

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

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Sept 20, 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday in the Season of Pentecost



***Welcome!** We are glad you're here and hope to see you again soon! Please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church. If you don't have a church home, are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), or are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, please speak to the Pastor, Elder, Usher, or the church office.*

Communion Guidance: Visitors wanting to commune should speak to the pastor or an elder prior to the service. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are always welcome to commune.

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

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

Opening Hymn 594: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:

I am baptized into Christ!

He, because I could not pay it,

Gave my full redemption price.

Do I need earth's treasures many?

I have one worth more than any

That brought me salvation free

Lasting to eternity!

2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:

I am baptized into Christ!

I have comfort even stronger:

Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.

Should a guilty conscience seize me

Since my Baptism did release me

In a dear forgiving flood,

Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3 Satan, hear this proclamation:

I am baptized into Christ!

Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!

4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

***Stand** The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

PIn the name of the Father and of the {✠} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

PIf 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

PLet 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. Please sit

Holy Baptism

LSB 268

Baptismal Address

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P How is your child named?

R Behren Robyn Riekenberg

P Behren Robyn Riekenberg, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✝ forehead and upon your ✝ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Behren according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

Address to Sponsors

LSB 269

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve Behren as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R ***Yes, with the help of God.***

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

Holy Gospel for Baptism

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

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

P The Lord preserve your coming in and going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Renunciation: (Pastor addresses Behren, parent & sponsors)

P Do you renounce the devil?

R ***Yes, I renounce him.***

P Do you renounce all his works?

R ***Yes, I renounce them.***

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

Profession of Faith (Congregation joins in the **R responses)**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Brandel and Bailey, do you desire for Behren to be baptized?

R *Yes, we do.*

The Baptism

P Behren Robyn Riekenberg, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C **Amen.**

P Receive this to show that you have been covered with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The Welcome

[A] In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

[C] Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Collect for the newly baptized

[P] Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Behren the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

[C] Amen.

Collect for the Church and her members

[P] Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

[C] Amen.

[P] Peace ✝ be with you.

[C] Amen. Please Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v.17

[P] I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

C What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

P I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

C Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

P O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant,
the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

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 offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

Kyrie

LSB 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.

♪ This is the Feast

LSB 155

C Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. Refrain

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might

be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**Final Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. Please sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. Please Stand

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

♪ **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what

belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C Praise to You, O Christ.** Please Sit

Hymn 557: Seek Where You May to Find a Way

- 1 Seek where you may
To find a way
That leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled,
On Christ I build,
He is the one foundation.
His Word is sure,
His works endure;
He overthrows
All evil foes;
Through Him I more than conquer.
- 2 Seek whom you may
To be your stay,
None can redeem his brother.
All helpers failed;
This man prevailed,
The God-man and none other,
Our Servant-King
Of whom we sing.
We're justified
Because He died,
The guilty being guiltless.
- 3 Seek Him alone
Who did atone,
Who did your souls deliver.
O seek Him first,
All you who thirst
For grace that fails you never.

In ev'ry need
Seek Him indeed;
To ev'ry heart
He will impart
His blessings without measure.

4 My heart's delight,
My crown most bright,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Not wealth nor pride
Nor fortune's tide
Our bonds of love shall sever.
You are my Lord;
Your precious Word
Shall guide my way
And help me stay
Forever in Your presence.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed Please Stand

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life {✝} everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church:

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

C Responds: **Hear our prayer** after each petition.

C Responds: **Amen** after final petition.

Offering: *Please sit*

♪ **Offertory:** *Please stand* LSB 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 LSB 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 meet, right, and salutary...praising You and saying:

♪ **Sanctus** LSB 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 161

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth,.....To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

☐ 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.”

Proclamation of Christ

☐ As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

♪ Pax Domini

LSB 163

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ Amen.

♪ Agnus Dei

LSB 163

☩ 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. Please sit

Distribution

Hymn 567: Not What These Hands Have Done

- 1 Not what these hands have done
Can save this guilty soul;
Not what this toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole.
- 2 Not what I feel or do
Can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears
Can bear my awful load.
- 3 Thy work alone, O Christ,
Can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within.
- 4 Thy love to me, O God,
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest
And set my spirit free.
- 5 Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.
- 6 I bless the Christ of God,
I rest on love divine,
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart
I call this Savior mine.

