

**The 10th Sunday after Pentecost,
Sunday, August 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**

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Divine Service, Setting 3: 184, 186, 187, 190, 192, 194, 195, 198, 199,

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

726 Evening and Morning

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 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22



C Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;*
 he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.
 Give ear to my prayer, | O God,*
 and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!
 For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it;*
 it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I
 could | hide from him.
 But it is you, a man, my | equal,*
 my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.
 We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether;*
 within God's house we walked | in the throng.
 But I | call to God,*
 and the LORD will | save me.
 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.
 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;*
 he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

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** Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD.

Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:17–12:3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies

to flight. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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 12:49–56

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

G 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.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Sermon

Offertory

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Offering

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of hosts, our fathers in the faith gave a good confession of Your truth before the powers of this world. In the spirit of Jeremiah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, strengthen our hearts in days of division to confess in our words and lives the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, bless this congregation and our life together around the Word and table of the Lord. Grant that the work of God would go forth from this place, and that it would bless and prosper all things according to His will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, be with those who have wandered from the faith, those who have been absent from the Lord's house, and those we have hurt or wounded in word and deed. Reconcile them to Yourself, that they would know the forgiveness of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Lord God, You called Jeremiah as a youth and used Him in Your service. We give You thanks for the young Christians You have made Your children. By Your Word, strengthen them for daily life, and help them to grow as Your people. Keep them and all youth in Your care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Almighty God, You shepherd the nations according to Your Word. Grant our rulers wisdom and faith to serve for the good of their people and to promote peace and quietness for the flourishing of every godly endeavor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Merciful Lord, grant healing to the sick, [*especially to _____*], strength to the weak, endurance to bear up under trial, patience to await His deliverance, and peace at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy One, sanctify and keep all who come to Your table this day by Your Word and Holy Spirit, that they would receive the body and blood of Your Son in sincere repentance and firm faith and to their abundant blessing, bringing forth the fruits thereof in peace and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, Your dear Son suffered and died for our redemption. Embolden us by the witness of that great company of saints who remained faithful unto death, that we would likewise fix our eyes on Christ and so share in His victory over the grave; 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

LSB 194



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 (Full)

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, out of love for His fallen creation,

humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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.



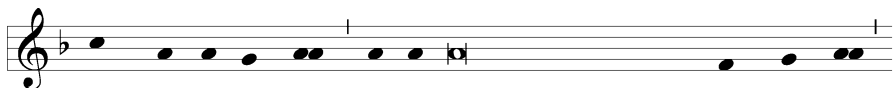
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



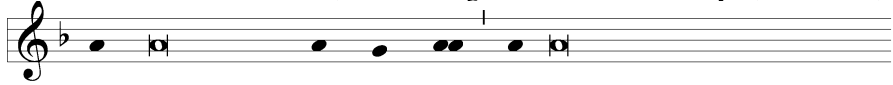
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

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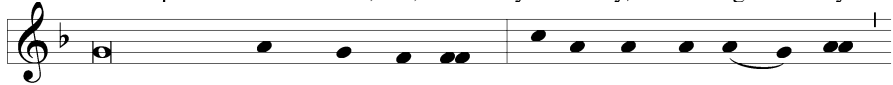
P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



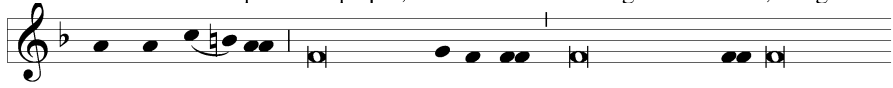
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ bod-y, which is giv-en for you.



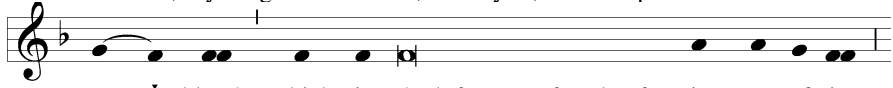
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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



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

The Dismissal

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932 Jesus Sat with His Disciples

748 I'm But a Stranger Here

Nunc Dimittis

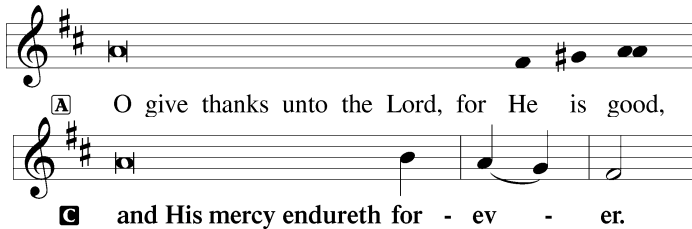
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - 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



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
G 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.



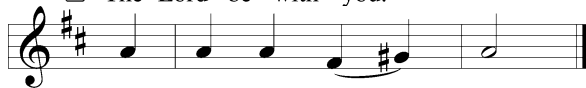
C A - men.

