that from this life-giving tree we would receive the gifts that preserve faith, let us pray to the Lord:

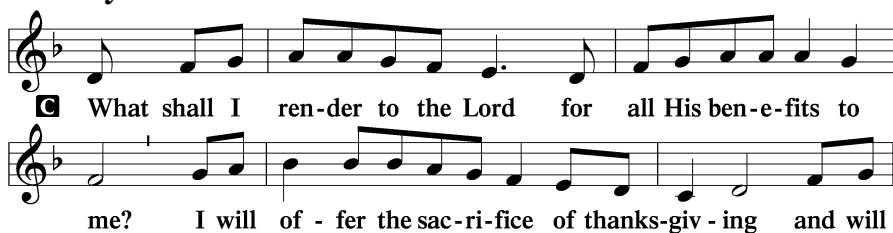
C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For all pastors and servants of the Church, that they may be enabled by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the wisdom of the cross before the world, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the households of this congregation, that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the nations, that war, hate and bloodshed would be overcome by peace, love and justice; and for all who serve in our armed forces, that God would protect those who labor to protect us, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who have requested our intercession, [*especially* _____,] that our loving Father would be near to them and grant them a happy issue out of their troubles, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For worthy reception of the fruit of the cross this day, that through Christ's death we may walk the path to paradise and receive forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the whole Christian Church on earth, in thanksgiving for all the faithful who have gone before us, that God would bring us to share at last with them in the unending joy of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever.
- C Amen.**

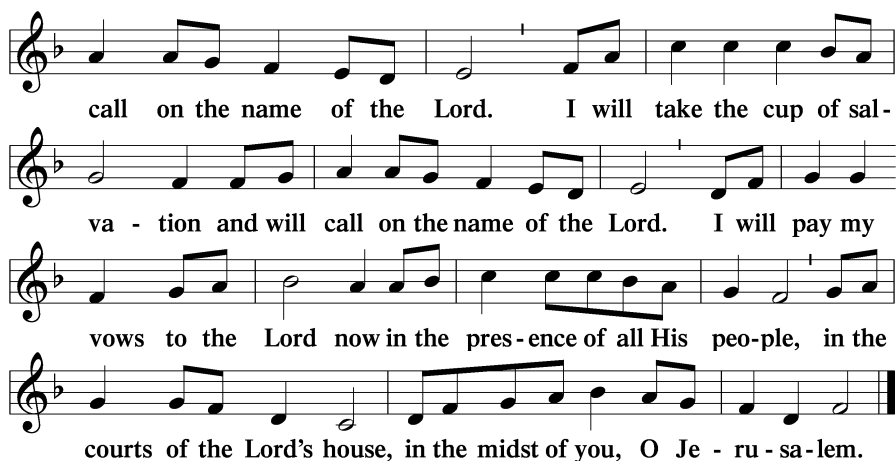
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Offertory

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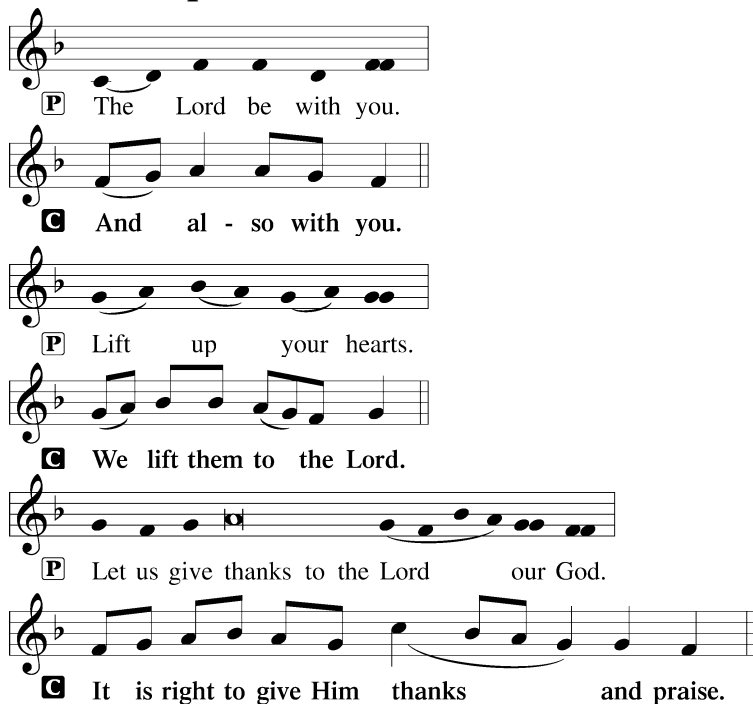
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface & Proper Preface

