

**The 6th Sunday after Pentecost,
Sunday, July 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

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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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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.**

Absolution

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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.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

The LORD is my portion;

I promise to keep your words.

I entreat your favor with all my heart;

be gracious to me according to your promise.

When I think on my ways,

I turn my feet to your testimonies;

I hasten and do not delay

to keep your commandments.

The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!

**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.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A 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.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

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



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; 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

Genesis 18:1–14

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

536 One Thing's Needful



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal
3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re -
4 Noth - ing have I, Christ, to of - fer, You a - lone, my
5 There - fore You a - lone, my Sav - ior, Shall be all in



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,
vealed in You. Let me find in You my plea - sure,
high - est good. Noth - ing have I, Lord, to prof - fer
all to me; Search my heart and my be - hav - ior,



Is a yoke that press - es hard! Be - neath it the
At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined! How kin - dled her
And my way - ward will sub - due, Hu - mil - i - ty
But Your crim - son - col - ored blood. Your death on the
Root out all hy - poc - ri - sy. Through all my life's



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing hap - pi - ness
heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the les - sons that
there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true wis - dom my
cross has death whol - ly de - feat - ed And there - by my righ - teous - ness
pil - grim - age, guard and up - hold me, In lov - ing for - give - ness, O



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are
Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for - got for her
steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl - edge di -
ful - ly com - plet - ed; Sal - va - tion's white rai - ments I there did ob -
Je - sus, en - fold me. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are



vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!
Lord And found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing His Word.
vine, The bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.
tain, And in them in glo - ry with You I shall reign.
vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C 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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all the saints here in Christ, that they may be presented to the Father as those whom Christ has made holy and righteous and fit for eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors and those studying to be pastors, all deaconesses, missionaries, translators, teachers and those who work to bring God's Word to His people, that their labors may be fruitful and their hearts faithful, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the young people of the LCMS as they gather in New Orleans, that their eyes may be fixed on Jesus, who endured the cross for them; that they may have hope and discipline to run their course after Christ; and that they may return safely to their homes, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who make, judge and administer our laws, that they may know the ways of the Lord and follow them for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and those who suffer, the grieving and the dying, [*especially* _____,] and those we name in our hearts, that they may rejoice in their sufferings for the sake of Christ and know healing and grace according to God's will, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who join in the Supper of Christ's body and blood this day, that they may treasure this precious gift as the good portion that is above all earthly things, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faith to follow the example of those beloved saints who labored among us and now rest from their labors, that we, too, may seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, grant to us all good things needful to this body and life, and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

Offering

Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



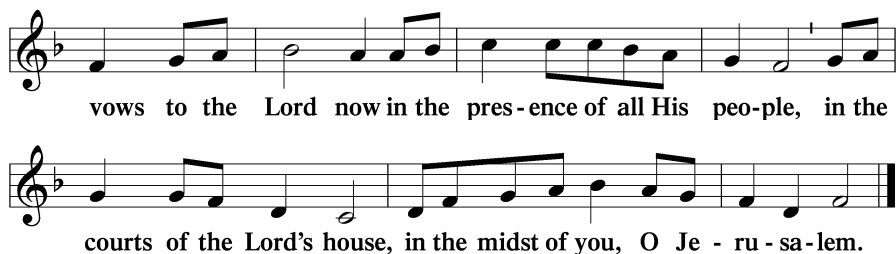
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

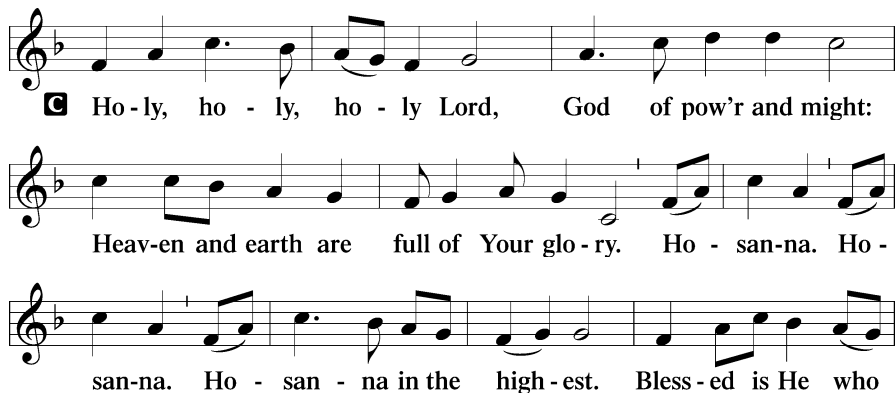
Preface & Proper Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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.”

Proclamation of Christ

- 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:

Lord's Prayer

- 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.
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my
 praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,

In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress

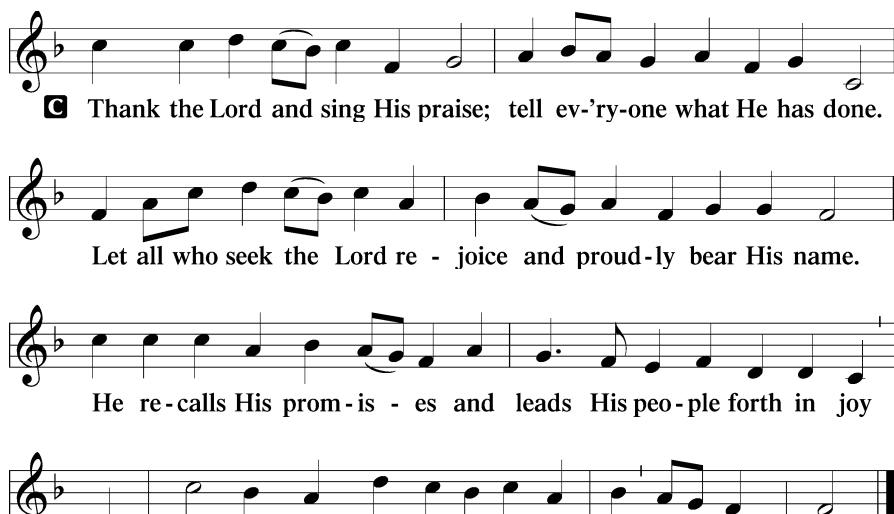
for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,

Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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Thank the Lord

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☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.

