

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

321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: **October 12, 2025***

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

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Opening Hymn 807: "When Morning Guilds the Sky"

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the † Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit: (Psalm 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a)

P: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

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

P: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

C: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

P: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

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: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

Kyrie ♪ (LSB pg 152)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis ♪ (LSB pg 154)

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

♪ P: The Lord be with you.

♪ **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray,

Collect

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ **C: Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Ruth 1:1-19a (pg 222 in the pew Bible)

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children Sing: "What a Friend We have in Jesus" St. Paul's Grades K-5

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-13 (pg 995 in the pew Bible)

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse ♪ (LSB pg 156)

♪ C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 (pg 876 in the pew Bible)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day 846: "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

Sermon

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

Prayers of the Church

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

Offering

Offertory ♪ (LSB pg 159)

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

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

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

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface & Proper Preface ♪ (LSB pg 160)

♪P: The Lord be with you.

♪C: And also with you.

♪ P: Lift up your hearts.

♪ C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

♪ P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: ♪ (LSB pg 161)

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (LSB pg 161)

At the conclusion: **C: Amen**

The Words of Our Lord (LSB pg 162)

Proclamation of Christ (LSB pg 162)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes,

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

Pax Domini (LSB page 163)

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

✠C: Amen.

Agnus Dei (LSB page 163)

✠C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymn 845: "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Distribution Hymn 713: "From God Can Nothing Move Me"

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 706: "Love in Christ is Strong and Living"

Please greet one another as you exit.

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Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters and brothers-in-Christ: with cancer, Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise; with COPD, Pat Nave; recovering from lung blood clots at Beatrice Health & Rehab, Duane Delozier; recovering from a fall, Marge Itzen; serving our country Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley; the family of Karen Rengstorf, mother of Amy Duever, who passed away Oct. 6.
**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.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - LCMS

Our Mission: "Growing and Serving Together in Christ"

Serving Today:

Pastor: Rev. Karl Hollibaugh Elder: Chuck Baker
Organist: Bev Duensing Greeters: Bob & Laura Lee Ankersen
Reader: Brad Long Acolytes: Parker Fossler & Tyler Wright
Ushers: Dale Rickers, Terry Brethouwer, Clair Duensing,
LaVerne Malchow, Roger Mohling

Today's Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Friends of St. Paul

Bulletin Sponsor: none

4th Quarter Children's Bulletin Sponsor: Jared & Hannah Himmelberg in honor of Everett's Baptismal Anniversary on October 7.

(Sponsorships of broadcasts (\$100), bulletins (\$25) and children's bulletins are available. 2025 broadcast dates open at Oct 12 and 26. Please call or email the church office to schedule.)

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

14: Terry Brethouwer
15: Debora Lantz, Anthony Long
16: Daniel Beville, Brian Fossler, Michael Hahn, Rhonda Zarybnicky
17 Zannie Smith

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

14 Tyson & Erin Oden, 18 yrs.
18 Matt & Chelesy Fralin, 6 yrs.

Happening this week:

Sunday, October 12	8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of last Sunday 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Youth & Adult Sunday School
Tuesday, Oct 14	6:30 pm Church Council
Wednesday, Oct 15	8:30 am School Chapel 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
Thursday, Oct 16	7:00 pm Banner Committee
Friday, Oct 17	No School
Saturday, Oct 18	10:00 am Altar Guild
Sunday, October 19	8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of last Sunday 9:00 am Divine Service with Baptism 10:15 am Voter's Meeting (No Sunday School)

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 at the table.

Pastor Karl Hollibaugh, our Interim Pastor, is at church on Wednesday afternoons and evenings for confirmation class and on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to talk to him please call him at 225-361-5121 to schedule.

CHURCH & SCHOOL NEWS

Children, Youth, and Adults! Come downstairs after the service for coffee, juice, snacks, and an informal Bible Study with Pastor Karl, and kids Sunday School classes with bible stories, activities, singing, and a craft! But...**There is no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class next Sunday, October 19, due to the Voter's Meeting after church.**

Middle and High School Youth Group meets the 2nd and 4th 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're available in the church office after worship or from school.

We keep the family of **Karen Rengstorf** in our prayers. Karen passed away October 6. She is Amy Duever's mother. Karen served as a para in our school for many years and worked with many of the school children to help build and grow their knowledge and faith. School was closed on Friday, October 10, so teachers and staff could attend her service.



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 donate and help us meet our goal of 500 items and help support food insecurity in our community. **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.

