

**Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
**321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310**  
**Reformation, October 26, 2025**

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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**)

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Opening Hymn 578: "Thy Strong Word"**

**Invocation**

Pastor: 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 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46)

P: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,  
and shall not be put to shame.

**C: I will bless the LORD at all times;**

**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

**C: Come, O children, listen to me;**

**I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

P: The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**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: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,  
and shall not be put to shame.

**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. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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:      *Revelation 14:6–7***

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle: Romans 3:19–28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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: Matthew 11:12-19**

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

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

Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying “Give me justice against my adversary.” For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, “Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Hymn 656: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

## **Sermon**

## **Apostles Creed**

**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 then 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.

### Prayers of the Church

Congregational response after each petition: **“Hear our prayer.”**

At the conclusion: **“Amen”**

### Offering

Offertory ♪ (LSB pg 159)

**C: 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.**

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)

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

**Distribution Hymn 744: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

**Distribution Hymn 645: “Built on the Rock”**

**Distribution Hymn 643: “O Lord, We Praise Thee”**

**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 655: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

***\*\*Please greet each other as you exit.***

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**Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or at home:** Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise (all with cancer); Pat Nave (COPD); Duane Delozier (post hospital stay); Marge Itzen (fell); and Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military).  
**\*\*Please contact the church by Thursday morning if you have a prayer request or when you no longer wish to be on the prayer list.**

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***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.

**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 to participate in communion.

**PASTOR KARL HOLLIBAUGH**, our Interim Pastor, is at church on Wednesday afternoons and evenings for confirmation class. If you’d like to see him please call him at 225-361-5121 to schedule an appointment

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### **Serving Today:**

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| Elder: Jared Himmelberg                                                   | Pastor: Pastor Karl Hollibaugh |
| Organist: Arvid Wiest                                                     | Reader: Carla Loemker          |
| Acolytes: Allison Helmke & Ravenna Brand                                  | Greeters: Vaughn & Tina Wright |
| Ushers: Bob Pfingsten, Rod Aden, Eric Jobman, Gary Swanson, Andrew Landon |                                |

### **Sponsoring today’s Radio Broadcast:**

Kirk & Denise Spilker in celebration of their 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 29

***Children’s Bulletin:*** Jared & Hannah Himmelberg in honor of Everett’s Baptismal Anniversary on October 7.

**(Broadcast Sponsorships (\$100), bulletins (\$25) & children’s bulletins are available. Call the church office to schedule.)**

**Last Sunday’s attendance: 145**

**Birthdays this week:** (if yours is missing, let us know!)

26: Lisa Roberts, Charles Rose Jr.

27: Will Paulson

28: Daylon Eckhoff, Ty Young

29: Sonia Grupe, Karla Hopkins

30: Shirley Duensing

31: Julie Sandman, Mark Thomas, Kevin Weakland

**Anniversaries this week:** (if yours is missing, let us know!)

29: Brian & Carissa Hoops, 20 yrs

29: Kirk & Denise Spilker, 48 yrs.

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, Oct 26 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast from last Sunday

9:00 am Divine Service

10:15 am Youth & Adult Sunday School

Tuesday, Oct 28 7:00 pm Elizabeth Circle

Wednesday, Oct 29 8:30 am School Chapel

6:30 pm Confirmation Class

Sunday, Nov 2 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast from last Sunday

9:00 am Divine Service

10:15 am Youth & Adult Sunday School



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School are participating in a food drive challenge**

grant to support the Beatrice Community Food Pantry. If we collect 500 food items by November 15 the food pantry will receive a \$500 grant. There are boxes in the church narthex and school library for

anyone who wishes to help us meet our goal of 500 items and help support food insecurity in our community. We currently have 351 items!

**Especially needed:**

**Pizza** crusts and sauce,

**Taco supplies** (refried beans, taco shells and seasonings),

**Soups:** chicken noodle soup, variety chunky soup,

**Manwich**

**Helper boxes:** Hamburger Helper, Chicken Helper, Tuna Helper, **pancake** mix and syrup,

**Condiments:** ketchup, mustard, mayo

**Crackers:** saltines, graham crackers, snack crackers.

**Pop-Tarts**

These are items the pantry usually has to buy so if they are donated, it saves the pantry's cash donations for other items.