He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

855 For All the Faithful Women

sts. 1–2, 9, 3–4



1 For all the faith-ful wom-en Who served in days of old,
2 We sing of bus-y Mar-tha, Who toiled with pot and pan
3 O God, for saints and ser-vants, Those named and those un-known
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa-ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv-en; To all, their sto-ry told.
While Mar-y sat in si-lence To hear the Word a-gain.
In whom through all the a-ges Your light of glo-ry shone,
All praise the Ho-ly Spir-it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad-ness In tasks Your wis-dom gave.
Christ, keep our hearts at-ten-tive To truth that You de-clare,
We of-fer glad thanks-giv-ing And fer-vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be-fore us, With saints who wit-ness still,



To You their lives bore wit-ness, Pro-claimed Your pow'r to save.
And strength-en us for ser-vice When work be-comes our prayer.
That, faith-ful in Your ser-vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.
We sing glad Al-le-lu-ias And strive to do Your will.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 20, 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:

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 by Dale & Jonetta Hagemeyer in honor of their 30th Wedding Anniversary on June 22nd.

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WORSHIP HELPERS FOR THIS WEEK

9:00 am Divine Service

- Preacher: Rev. James Haynes
Pianist: Beverly Duensing
Reader: Duane Delozier
Elder: Steve Sandman
Acolytes: Macey Holthus, Mia Holthus
Greeters: Vaughn & Tina Wright
Ushers: Terry Brethouwer, Clair Duensing, Dale Rickers, Mike Duever, LaVerne Malchow, Roger Mohling

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Contributions	
Weekly Offering	\$9,481.00
Coins for Christ (Loose Coins)	\$0.00

OUR WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

Birthdays:

- 21 Kathy Smith
22 Brian Rix
Neely Shaffer
23 Carson Elstum
Deneta Hahn
Larry Huls
Timothy Johnsen
Carol Lohse
Mitchell Trout
24 Clari Duensing
Carla Walters
25 Keith Buhr
Randy Norris
Robert Pfungsten

Anniversaries:

- 22 Dale & Jonetta Hagemeier, 30 yrs.
- 26 LaVerne & Tanya Malchow, 50 yrs.
- Randy & Laura-Leigh Norris, 16 yrs.

THE LORD’S WEEK

Sunday	8:00	Radio Broadcast on KWBE
	9:00	Divine Service
		No Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
Monday		NO Monday Service
Friday		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 are 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday - Thursday, and Saturday. The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

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: Jul 27, 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.

THRD QUARTER VOTERS MEETING has been moved to Sunday, August 17. There will be no meeting on Sunday, July 20th. Health insurance rates were received in this week and time is needed to review this information and to meet with the staff. Moving our meeting will allow us not to have to call an additional meeting to

approve the insurance later. Plan now to join us on Sunday, August 17th. We will also have the chance to update the congregation on the status of both the pastoral and principal call positions.

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

SUMMER SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: The school office will be open from 8:30am to 11:30am Monday through Thursday. It will be closed occasionally, so please call ahead!

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

BEATRICE COMMUNITY BAND: 2025 Concert Dates are...
Sunday, July 20th 7:00pm at Chautauqua Park.



Would you like to get a sneak peek at what the inside of the sanctuary looks like before next Sunday with the new carpet and flooring? Well, here is your chance. **The trustees are looking for some help on Thursday, July 24th at 10am** to assist them in wiping down the pews with a damp cloth to take the dust off from the drilling they had to do. They also need to get all the cushions, pencils, Evangelism money envelopes, hymnals, and Bibles back into all the pews.



BATTLE OF THE BANKS



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EACH BANK IS ACCEPTING FOOD AND
MONETARY DONATIONS TO BENEFIT THE
BEATRICE FOOD PANTRY

THE COMPETITION BETWEEN BANKS RUNS FROM:
JULY 14TH - JULY 25TH

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



Why is there a rail in the front of the church?

That railing you see up near the altar is the altar rail. Some churches might even have a chancel rail a few steps away from the altar rail nearer to the congregation. **Does your church have both of these rails?**

What are these rails used for?

The chancel rail divides the church into two important parts: the “nave,” which is the largest part of the church where the congregation sits; and the “chancel,” which is the part of the church where the altar is located. The altar rail separates the altar from the rest of the chancel. It used to be, back in the Middle Ages, these rails were important for separating the congregation from the pastor or priest. As our understanding of the Lord’s Supper changed, the rails began to be used for more practical purposes. They became helpful places for God’s people to kneel and receive His wonderful gifts. They are also used for confirmation, marriages, and other events in the church.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your children’s attention to the chancel and altar rails. Allow them to walk up to the rails in order to get a better look. Encourage them to make the sign of the cross, kneel and pray. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy place.



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 \$3,500 (fully funded) completed - actual cost was \$3,680~~

Replacing the lights outside \$3,500 (\$2,000 given so far)

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 (\$12,995 given so far)

Replacing the ceiling tile in the chapel

Putting LED lighting in the stained-glass pictures \$500 (fully funded)

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.



