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# Weekly Announcements

August 2, 2026



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## Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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Dear Friends of St. Paul's Lutheran School,

We invite you to become a sponsor of the **St. Paul's Lutheran School Fall Fundraising Gala** and help us reach our goal of raising \$50,000 to strengthen Christ-centered education for our students.

This year's gala will benefit the **Fred Boldt Fund-a-Family Scholarship Program**, providing tuition assistance to families who desire a Christ-centered education for their children, but need financial support to make it possible. Your sponsorship is an investment in the lives of students and helps ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

This year's gala theme, Rooted in Christ, is inspired by Colossians 2:6-7:

*"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."*

At St. Paul's Lutheran School, we believe education is about far more than preparing students for the next grade level. We are preparing young people for lives of faith, service, leadership, and purpose. In every classroom, students are challenged to pursue academic excellence, while discovering their God-given gifts in a caring, Christ-centered community.

For generations, St. Paul's has partnered with families who desire an education grounded in biblical truth. Our students learn to think critically, serve compassionately, lead confidently, and live faithfully, knowing their identity is firmly rooted in Jesus Christ.

Your support makes this possible. By investing in the Fred Boldt Fund-a-Family Scholarship Program, you are opening the doors of a Christ-centered education to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend St. Paul's. Together, we can continue equipping young people with a strong academic foundation, unwavering faith, and a heart for serving others.

We hope you will prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor of this year's gala. Thank you for investing in the mission and ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran School. Together, we will continue helping children grow deeply rooted in Christ and prepared to serve Him wherever He leads.

With gratitude,

The St. Paul's Lutheran School Gala Committee

Jennifer Adams  
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# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## 2026 FALL FUNDRAISING GALA

### Sponsorship Commitment

#### ROOTED IN CHRIST

"Rooted and built up in Him..."  
- Colossians 2:6-7

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Tornado aid for Menasha**

The devastation to Menasha and its surrounding areas, after the recent tornadoes, leaves the people there in desperate need for the very basic supplies. Lord's Cupboard is collecting these supplies to be delivered there after the weekend of August 15<sup>th</sup>. Items should be placed at each of the two public entrances to our building starting the weekend of August 8<sup>th</sup>. See the donation list below. Any questions contact Deb Prange, 414-418-4953. Thank you in advance on behalf of the residents of these communities.

- Hydration: Bottled water and sports drinks
- Child Care: Baby formula, baby wipes, and diapers in all sizes
- Clean-up Supplies: Heavy-duty work gloves, large trash bags, tarps, and rakes
- Personal Care: Unopened toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and deodorant
- Pet Care: Dog and cat food, along with pet supplies

### **School Supplies & Garden Abundance for our Lord's Cupboard Guests**

We would like to help the families that come to Lord's Cupboard and have school supplies available for their kids. We are requesting monetary donations and/or gift cards (\$10-\$25 increments) to Dollar Tree, Target or Walmart. If you prefer to purchase the actual supplies, please drop them off prior to Monday, August 3rd. A list of items to purchase is on the Lord's Cupboard bulletin board across from the elevator outside of the Fellowship Hall which is also where the purchased school supplies can be put. You can make a monetary donation to Lord's Cupboard online <https://splco.org> Scroll down to "Lord's Cupboard" or put a check or purchased gift cards also in an envelope marked Lord's Cupboard and put it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office.

Also, donations of your surplus garden vegetables will be welcomed by our LC guests when they are ready! Please drop off any of your extra vegetables in the kitchen for our distribution days and mark them for the Lord's Cupboard. Upcoming dates: 8/3, 8/17, and 8/31. Thank you for your prayers for the families that we serve and for our dedicated volunteers.

### **Summer lakeside worship services**

Our Lakeside Summer worship services will run on Wednesdays through August 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in our backyard by Fowler Lake. Please bring a chair! The sermon will be that of the weekend prior. If there is inclement weather, the worship service will be moved to the church nave.

