

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twentyfirst Sunday of
Pentecost
October 18, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. Amen.

Gathering Song

"Shout to the Lord"

(hymn) **821**

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading— 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know

God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. *The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 96:1-13 (Read Responsively)

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**

⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Gospel—Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away. *The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Song

"I Believe In Jesus"

¹ I believe in Jesus, I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again, I believe He paid for us all

I believe He is here now, standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive

² I believe in You Lord, I believe You are the Son of God
I believe You died and rose again, I believe You paid for us all

And I believe You're here now, standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive

Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Offering

Offering Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

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The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

Lord's Prayer

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

A member of our prayer team will be available during communion distribution for individual and private prayer. Please meet them at the prayer room to the right of the sanctuary.

Communion Distribution

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Sending Song

"Kyrie Eleison"

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison, on our world, and on our way
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day

¹For peace in the world, for the health of the church
For the unity of all. For this holy house
for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord
Let us pray to the Lord. *Chorus*

²That we may live out Your impassioned response
To the hungry and the poor, that we may live out
Truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord
Let us pray to the Lord. *Chorus*

³For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes
For friends and family, for life and for love
For our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord
Let us pray to the Lord. *Chorus*

⁴For Your Spirit to guide, that You center our lives
In the water and the word, that You nourish our souls
With Your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord
Let us pray to the Lord. *Chorus*

Dismissal

Go in peace! Share Christ's love, with joy!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Thank You and Welcome!

**Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church, where our mission is
"To Share Christ's Love, With Joy!"**

We are grateful you are here.

Here at St. Paul Lutheran, we share life together in all its fullness, its joys and its sorrows. We believe that every person is created in God's image and is loved by God. You are welcome here, just as you are, without exception. All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Gender-neutral restrooms are available in the education wing.

If you are new, we would love to meet you. And whether you are visiting or returning, we give thanks for your presence among us.

Our Sunday Morning Leadership

We give thanks this morning for the many people who help make our worship at St. Paul Lutheran possible. Thank you to **Pastors Dale and Carrie Stiles** for leading us in worship; **Sam Cole**, our Worship Assistant; **Bruce Spangler and Jamie Hyrkas**, our Ushers; **Harper**, serving in the Prayer Room; **Jeanne Richards**, our Organist; Kim Clark, our accompanist; **Chris Timmons** our A/V Tech; **Jean Reed** on Altar Guild; **Kathie Marabella** and **Katie Fetterly**, our Offering Counters; and **Darlene Petrey** for preparing our communion bread. We are grateful for each and for the time, gifts, and care they share with our congregation as we gather to worship and Share Christ's Love With Joy!

Prayer Concerns

Please keep in your prayers this week: Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes; Ruth Koehly; Josie Peterson; Lois, friend of Janelle Albee; Ron Fraley; Kathy, sister of Ron Rozeske; Julie, family of Pat Miska; Mick Byl; Jim Rauner; Sally; Aiden, nephew of Jeff and Pam Heaton; Kimberly Bahls; Adley; Karen Chapin; Zella Oswald; Family of Della (food truck); Rosemary Sitt (food truck); Jeremy and Paige; all who serve in the military; Shelby; Tom; and all law enforcement personnel.

Announcements and Ministry Opportunities

Flowers today are provided by Garry & Val Budolfson in honor of their anniversary. The flower sign up sheet is on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Refreshments today are provided by Arlie Post. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Fall Quilt Raffle—Starts Today! We have three quilts to bid on, and the Humble Bees will also be selling other fun items. All proceeds will go again towards college scholarship funds for our upcoming high school graduates.

Preliminary 2027 Congregational Budget Meeting—TODAY, October 18, immediately following worship. Council Treasurer, Chris Timmons, will lead this meeting. **A handout of the budget draft is available on the information table in the narthex.**

Fall Blood Drive, Friday, November 6 - The American Red Cross is offering another opportunity to give the gift of life right here at St. Paul Lutheran! Join us on **Friday, November 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** to donate blood and make a difference in someone's life. To schedule your appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter St Paul Lutheran in the search field.

West of 55 Community Meal Service. West of 55 will once again serve at the Zion Lutheran Church Community Meal on **Monday, November 9**. Sign up on the table in the narthex, or contact Carole England for more information.

Join us at The Table on Wednesday Nights. Supper for all ages and families will be served from 5:45–6:15 p.m., with Joyful Noise children’s choir and Confirmation to follow. Supper this week will be egg bake and ham.

West of 55 - Join us on Thursday, October 29 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. for White Elephant Bingo! Bring one item from around your house that you no longer need or want. Please do not purchase anything new. Bring a snack to share, and popcorn will be provided. Come ready for some bingo, laughs and fun!

Our **Rooted. Growing. Reaching.** five-week stewardship journey begins **next Sunday, October 25!** We’ll kick things off **with ROOTED: Where Has God Planted Us?** as we reflect on the people, place, and ministries that provide a foundation for our life together in Christ. Information about the journey and a detailed schedule should have arrived in your mail this week.



ROOTED. GROWING. REACHING.

Sponsor a Student in Tanzania! Help provide a year of education for children in our partner congregations of Mtera and Migoli. A full-year scholarship is **\$450**, and gifts of any amount are welcome. Last year, our congregation raised nearly \$6,000 to sponsor 12 students! **Please submit gifts by Sunday, November 1.**

Weekly Financial Stewardship Update

2026 General Fund Offering Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Giving
YTD Totals	\$173,562.33	\$167,936.02	\$5,626.31
2026 Total Revenue Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Revenue
YTD Totals	\$234,527.00	\$205,540.30	\$28,986.70

The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 18

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Preliminary 2027 Budget Meeting, after worship

Tuesday, October 20

Adult Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21

The Table, 5:45 p.m.

(egg bake and ham)

SPLASH, 6:15 p.m.

Confirmation, 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday w/ Bible Presentation

Rooted. Growing. Reaching.

Stewardship Journey Begins

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Vocal Choir, 6:00 p.m.

Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off—October 28

All Saints Sunday - November 1

Blood Drive - November 6

West of 55 - Zion Community Meal - November 9



Fall Festival—SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for our annual Fall Festival on

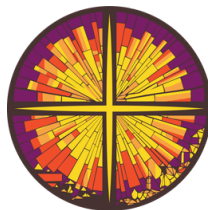
Wednesday, October 28!

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a **Chili Cook-Off Contest**,
caramel apple bar, **fall crafts**, **games**,
and the **Sir Sidney of Soapinton—the Barron of Bubbles**,
back by popular demand!

This fun event is an annual partnership with our Discovery Center.

Interested in helping? Talk to Pr. Carrie!



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