

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

321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310

November 23, 2025

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Hymns are found in the Lutheran Service Book in the pews. We're using Divine Service, Setting 3 on page 184 in the front section of that hymnal.

(♪ denotes responses that are to be sung.)

(P= Pastor; C= Congregation)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hymn 905: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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. 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.

Silence for reflection

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.

Introit: *(Psalm 134: antiphon: Psalm 33.8)*

P: Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

**C: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!**

P: Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord!

**C: May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!**

***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: Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Kyrie: ♪

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis: ♪

P: Glory be to God on high.

C: and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

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

Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

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

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sits at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy: Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect ♪

♪P: The Lord be with you.

♪C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪C: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13–18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

¹⁶Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse ♪

C: Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:27-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, twenty third chapter.

♪ C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (said by all)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible,
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontious Pilate.
He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at

the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 534: “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

Sermon

Offertory

♪ **C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

At the conclusion: **“Amen.”**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface: ♪

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary..... praising You and saying:

Sanctus: ♪

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord ♪

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini ♪

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei ♪

C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

Distribution

Hymn 763: "When Peace Like a River"

Hymn 621: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Hymn 761: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Nunc Dimittis ♪ (Song of Simeon)

C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according
to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving ♪

♪P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

♪C: and His mercy endureth forever.

P: Let us pray...

♪ C: A---men.

Salutation ♪

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction 🎵

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Departing Hymn 525: “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

*****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; Carline Mencl; Connie Hartig; Duane Delozier; Marge Itzen; 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.**

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 to the Pastor, Elder, Usher, or the church office.

There is no Children's Sunday School or Adult Bible Class today due to the Voter's Meeting following worship today.

Communion Guidance: Visitors wanting to commune should speak to the pastor or an elder prior to the service. 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 Wednesday afternoons to commune shut-ins and evenings for confirmation class. If you'd like to see him please call him at 225-361-5121 to schedule an appointment.

A SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING is being held today, November 23, following worship to adopt the 2026 budget.

Serving Today:

Elder: Kevin Ankersen Pastor: Pastor Karl Hollibaugh
Organist: Vivian Zimmerman Reader: Bob Frerking
Greeters: Don & Carolyn Junker
Acolytes: Lydia Siefken & Ravenna Brand
Ushers: Dale Rickers, LaVern Malchow, Roger Mohling
 Terry Brethouwer

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Family and Friends of Norbert Sohl

Children's Bulletins this quarter are sponsored by Jared & Hannah Himmelberg in honor of Everett's Oct 7 Baptism Anniv (*Sponsorships are available of broadcasts (\$100), bulletins (\$25) & children's bulletins. Call the church office to schedule.*)

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

23: Joseph Fehn, Jenna Junker, Marilyn Keilig
24: Sloan Penner
25: Derek Clausen, John Hartig, Jordon Junker,
 Allyssa Neumann, Tom Noojin
26: Michelle Backer, Sandy Eckhoff, Shawn Weakland
27: Stacia Kelle
28: Joss Yates
29: Ellie Busboom
30: Chloe Oltmans

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

27: Charles & Barbara Rose Jr., 60 years
29: Wayne & Chris Schulz, 66 years

Happening this week:

Sunday, Nov 23	8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Special Voter's Meeting
Tuesday, Nov 25	6:30 pm Board of Education 7:00 pm Elizabeth Circle

Wednesday, Nov 26 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service
Afternoon: Shut-ins Communed
6:30 pm Confirmation Class
Thursday, Nov 27 THANKSGIVING
Sunday, Nov 30 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week
9:00 am Divine Service: **Advent begins.**
11:30 am Decorating the church for
Advent & Christmas. Your help is welcome!
Recent Attendance: Nov 2, 161; Nov 9, 165; Nov 16, 130.

Advent begins next Sunday, November 30. The theme for these Advent services is “Advent Up! Pray and Watch and Wrestle.” We look forward to Pastor Hollibaugh’s messages on the theme.

Come One, Come All (and bring a guest!) to a Christmas Tea
Saturday, December 6, 11 am- 1 pm in the church fellowship hall! A light lunch will be served before Brian and Carissa Hoops present a program on their trip to the Holy Lands, highlighting the sites around Jesus’ birth. Get in the Christmas Spirit with this program and with a beautiful display of nativities. A freewill offering be taken to benefit Mercy Meals and LWML Mite projects. (Sponsored by LWML)

Confirmation Class Pictures wanted! We are looking for group pictures of the confirmation classes of 2010, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 for the display in the basement. If you have any of these, would you be willing to put it in an envelope and leave it in the church office? We would appreciate it if you could name the youth in the picture. We will make a 5 x7 copy of the picture and return yours to you. Thank you so much!!