### **Volunteer with St. Paul's at the WI State Fair**

St. Paul's has a great opportunity for members to serve while enjoying a day at the Wisconsin State Fair! We are looking for volunteers to help staff the Milk House on Opening Day (August 6<sup>th</sup>). As a thank-you for volunteering, each volunteer will receive free admission to the fair for the entire day, along with complimentary parking/carpool. If you're interested in helping or would like more information, please contact the church office. We'd love to have you join us!

## Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: *People of the Promise*

August 2 – 9, 2026

### ***People of the Promise***

Paul begins Romans 9 with a prayer full of sorrow for Israel. His grief is real, yet he knows God's promise has not failed. The true children of Abraham are those whom God calls — the people formed not by bloodline but by mercy. Christ Himself was cut off so that sinners might be brought in, and in Him God gathers a people who live by His promise rather than their own strength.

Isaiah invites the thirsty and empty-handed to a feast they cannot buy. God gives covenant mercy freely, extending David's promise to all through the One He glorifies. This is the larger story into which God places His people — not a private spirituality, but a communal identity shaped by His steadfast love. We are not spiritual islands; we are members of the people God has been forming since Abraham.

In Matthew 14, Jesus feeds the crowds in the wilderness, revealing the promised Messiah who meets His people with compassion and abundance. The disciples see scarcity; Jesus reveals sufficiency. The bread He gives is a sign of the kingdom's banquet — the feast long promised, now present in Him. Those who eat are not random individuals but members of the people God is gathering, the people of the promise.

Christ is the Promise made flesh. Christ was cut off so that we might be brought in. Christ feeds His people with gifts they cannot produce. And at His table, we join the people of the promise — gathered from every nation, living by His mercy, sustained for His service, and drawn into the story God has been telling from the beginning.

**In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### ***Order Meditation and Prayer***

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

#### **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**Christ-Centered Theme:** The children of the promise are counted as offspring.

**Verse:** Isaiah 55:1 Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. (NKJV)

**Psalm:** Psalm 136:1-9 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

## Catechism: *Confession—What is confession? What sins should we confess? Which are these?*

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                        |
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| <p><i>What is Confession?</i><br/> Confession has two parts.<br/> First, that we confess our sins<br/> and second, that we receive absolution,<br/> that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself,<br/> not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven<br/> before God in heaven.</p>                                                                                             | Kindergarten +         |
| <p><i>What sins should we confess?</i><br/> Before God we should plead guilty of all sins,<br/> even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer;<br/> but before the pastor we should confess only those sins<br/> which we know and feel in our hearts.</p>                                                                                                                                         | 1 <sup>st</sup> grade+ |
| <p><i>Which are these?</i><br/> Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments:<br/> Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife of worker?<br/> Have you been disobedient, unfair, or lazy?<br/> Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome?<br/> Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds?<br/> Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything,<br/> or done any harm?</p> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade+ |

## The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: *People of the Promise*

| Day          | Bible Stories for Families with Young Children   | Readings for Adults & Older Children |             |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Sun.</b>  | God Provides for Elijah: 1 Kings 16-17           | Psalm 67, 46, 93                     | Mt 14.13-21 |
| <b>Mon.</b>  | Elijah and the Prophets of Baal: 1 Kings 18      | Psalm 51, 85, 47                     | 1 Tm 3:1-16 |
| <b>Tue.</b>  | Elijah Is Taken to Heaven: 2 Kings 2             | Psalm 54, 28, 99                     | 1 Tm 4:1-16 |
| <b>Wed.</b>  | Naaman and Elisha: 2 Kings 5                     | Psalm 65, 125, 91                    | 1 Tm 5:1-25 |
| <b>Thur.</b> | The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace: Daniel 3     | Psalm 143, 81, 116                   | 1 Tm 6:1-21 |
| <b>Fri.</b>  | The Lord Leaves the Temple: Ezekiel 8, 10-11, 36 | Psalm 86, 6, 19                      | 2 Tm 1:1-18 |
| <b>Sat.</b>  | Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 14.22-33        | Psalm 122, 141, 91                   | 2 Tm 2:1-26 |