**A VOTER'S MEETING is scheduled for November 23** following the worship service at about 10:15 to adopt the 2026 budget.

**ALL SAINTS DAY Nov 2:** If you would like a loved one's name that passed away in 2025 added on **All Saints Day**, please contact the church office.

**OCTOBER Wednesday School CHAPEL OFFERINGS are for "Stuff the Cruiser Christmas Toy Event"** sponsored by the Beatrice Police Department. Contributions of cash and toys are being collected. You can put a designated offering for school chapel in the church offering plate.

**We collect 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 \$72,028.21! Thank you for supporting our school through this project.

**Upcoming SCHOOL EVENTS**

*Oct. 29 -Second Grade Class Chapel*

*Oct. 31 - Reformation/Fall Festival*

*Nov. 5 - PTL Meeting*

*Nov 9 – Science Fair/Open House / Soup Supper*

**School Prayer Families this week**

*Joseph & Amanda Cox,*

*Ashley Cross*

*Carissa Daubendiek and Devin May*

**SCIENCE FAIR AND BOOK FAIR**

Our school Science Fair and Book Fair is scheduled for Sunday, November 9. You're invited to view the student's science fair exhibits and ask questions of them! The Book Fair will also be set up in the commons area. Do some early Christmas Shopping there while supporting our school!

**Our Town Beatrice** will be airing a commercial featuring the school, childcare, and church that will run the week of November 3rd through 8th on 10/11. Watch for it!

**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! They are available in the church office or from school.

We're going to the **NE Middle School Youth Gathering** in Kearney Nov 8-9. Thank you for supporting our fundraisers!

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- **Reserving the church or school** for a function? Please see Wayne Oestreich. (402-440-5054).
  - **Large print hymnals** are in the back pew and near the elevator.
  - **Busy Bags** for kids are in the narthex under the bulletin board.
  - **Church office hours** vary at this time. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email [stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com).
  - **For immediate or pastoral assistance**, contact Church Chair Rod Aden at 402- 239-5305 or Head Elder Dave Doering at 402-806-1015.
  - **November's newsletter and calendar** are available as you leave church.

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### **October is Church Worker Recognition Month!**

This week, we'd like say **Thank You** to all the volunteers who make "church" and "school" happen! There are too many to list! They put in countless hours working as Committee and Board members, church officers, Sunday School teachers, Confirmation teachers, organists, Dorcas Society, Altar Guild, live stream operators, Caring Grandparents, communion set up teams, ushers, acolytes, and others whose roles have not been mentioned (sorry!). It takes many committed people to make it work!

**Special Thanks to Wayne Oestreich** who shows up just about every day to repair something at church or school.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

The Homestead Early Risers Kiwanis Club Pancake Feed to benefit children's programs of Beatrice is **Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey St, Beatrice. Adults \$10.00, children (to age 12) \$5.00 at the door. 3 & under free.**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bremen, KS **German Heritage Dinner, Sunday, Nov 2, 4-7 pm.** Free Will Donation. Serving Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Ham, Green Beans, Homemade Bread & Dessert.

Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. Carol Cook Geu will present a **program at First Presbyterian Church** on how artworks and spiritual reactions and connections Geu is a professor in Art History at the University of South Dakota Department of Art. This is a part of the Arts & Faith group which is sponsoring the Nativity Display at the Beatrice Public Library November through Epiphany.

### **Elder assignments through December 31:**

Jared Himmelberg, 402-416-3004.....Adam to Carpenter  
Greg Penner, 402-806-3576.....Carel to Fisher  
Kevin Ankersen, 402-239-5870.....Ford to Holle  
Chuck Baker, 714-232-2794.....Holthus to Kuhlmann  
David Doering, 402-223-5123.....Kumm to Mentgen  
Andrew Landon, 402-520-1326.....Meyer to Porter  
David Oltmans, 402-223-8713.....Prall to Schouboe  
Matt Helmke, 402-239-4879.....Schroeder to Thomas  
Steve Sandman, 402-239-7060..... Thomas to Zimmerman

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