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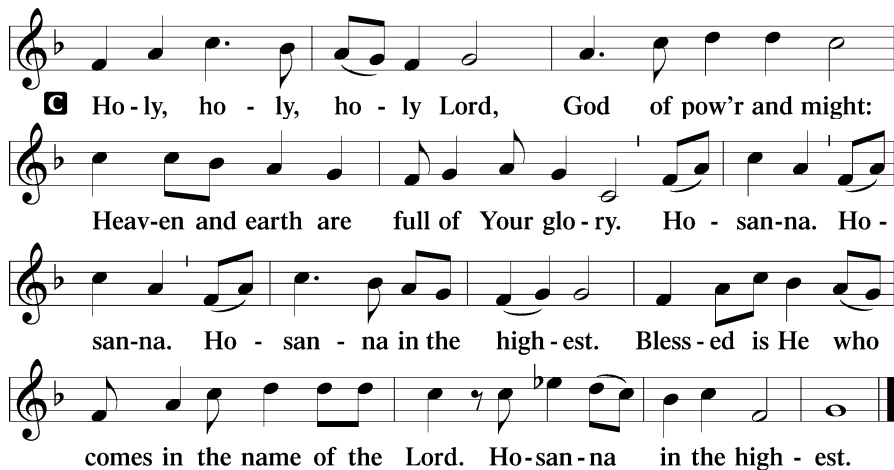


P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and

with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name,
evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- 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:

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.

Pax Domini

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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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.

C Amen.

Benediction

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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.

560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 14, 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 and Bulletin are sponsored in memory of Loren Daubendiek Birthday, which would have been September 19th, by Dorothy Daubendiek

Children’s Bulletin is sponsored by Friends of St. Paul’s.

WORSHIP HELPERS FOR THIS WEEK

9:00 am Divine Service

- Preacher: Rev. Karl Hollibaugh
- Organist: Arvid Wiest
- Reader: Shari Pack
- Elder: David Doering
- Crucifer: Anthony or Ivan Long
- Acolytes: Sawyer Penner, Sloan Penner
- Greeters: Wayne & Chris Schulz
- Ushers: Rod Aden, Eric Jobman, Robert Pfingsten, Gary Swanson, Andrew Landon

OUR WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

Birthdays:

- 14 Tyler Snyder
- 15 Dawn Crosier
Olivia Crosier
Gerald Johnson
Peggy Loseman
- 16 Genial Heist
James Thavenet
- 17 Duane Delozier
Sharon Naaf
- 18 Britney Hoadley
Tanya Malchow
Nick Thompson
Larry Zarybnicky
- 19 Chelsea Meints
Megan Rix
- 20 Crystal Gerdes
Benjamin Koenig
Shawn Meyer
Phillip Reinke

Anniversaries:

- 17 Wayne & Christine Huls, 37 yrs.
- 18 Larry & Rhonda Zarybnicky, 31 yrs.
- 19 Greg & Janelle Holle, 5 yrs.
- Darren & Kathy Smith, 38 yrs.
- 20 Scott Lloyd & Stefanie Norton-Lloyd, 22 yrs.

THE LORD’S WEEK

Sunday	8:00	Radio Broadcast on KWBE
	9:00	Divine Service
	10:15	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
Wednesday	8:15	School Chapel
Thursday	7:00	Banner Committee
Saturday		Kelly’s Day Off
Sunday	8:00	Radio Broadcast on KWBE
	9:00	Divine Service
	10:15	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.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Classes will resume on Sunday mornings at 10:15am beginning September 14th in the church basement.

GREETERS, READERS, USHERS, and ACOLYTES: Schedules are now being put together for 2026. If you currently do not serve on one of these teams for Sunday morning and would like to or if you prefer to no longer serve in one of these rolls, please contact the church office.