## **Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's**

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

## In Our Prayers this Week

**Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS** – Andy Helwig; George Menden; Jim Abel; Roger Fisher; Art Schuck; John Wickersham; Joyce Anderson; Carol Lenz–hospice; Tammy Frazier–cancer; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin–cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer–cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert–acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel–lung cancer; Karen Meyer–cancer; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Birdy–5 year-old with neuroblastoma; Gina–brain cancer; Paige (Bill Merten's daughter); Dan (Bill Merten's brother); Sandi Oechsner (Tricia Burlage's mom)–stage 4 lung cancer; Lisa (nee Rhodée) Liarokis–breast cancer; Bob Duchow (Dorothy's son); Sue Malone (Dan & Brenda Maynard's friend)–brain cancer; Janice Mulvaney Krueger–lung cancer; Della–Diana Radtke's sister; Dana; Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)–mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda–breast cancer; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack–COPD; Jeff–stage four colon cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)–breast cancer; Dawn–lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad)

**Other:** Priti–spinal surgery; Consuelo W. (friend of Bill & Kathy Granzin); Laurie–mental and physical health issues; Dean Wilcox (Tina Gartzke's brother); Dorothy–Alzheimer's; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Greu; Madelynn Matthews—Air Force; Trevor Thiel—Alaska (Fort JBER); Joe; Sam Duggan; Justin Michener; Zach Howard; Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke; Jacob; Brian; Randy; Kyle; Jake; Jeff; Matt; Brad; Ben; Mike & Rob

**Those serving God as missionaries:** Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump and family; Daniel & Marie Lowitz (Dominican Republic); Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; the family of Jeff Atwood (Stephanie’s husband and David’s father)—who passed away; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

**Wedding:** Allison Mackie & Aaron DeWitt—August 8<sup>th</sup>

**Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

**Hymn of the Week: *The Gifts Christ Freely Gives***

**LSB 602**

**Looking forward to the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 9, 2026**

**Hymns: 834, 578 (523, 849, 571) 544**

***How Beautiful the Feet of Those Who Bring Good News (Pastor Matthew Thompson)***

Job 38 reveals the Lord who speaks from the whirlwind, reminding Job that the God who laid earth’s foundations, set limits for the sea, and walks in the depths is the One who holds His people. His answer is not explanation but presence.

Romans 10 announces that same divine initiative. The righteousness of the law demands ascent, but the righteousness of faith declares that Christ has already descended and risen. The Word is near—preached, heard, believed. Faith comes not from striving but from hearing the Word of Christ.

In Matthew 14, Jesus comes to His disciples in the storm. Peter sinks, yet Christ grasps him. The wind howls, yet Christ speaks peace. Salvation does not come from human strength but from the One who steps into our fear.

The God who questions Job, who hears the psalmist’s cry, who brings His Word near, and who reaches into the waves has not abandoned His people. As Luther says, *“Where the Word is, there is also Baptism, the Sacrament, and absolution—everything that calls us to Christ and gives Him to us.”* The Lord draws near through these gifts and anchors His people in the Gospel.

**In the name of Jesus. Amen.**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Allison Mackie & Aaron DeWitt wedding ceremony invitation

On Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm, my fiancé, Aaron DeWitt and I are getting married at St. Paul's. You have been such a large part of my life the past seven years, and Aaron and I even met at St. Paul's. We sadly cannot invite everyone to the reception, but we would love to have you join us for the ceremony to hear God's Word proclaimed and to pray and sing God's promises to us as we start our life together.



and all we have comes to nothing. But in Jesus, the Lord blesses all we do and all we have for His gracious work.

**Matthew 14:17–18 – “They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’”** The five loaves and two fish were all that the disciples had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus, all we do



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### Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Our God is the Lord and Giver of life! “Come ... incline your ear to me, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live” (Isaiah 55:3)! “He who gives food to all flesh, for His steadfast love endures forever” (Psalm

136:25) also gives nourishment to every born and preborn life He knits together fearfully and wonderfully. Even while I “have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart” (Romans 9:2) over the spiritually lost and the violence of abortion and euthanasia, we continue to eat and be satisfied (Matthew 14:20) from Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life.