November and December Chapel Offerings are for the Coat Closet at First Christian Church. New and gently used coats, gloves, hats and monetary donations will be collected. If you want to donate, you can put a designated offering for school chapel in the offering plate or take coats to the school.

Check out the 1st **Graders art work** decorating the downstairs stairway on your way downstairs!



We continue to **save Russ's Market Register Receipts (from September through March), Our Family and Best Choice UPC codes, Tyson Project A+ Labels, and General Mills-Box Tops for Education** (get the app and scan your receipt for Gen. Mills Box Tops). **The labels or UPC barcodes can be brought to school or leave them in the entry of the church.** With the points earned from Russ's receipts, the school can earn/receive equipment ranging from pencils, crayons, sporting goods, science related equipment, electronics, computer related items and much more. Every bundle of 1000 Best Choice UPC barcodes sent in, earns the school \$30 (0.03 per UPC) to use as needed. Every bundle of 500 Family Fare UPC barcodes earns \$25 (\$0.05 per UPC) in cash for the school to use as needed. With everyone working together, they add up! Thank you for helping with these collections. Currently our Russ's receipts total \$113,049.50.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Youth group is selling freshly assembled Christmas wreaths from Pinecrest Tree Farm. They are \$30 each. If you haven't been approached by a youth group member, please let Mrs. Joanna Gellermann-Long or Miss Jessica Leseberg know if you would like to purchase one! Orders are due by November 24.

Middle and High School groups meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at school from 5-7 pm for a meal, Bible Study, and some fun activities! Questions? 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.

School's Ongoing Scrip Card Fundraiser: Shop with gift cards that give money back to our school through the "Scrip Card" program. Say you purchase a \$100 Walmart gift card for \$100 through the school. You use it as needed when shopping at Walmart. The program is at no extra cost to you, but, depending on which vendors card you buy, the school can earn up to 14% of the denomination of the card you purchase. The cards are vendor specific (i.e. Walmart gift cards may only be used at

Walmart). More information and vendor gift cards available are available at the school. If you regularly shop at a certain participating vendor or give gift cards for birthdays or holidays, consider buying them through school.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Beatrice Farmers Market's Fall Farmers Market & Brunch Buffet is on Sunday, November 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Vintage Venue. Admission to the indoor farmers market is free. You can also purchase a ticket for the local food brunch buffet. Support local farmers, bakers, and makers while celebrating the fall harvest!

Homestead Harmonizers and Beatrice Regional Orchestra Christmas Concert December 6, 2:00 pm at the Hevelone Center at the Beatrice High School. Adults \$10, students free.

Your Elder 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

If you are unable to get to church and desire communion, or have a church concern or question, please contact your Elder.

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Lead Teacher: Jonetta Hagemeyer
Childcare Director: Sheridan Martinez

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- **Need to reserve the church or school?** Call 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.
 - **For immediate or pastoral assistance**, contact Church Chair Rod Aden at 402- 239-5305 or Head Elder Dave Doering at 402-806-1015.
 - **November newsletter & calendar** are available in the narthex.

Advent and Christmas Services at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Sunday, Nov 30, (1st Sunday in Advent)

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

Wednesday, Dec 3, 10:30 am & 5:30 pm

Service of Light, (both followed by a meal)

Sunday, December 7, (2nd Sunday in Advent)

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

Wednesday, Dec 10, 10:30 am & 5:30 pm

Service of Light, (both followed by a meal)

Sunday, Dec 14, (3rd Sunday in Advent)

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

3:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program

5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program

Wednesday, Dec 17, 10:30 am & 5:30 pm

Service of Light, (both followed by a meal)

Sunday, Dec 21, (4th Sunday of Advent)

9:00 a.m. Divine Service

Wednesday, Dec 24, 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm, Divine Services

Thursday, Dec 25, 9:00 am, Divine Service

Sunday, Dec 28, 9:00 am Divine Service

Wednesday, NY's Eve, Dec 31, 7:00 p.m. Divine Service