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Hymn 602: The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

- 1 The gifts Christ freely gives
He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride,
His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts
Are children who proclaim

That they were won by Christ
And cling to His strong name.

2 The gifts flow from the font
Where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes
Us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins
With water and His Word;
The triune God Himself
Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

3 The gifts of grace and peace
From absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's
For us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need
Is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends
Us forth in His blest care.

4 The gifts are there each day
The holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear,
Receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with Himself,
Blest words that give them life,
Restoring and refreshing
Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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Hymn 601: All Who Believe and Are Baptized

1 All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

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♪ Post -Communion Canticle Please Stand *LSB 164*

☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone 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 *LSB 166*

ℙ Let us pray.....one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

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. *Please sit*

Departing Hymn 850: God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.

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Acolytes: Braedyn Carpenter, Asher Landon

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Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ requesting prayers: Larry Huls (hip replacement), Kevin Weakland, Dawn Crosier, BeulahMae Riekenberg, Cortney Walters, Ivan Stohs, Lisa Scheele, Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Rick Cooper, Steve Pralle, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise, Chuck Baker, Lilly Baker, Pat Nave; **in the military-**Olivia Hatzenbuehler, William Kelley, Ben Kidder.
****Please contact the church by Thursday morning** with additions/corrections to the prayers.

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Snapshot for September 13: Attendance: 135

Envelope Offerings: \$7,506; Online Offerings: \$847.40;

Missions: \$860

Bills paid: \$15,195.59

Coming Up:

Today, Sept 20 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week

9:00 am Divine Service

10:15 am Adult & Youth Bible Study

–“The Chosen”

Children's Sunday School

Today, Sept 20 5 – 7 pm Game Night in church basement

Wed, Sept 23 6:30 pm Confirmation class in church basement.

Sunday, Sept 27 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week

9:00 am Divine Service

10:15 am Adult Bible Study – “The Chosen”

Children’s Sunday School

Behren Robyn Rickenberg becomes a Child of God through Holy Baptism today. God’s Blessings and congratulations to Behren and his parents Brandel & Bailey!

St. Paul’s School Highlights

Weekly Prayer Families, please keep these families in your prayers...

Sept 23: Emily Billesbaugh, Lizabeth “Libby” (1st)

Jace & Bailey Bowhay, Cal (PS) & Olivia (PK)

Sept 30: Anthony & Jenny Brockman, Joseph (3rd) & Zacharias (3rd)

September School Chapel Offerings will be for Orphan Grain Train. Current September collection is \$87.03!

Adult and Jr/Sr Youth will watch **The Chosen** today (10:15).

Children’s Sunday School starts today (ages 4 to 5th grade) in the Sunday School room in the church basement with dismissal at 11:00.

Game Night tonight at the church from 5 – 7 pm! We’ll play BINGO with prizes for all ages. Sloppy Joe’s served. Bring a side dish if you’d like! Youth - come and call the numbers! Invite your friends & neighbors! It’ll be a fun time! ~Evangelism Group

Confirmation classes (6–8 grades) will meet weekly Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning on September 23 in the church basement.

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who supported our Big Give Gage Project. We raised over \$10,000 to update the south bathrooms. Any leftover \$ will be used for future carpet replacement in the school’s classrooms, corridors, and commons areas. Thank you again! None of this would be possible without your help!

Current 6th – 12th graders, you're invited to **join St Paul Youth Group!** We meet monthly with food, fun and fellowship – building connections with friends & community. Download the <https://sportsyou.app> The St Paul's team code is: MKDR-CDR5

LWML thanks you for the donations for School kits. We'll put those, Layette, and Hygiene kits together after worship after worship on **LWML Sunday, Oct. 11. All are invited to help!**

All Thrivent policy holders now receive choice dollars! Log in to your Thrivent account to direct them to a nonprofit anytime through Dec 31, 2026. Questions? Contact Stewardship Committee.