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT INFORMATION

### St. Paul's Young Adults (SPLCO YA)

We provide opportunities at St. Paul's for young adults (18 - 30) to be together in community and build one another up.

#### Upcoming SPLCO YA Events

- Summer Book Series: Spirituality of the Cross by Gene Veith (6:30pm @ SPLCO)  
**08/18 - Chapter 6 - "Conclusion: Worshiping God" (137-143)**

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

|                       |                                                                                          |                                                     |                                           |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY<br>August 3    | Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru                                                               | Parking Lot                                         | 5:30 pm                                   |
| WEDNESDAY<br>August 5 | Summer Lakeside Worship                                                                  | Backyard                                            | 6:30 pm                                   |
| THURSDAY<br>August 6  | Church Choir Rehearsal                                                                   | Balcony                                             | 6:30 pm                                   |
| FRIDAY<br>August 7    | Church Choir Rehearsal<br>Allison Mackie/Aaron DeWitt Rehearsal                          | Balcony<br>Church                                   | 4:30pm<br>5:00 pm                         |
| SATURDAY<br>August 8  | Journeymen<br>Allison Mackie/Aaron DeWitt Wedding<br>Divine Worship                      | Maxim's<br>Church<br>Church                         | 7:30 am<br>2:00 pm<br>5:00 pm             |
| SUNDAY<br>August 9    | Divine Worship<br>Summer Sunday School<br>Life Application Bible Study<br>Divine Worship | Church<br>Meet in F.H.<br>Fellowship Hall<br>Church | 8:00 am<br>9:15 am<br>9:15 am<br>10:30 am |

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Life Application Bible Study

**Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall**  
The Book of Romans

### Sunday School

**Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym**  
*The Lost Coin*  
**Luke 15:8-10**  
**Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am**

### Women of Joy

**Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 am**  
Whelan's

### Journeymen

**Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) - 7:30 am**  
Maxim's

## NEXT WEEKEND

|                      | 5:00 PM                          | 8:00 AM                                       | 10:30 AM            |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Readings</b>      | Job 38.4-18                      | Rom 10.5-17                                   | Mt 14.22-33         |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | Bernita Krenzke                  | Barb Hentz                                    | Barb Star           |
| <b>Elders</b>        | Ryan Schneider                   | Neil Anderson                                 | Jerad Luedtke       |
| <b>Greeters</b>      | Carole Schmeda<br>Elaine Schmeda | Duane & Sharon Peterson<br>Bruce & Mary Bojko | Tom & Denise Showen |
| <b>Live-Stream</b>   | N/A                              | Scheuer                                       | N/A                 |
| <b>Radio</b>         | N/A                              | Chuck Laabs                                   | N/A                 |
| <b>Ushering Team</b> | Dan Maynard                      | Joel Tesch                                    | Jerad Luedtke       |

**AUGUST 9, 2026**

**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Pastor:** Matthew E. Thompson

**Theme:** *How Beautiful the Feet of Those Who Bring Good News*

**5pm & 8am Worship**

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 1, pg. 151

**10:30am Worship**

Special Order

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music  
Jill George, Principal

Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor  
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Summer Office Hours: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

### The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1–5

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not  
bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not  
know,

and a nation that did not know you shall run to  
you,

because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One  
of Israel, for he has glorified you."

#### Epistle: Romans 9:1–13

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying;  
my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—  
that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my  
heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed  
and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers,  
my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are  
Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory,  
the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and  
the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and  
from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ  
who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed.  
For not all who are descended from Israel belong to

Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because  
they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your  
offspring be named." This means that it is not the  
children of the flesh who are the children of God, but  
the children of the promise are counted as offspring.  
For this is what the promise said: "About this time  
next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son."  
And not only so, but also when Rebecca had  
conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac,  
though they were not yet born and had done nothing  
either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of  
election might continue, not because of works but  
because of his call— she was told, "The older will  
serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I loved,  
but Esau I hated."

#### Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13–21

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John],  
he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place  
by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they  
followed him on foot from the towns. When he went  
ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion  
on them and healed their sick. Now when it was  
evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a  
desolate place, and the day is now over; send the  
crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for  
themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away;  
you give them something to eat." They said to him,  
"We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he  
said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the  
crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five  
loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and  
said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave  
them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to  
the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And  
they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces  
left over. And those who ate were about five thousand  
men, besides women and children.

August 2, 2026



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Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church,  
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- + Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate.
- + As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! We’re delighted that you’ve joined us for worship.

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul’s, a greeter, elder, or pastor will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

We welcome young children to the service. Try sitting closer to the front by a side aisle. The worship service is simulcast downstairs in our Fellowship Hall for your convenience.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord’s Supper is not a private meal, but a body-and-soul communion with Christ and His body, the Church. In keeping with the Lord’s instruction (cf. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34) and with the common historical practice of the church, St. Paul’s welcomes only those who are in full confessional agreement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you hold a confession differing from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or are not yet confirmed in our confession of faith, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing (Please indicate by folding your hands over your heart.). If you are physically unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion. Those communing should mark this on the attendance card. If you have questions, our pastors will be pleased to speak with you.

Distribution and Communion Wine

Please place open hands out to receive the Body of Christ and also to indicate whether you are receiving the Blood of Christ from the common cup or the individual cup. The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are dark in color.

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 65

Wed – 44

8:00 am – 143

Total: 374

10:30 am – 122

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

|               | 5pm                            | 8am                                               | 10:30am                  |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Liturgist     | Ps. Matt Thompson              | Ps. Schockman                                     | Ps. Schockman            |
| Preacher      | Ps. Matt Thompson              | Ps. Matt Thompson                                 | Ps. Matt Thompson        |
| Musicians     | Allison Mackie                 | Allison Mackie                                    | Praise Team              |
| Altar Guild   | Traci Anderson                 | Pam Kroupa<br>Rachelle Eifert                     | Karen Dentice            |
| Elders        | Patrick Smith<br>Glenn Gartzke | Neil Anderson                                     | Jon Schmeling            |
| Greeters      | Dan & Brenda Maynard           | Chris & Pam Kroupa<br>Dona Thurow<br>Judy Mueller | Dustin & Ashley Westphal |
| Live Stream   | N/A                            | Hertneky                                          | N/A                      |
| Radio         | N/A                            | Cheryl Tesch                                      | N/A                      |
| Ushering Team | Rick Zastrow                   | Neil Anderson                                     | Mike Neff                |

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- + Web: Anytime at [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org) or YouTube

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# **Sermon Outline:** *People of the Promise*

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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
2 August, A.D. 2026  
Is 55.1-5; Rom 9.1-13; Mt 14.13-21

Why does Paul begin Romans 9 with sorrow and anguish?

What blessings does Paul list that show God's faithfulness to Israel?

How does Paul's grief reflect the heart of Christ?

What does it mean that God's story is larger than our pain or unbelief?

How does baptism today reveal God's promise at work?

Why is Christianity never "just me and Jesus"?

How does Elijah's experience at Horeb show that God preserves a people?

What does it mean to be grafted into God's story and God's people?

How does Isaiah's invitation ("Come, everyone who thirsts...") connect to the Lord's Supper?

How does the newly baptized join the people of the promise?

What does the Annunciation teach about God pulling His people into His story?

How does belonging to the people of the promise shape our life in the world?

**Key Takeaway:** God's promise is older than your fears and stronger than your sins. Christ was cut off so that you might be brought in. In baptism, God joins another sinner to His Son and His people. At the Supper, He feeds His people with the food of the promise. You belong to the people of the promise— a people gathered, redeemed, and sustained by Christ Himself.