

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

321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310 – Pastor Bill Cornelius

July 19, 2026

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. Our summary of faith is available 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 commune.

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)

Opening Hymn 728: How Firm a Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my

Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the {✠} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

P Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

**C Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.**

P I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

**C For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

P O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of
ruthless men seek my life, and they do not set you before them.

C But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

P slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**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 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

♪ Gloria Patri

LSB 186

**C 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.**

♪ Kyrie

LSB 186

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

♪ Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

Cand on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

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

O 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 sittest 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 of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,

since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia: ♪ 🎵 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the thirteenth chapter.

♪ 🎵 Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous

will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ [C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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. Please sit

Hymn 772: In Holy Conversation

1 In holy conversation
We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation
Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying,
As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying,
His Spirit intercedes.

2 These holy conversations
Begin in childlike ways;
We bring our supplications
And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens

To ev'ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions
In ways He knows are best.

3 As holy conversation,
In silence or by word,
In ev'ry situation
Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely,
Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely
Our Father ever hears.

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Sermon

♪ **Offertory:** Please stand

☐ **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. Amen.**

Offering: Please sit

Prayer of the Church: Please stand

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

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

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪ **Preface**

LSB 194

☐ The Lord be with you.

☐ **And with thy spirit.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☐ **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 meet, right, and salutary...praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n 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

LSB 196

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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

☐ 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. Please sit

Distribution

Hymn 761: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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Hymn 892: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:

Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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Hymn 735: Have No Fear, Little Flock

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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♪ **Nunc Dimittis:** Please stand

LSB 199

☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast 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 and Post-Communion Collect

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

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

C Amen.

♪ Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201 & 202

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ Benediction

LSB 202

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. *Please sit*

Departing Hymn 525: Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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Serving Today, July 19:

Elder: Chuck Baker

Reader: Dave Doering

Acolytes: Parker Fossler, Mia Holthus

Ushers: Dale Rickers, LaVerne Malchow, Roger Mohling,
Dave Doering

Pastor: Pastor Bill Cornelius

Organist: Arvid Wiest

Greeter: Lois Podendorf

Broadcast Sponsor: Dale & Jonetta Hagemeyer in celebration of their anniversary on July 22. Happy Anniversary!

Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls those who are hospitalized, ill, or recovering: Bruce Fossler (surgery in August), Kathy Bishop, Kevin Weakland, the Jarad Adams family, (Rowien Kumm's nephew), Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise, Chuck Baker, Lilly Baker, Duane Delozier, Pat Nave; and Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military).

Please contact the church by Thursday noon with additions or corrections to this prayer list.

We also pray for the family of Bill Wehling who passed away July 11. Services are pending.

We continue to **pray for Pastor Matthew Albright**, to whom we issued a call. Pastor Matthew planned to spend some time in Nebraska, but his wife's Grandmother was put on hospice and took a turn for the worse, so they went to Illinois to be with her. Pastor Matthew has also received a call to Collinsville, Illinois. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide him as he considers these calls and for him, his wife and her family as they cope with the sickness of her Grandmother. We have invited Pastor Matthew to visit when his schedule allows. -----The Call Committee

Thank you to Pastor Bill Cornelius from Elk Creek for serving us today.

Financial Snapshot for July 12: Attendance: 125

General Fund: \$9497 Missions: \$ 40 Tuition received: \$21,767.97
Offerings to Dedicated Accounts: \$17,500 Bills paid: \$31,001.48

Coming Up:

Today, July 19	8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week 9:00 am Divine Service
Tuesday, July 21	6:30 pm Church Council

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week

9:00 am Divine Service

10:15 am Quarterly Voter's Meeting- Budget

Come to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School BBQ on Sunday, August 9 at the school, 930 Prairie Lane, Beatrice!

We'll enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, and an Ice Cream Buffet Bar! Events start at 5:30 pm with a **welcome and prayer** with **food served** from 5:30-7:30 pm. You can get a **Classroom Sneak Peak** from 6-7 p.m. and **games/contests** begin at 6:30. Please RSVP at the church on Sundays or by calling Michelle at (562) 552-239 by August 6 so we can plan food quantities. If your garden is producing well and you'd like to share tomatoes, onions, lettuce or watermelon, or strawberries, let us know!

Remaining July Anniversaries: Happy Anniversary!

14: Ron & Becky Jobman, Don & Carolyn Junker

22: Dale & Jonetta Hagemeyer 26: Randy & Laura-Leigh Norris

Remaining July Birthdays: Happy Birthday! *(Let us know if we missed yours!)*

14: Donna Huls 16: Penny Shaffer 17: Bentley Poling

19: Sophia Eisele, Tracie Fossler, Becky Jobman 22: Neely Shaffer

23: Deneta Hahn, Larry Huls; 24: Clair Duensing, Carla Walters

25: Randy Norris, Robert Pfingsten 26: Lloyd VanLaningham

28: Walley Boerger 30: Ashley Mentgen-Duff, Dave Oltmans

You are invited to the **30th Ordination Anniversary** celebration for Circuit Pastor **Rev. Paul Warneke on July 26**. He serves at Christ Lutheran Church, 2201 2nd Ave, Nebraska City and St. Paul Lutheran, Weeping Water. Worship is at 10:30 at Christ Lutheran followed by a picnic lunch at the Otoe County Bank Pavillion in Arbor Lodge State Park. Pastor Warneke has been at St. Paul's Call meetings recently. Congratulations may be sent to Christ Lutheran.

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Items for the **August calendar** should be in the church office by Wednesday, July 29. **Items for bulletins** should be submitted by noon on Thursdays.

The **Beatrice Community Band** performs their final summer concert on July 19th @ Chautauqua Park Tabernacle, 7 pm. Freewill donation.

“Battle of the Banks”: Beatrice banks are collecting food and \$ for the Food Pantry this week and next. Donate at any participating bank and help yours win!

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

- **Please call ahead when coming to the church office.**
- **For immediate assistance**: contact Rod Aden: 402- 239-5305; Dave Doering: 402-806-1015; or Chuck Baker: 714-232-2794.
- **Kids Busy Bags and books** are in the narthex by the bulletin board.
- **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 bulletin is there too.

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Summer office hours: 8:30-11:30 am Monday-Thursday, but call ahead.



Sunday, August
9, 5:30 pm at
St. Paul's School
Great Food
cooked by the
Elders! Games!
Sneak peak of
classrooms!

Please RSVP at church on
Sundays by Aug 2 or by calling
Michelle at (562) 552-2397 by
August 5 so we can plan the food!