Sat. Nov 14th! National Touring Comedian/Magician Gayle Becwar, will take the stage at the Holiday Inn Express. Don't miss this night of fellowship, food, & **FUN**draising to support St. Paul's Church, School & Childcare. For sponsorship & donation opportunities, contact fundstpaul@gmail.com. Ticket Sales coming soon!

September Anniversaries - Happy Anniversary!

Let us know if yours is missing.

5: Ron & Julie Fehn, Greg & Holli Penner

9: Linn & Pat Sunderland

17: Justin & Chelsea Guiffre, Wayne & Chris Huls

18: Larry & Rhonda Zarybnicky

19: Greg & Janell Holle

22: Keith & Kathy Buhr

23: Dietrich & Shelley Eisele

26: David & Chris Morris

29: Dave & Lisa Oltmans

30: Bruce & Tracie Fossler

September Birthdays – Happy Birthday! *Let us know if yours is missing.*

2: Pat Nave

7: Ivan Stohs

8: Greg Holle, Darlene Scheideler

10: Joanna Schellhorn

11: Mark Seckel

12: Heather Garrelts, Everett Himmelberg, Beulah Mae Riekenberg

13: Erich Tiemann

15: Dawn Crosier, Bud Johnson,

17: Duane Delozier

18: Tanya Malchow, Nick Thompson,

18: Larry Zarybnicky

21: Dianne Springer

22: Adeline Thompson

23: Tammy Lofing

25: Pamela Norton

28: Althea Wiest

Want to support St. Paul's Church & School electronically? Your contribution will be recorded. Scan me! →



The Nominating Committee is seeking members who are called to serve on one of our Boards, Committees, or an office. Information on these is posted on the bulletin board in the entrance, giving you an opportunity to learn more about what's involved.

Today, **Our Savior Lutheran Church in Odell** celebrates their 100th Anniversary. Morning service: 10am, 1-2 pm Horseshoe Band, afternoon service: 2:30pm. They invite everyone to come celebrate!

Trinity Lutheran in Hanover, KS, all-you-can-eat church supper Sun. Sept 27th from 4 – 8 pm. Ham, beef, chicken, sides & desserts. Adults \$15, Children 10 & under: \$8 at the door.

Immanuel Lutheran, Bremen KS: Smorgasbord & Bake Sale on Sunday, Oct 4, 4:30 – 8 pm. Adults \$15, Children (5-12): \$5.

Shriners Children's will hold a free screening clinic for children's orthopedic conditions on Wednesday, Sept 23, 4-7 pm at Beatrice Orthopedic & Sports Medicine at Beatrice Community Hospital, Entrance A. Walk-ins are welcome or call 402-806-0441 for an appointment A poster is on the bulletin board. Sponsored by Blue Valley Shrine Club.

AseraCare Hospice is looking for volunteers for projects to complete at home for hospice patients. For info, 402-943-6871 or see bulletin board.

Available at the entrances: Calendars, Portals of Prayer, large print bulletins & children's bulletins, church/school brochures, Shut-In Lists. **Shut-in visits** can be recorded in a notebook by the church office door.

- **The church office is open Mondays (10:30-3:30). Otherwise, please call ahead when coming to the church office (402-228-1540).**

- **For immediate assistance, contact:** Church Chair Rod Aden: 402- 239-5305; Elder Chuck Baker: 714-232-2794; or Dave Doering: 402-806-1015.
- **Elders & assigned members** are listed on the bulletin board at the front entrance.
- **The thin bulletins** list hymns, Bible readings, and announcements. If you'd like a bulletin with the full printed service, please ask an usher.
- **Kids Busy Bags and books** are in the narthex by the bulletin board.
- Worshipers are encouraged to **greet fellow church family members and visitors around you** as we are a welcoming church. Should you desire quiet time for prayer, the church opens on Sundays at 8:00 am.
- **Get Discounted Super Car Wash tickets** in the church office for \$4.
- **To reserve church or school**, call Wayne Oestreich: 402-440-5054.
- **Services are live streamed** on YouTube, Facebook and our website: stpaulbeatrice.org. The full bulletin is there too.

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