CALL COMMITTEE: The call committee has recently started the process of calling a new pastor. We are being given guidance from Pastor Warneke (circuit visitor) and President Snow in this process. One of the first steps is gathering information from our congregation in the form of a self-study. It is very important that we receive as much feedback from our members as possible so that we can choose a pastor that fits our congregational needs the best. We are asking each congregational member 18 years of age and older to complete a self-study form. Forms have been emailed out and will also be available before or after church in the narthex or in the church office. We are asking that all forms be completed and returned to the church office or put in the box in the narthex by no later than Sunday, September 21st so that our committee can begin the task of compiling the information. It is of utmost importance that we get as many of these forms back as possible. There are two pages to fill out and an accompanying definition list. We ask that you follow the definitions given, so that answers are as accurate and as objective as possible. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact any member of the call committee. Thank you for your time and input as we go through the process of selecting our next pastor. Members of the call committee are: Rod Aden 402-239-5305, David Doering 402-806-1015, Carissa Hoops 402-806-6888, Carla Loemker 402-520-0015, Brad Long 425-949-9753, Diane Lux 402-239-0411, Kelly Mees 402-806-8839, Martin D. Seckel, Jr 402-223-7029, Penny Shaffer 402-239-3906, and Marilus Snyder 402-223-0434.

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

SCHOOL PRAYER FAMILIES: The staff of our St. Paul’s Lutheran School will continue their Prayer Family ministry this year. Each week at faculty devotions and at Chapel they will be praying for some of the school families. As Christian mentors, we want to model for our students the importance of lifting community members in prayer. Those families will also be included in the weekly prayers each Sunday.

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! **Beginning September 1st until the end of March you can collect Russ’s Market Receipts. Our current total is \$0.00.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - HANOVER, KS: The members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hanover, KS extend a cordial invitation to all the members of our congregation to attend their 41st annual “all you can eat” Church Supper on Sunday, September 28, 2025. Serving will be from 4:00-8:00pm. The menu will include Grilled Ham, BBQ beef, pan fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, corn, green beans, homemade pies, homemade breads, and salad bar. Price: Adults - \$15.00, Children 12 and under - \$5.00, Preschool is free. Tickets for the supper will be purchased at the door. Take outs available. Raffle tickets for the prizes are being sold in advance by the members of Trinity and may also be purchased the night of the supper. Winners will be contacted by phone.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is “making the sign of the cross”?

Making the sign of the cross means to draw an invisible cross on yourself at certain times during personal prayer, the Divine Service and other appropriate times during worship.

How do I make the sign of the cross?

Hold your thumb and two fingers together. ① Touch your forehead, ② then your tummy, ③ your left shoulder, ④ then your right shoulder ⑤ and finally your chest. Try it a few times and you'll get it. Before long, it will be easy to do!

Why is it a great thing to do?

Can you think of a time when your pastor first made the sign of the cross on you? At your Baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ! Making the sign of the cross is a great way to remember all that Jesus has done for you on the cross and given to you in and through Baptism!



Parents: Before or after the service, practice making the sign of the cross with your children. Remind them that we may make the sign of the cross at certain times during the service, for example, anytime you see a small red “cross” symbol, or pastor makes the sign of the cross on the congregation.





St. Paul's Lutheran Church BBQ

Saturday, September 27

(No NE Football Games are scheduled)

Activities ~ Food ~ Games ~ Fellowship



Puzzles

Three legged race

Water balloon catch
Team Competition

Cornhole Toss



Word Search

Coloring

Sponge relay
Team Competition

Watermelon eating
competition

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran School
930 Prairie Lane, Beatrice

Event Starts @ 12 noon

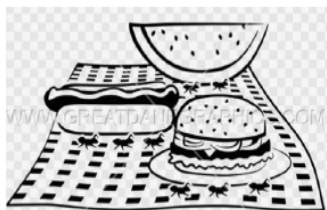
Food served at 12:30

Contests begin at 1:30

Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Chips, Watermelon, Lemonade and Water

Bring your own outdoor chairs, blankets and towels.

Please sign-up on Sunday if you plan on attending. (Sign-Up is to assist in food planning.)



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)

Flat Roof Replacement (front part of church) \$7,009.19 completed (\$6,838.06 given so far)

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.