Salutation

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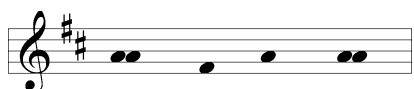
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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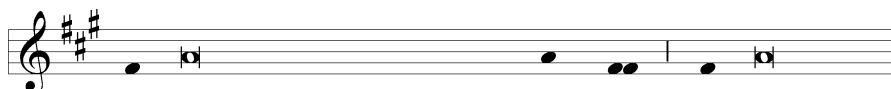
A Bless we the Lord.



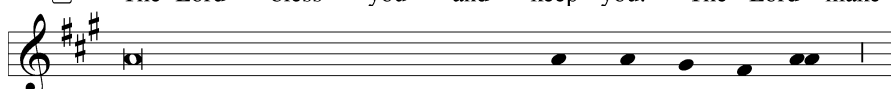
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

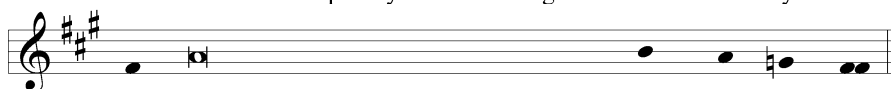
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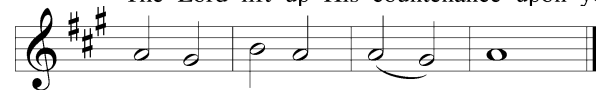
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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.

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 17, 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:

Family & Friends of Ardyce Philippi (mother of Melody [Rod] Aden) & Trevor Garton

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 in memory of Aljean Swarthout, by her Family and Friends.

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

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: Bob Frerking
- Elder: Chuck Baker
- Acolytes: Alison Helmke, Ravenna Brand
- Greeters: Don & Carolyn Junker
- Ushers: Brian Hoops, Steve Sandman, Vaughn Wright, Colton Siefken

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Luke 12:51 – “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Jesus has come to divide us out of the world — to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus' Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless us.

GIFTS OF TIME AND TREASURE

Contributions	
Weekly Offering	\$7394.64.00
Coins for Christ (Loose Coins)	\$8.26

OUR WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

- Birthdays:**
- 17 Gerrad Busboom
Dietrich Eisele
- 18 Lawrence Kumm
Jack Paulson
- 19 Carter Aden
Connor Kelley

- 20 Marilus Snyder
- Dale Debuhr
- Tracia Lattimer
- Nancy Rudder
- Courtney Thomas
- 21 Theodore Robinson
- 22 Yvonne Eckhoff
- Joan Schmidt
- 23 Hadley Kelle
- Stan Wirth

Anniversaries:

- 21 Brad & Joanna Long 15 yrs.
- *****

THE LORD'S WEEK		
Sunday	8:00	Radio Broadcast on KWBE
	9:00	Divine Service
	10:15	Voter's Assembly
		No 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
		No Sunday School

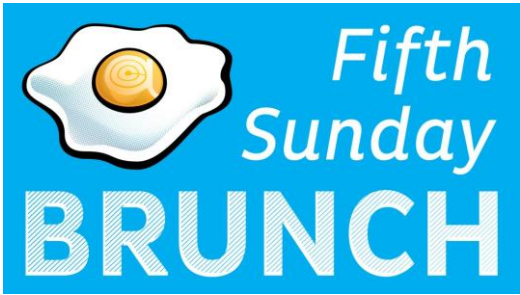
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS will change beginning August 1st so Kelly can help the help at the school. While Kelly is working at the school calls to the church office will be forwarded to her cell phone. Her new hours will be Monday through Friday. 8:00am-11:00am in the church office
 11:15am-1:15pm in the school 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.



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.

GAS LEAK AT THE CHURCH: The church was notified a couple weeks ago by the gas company that we have a gas leak. A probable location of the leak was determined by the gas company, but the leak is on our side of the gas meter so fixing it is our responsibility. Ron has been trying by diligently digging to locate the leak, but has yet to determine the exact location. If anyone in the congregation would be willing to work with him to help solve this problem, please contact him. This project is too much for one person to do by themselves. Ron's phone number is 402-223-0449 or you may contact Kelly in the church office and she will let Ron know you are interested in helping with the project. Good news is the hot water heaters are electric so we have hot water, but the bad news is we need to get the leak fixed before winter or we will have not heat.

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!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is a “canticle”?

The word “canticle” (pronounced KAN-ti-kle) comes from the Latin word “cantus,” which means “song.” A canticle is a song based on a text from Holy Scripture. What could be better than to sing praises to God with the words He gives us?



What’s the difference between a canticle and a hymn?

Hymns and canticles both put God’s Word to music. You’ll know you are singing a hymn when all of the verses are sung to the same melody. You’ll know you are singing a canticle when the verses continue without repeating the melody. What glorious variety our Lord gives in the Divine Service!



Parents: The best way to differentiate between canticles and hymns is to look and listen. Usually the “songs” in a hymnal are appropriately designated as a hymn or a canticle. Help your children to compare the differences. You can see and hear the differences. Point out the differences and discuss the words. Take a look at the texts in the Bible that have inspired the canticle or hymn.



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.



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.