Mite Boxes: Last Sunday Lutheran Womens Mission League (LWML) distributed Mite Boxes. The Mite Box, based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. By contributing your "mites", you can join Lutheran women who step out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel. The **individual Mite Boxes can be emptied into the large Mite Box** which will remain in the church entry. This is an ongoing project supporting the mission grants of the LWML. (If you didn't receive a mite box and would like one, there are some in the entry.) Thank you for participating!



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

Thank you to all who contributed to beautifying our church through your donations of labor and money! The improvements look great!

Projects done: painting the sanctuary, replacing flooring/carpet, repair of flat roof, refinishing the front doors. They all look wonderful!

Left to do: replace the outside pole and step lights, add LED lighting behind the front pictures, replace chapel ceiling tile, and other things that may have surfaced.

October school Chapel Offerings on Wednesday morning are for "Stuff the Cruiser Christmas Toy Event" sponsored by the Beatrice Police Department. Contributions of cash and toys will be collected during chapel (Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.) or put a designated offering for school chapel in the church offering plate.

We're collecting Russ's Market receipts dated September 1 through March 30, 2026! They can be put in the box in the narthex behind the greeters, along with **Best Choice and Our Family UPC Codes. Bxotops for Education** must be submitted online. Our Russ's receipts total now is \$39,013.13! Thank you for supporting our school!

Thank You to the St. Paul students for singing today. Your voices and praise are such a welcome addition to the service. Students may sit with parents and come forward when it's time to sing. The theme this year at school is **"Make a Joyful Noise"** from Psalm 98:4 and you did this morning!

Community Events

Beatrice Regional Orchestra Concert is October 12, 2 pm at the Hevelone Center. Tickets are \$10 available at the door. Students are free. Patriotic theme.

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Pastor: Rev. Karl Hollibaugh; 225-361-5121;

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Our Elders: Chair David Doering, Jared Himmelberg, Greg Penner, Kevin Ankersen, Chuck Baker, Andrew Landon, David Oltmans, Matt Helmke, Steve Sandman.

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Pre-School & Childcare

Address: 930 Prairie Lane, Beatrice, NE 68310;

Phone: 402-223-3414 **Website:** stpaulbeatrice.org

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School Lead Teacher: Jonetta Hagemeier

Childcare Director: Sheridan Martinez

****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 under the bulletin board in the narthex.

****Church office hours** vary for now. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email 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.

****October newsletter and calendar** are available as you leave Church.

****Shut-In Lists** are in the tract rack near the front door.

October is Church Worker Appreciation Month!

Each Sunday in October, we'll feature part of our Church, School, and Child Care workers.

Help us thank our staff for all they do for our Ministry.

Please give them a "Thanks for all you do!" to show your appreciation and keep them & their families in your prayers.

A box is in the narthex if you want to give them a card of thanks.

This week we're highlighting our Child Care Center staff.

Thank you to all of them for caring for the little ones and teaching them about Jesus.

- Sheridan Martinez, Childcare Director
- Lisa Scheele, Teacher
- Emma Leners
- Christy Stearman
- Briana Stearman
- Brooke Bahnsen
- Jordan Tracy



SCHOOL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Oct. 12 - Singing in Church @ 9:00 a.m.

Oct. 13 – 8:30 am Picture Retakes

Oct. 15 – 8:30 am Chapel

Oct. 17 - 20 -No School -- Teacher In-services



2nd Annual

Blessings of the Harvest Dinner & Auction

Saturday, November 22,

Doors open 4:30 pm, Dinner 6 pm,

Live Auction 7 pm.

at the Vintage Venue, downtown Beatrice.

Tickets are available after church or at the school office.
\$50/person for the meal & 2 drink tickets. (\$25 is tax deductible). Donated items for the auction can be given to Carla Loemker or Julie Fehn.

******Wouldn't it be fun for former St. Paul students to hold a *class reunion* with their St. Paul class at the Blessings of the Harvest Dinner & Auction? If you or your kids are St. Paul alumni, let them know about the Dinner Auction and suggest meeting their former classmates there!**



St. Paul's Church Family Thanksgiving



The Thanksgiving Dinner will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy and rolls. The rest is potluck!

This is an opportunity for church members to join in fellowship and give thanks to the Lord for blessings received throughout the year.

Church members are encouraged to sign-up to attend the dinner to assist in planning food quantity. When signing-up, indicate the number of people in your party and the potluck item you are bringing (side dish and/or dessert).

Hope you and your family can attend.

When: Sunday, November 2nd

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Where: School Gymnasium

Hosted by the Boards of St. Paul's