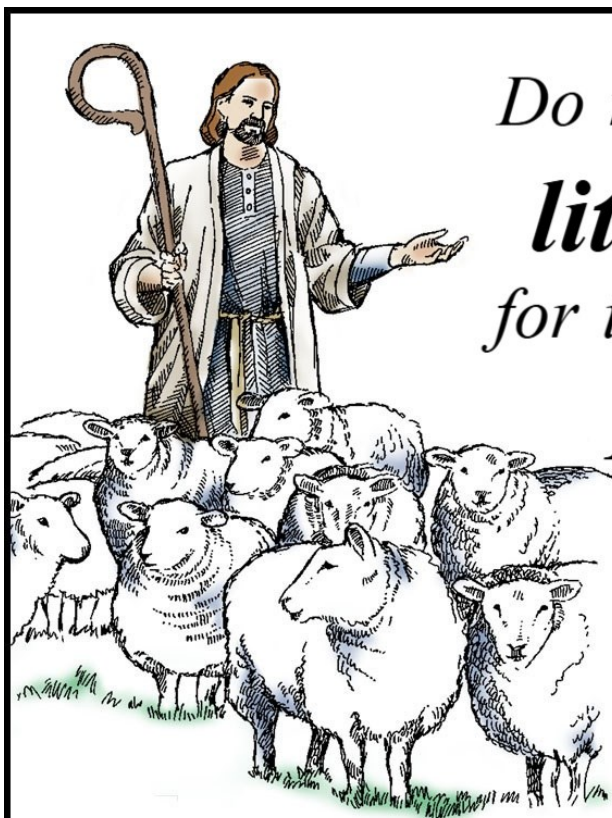


NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ AUGUST 10, 2025



*Do not be afraid,
little flock,
for it is your
Father's
good pleasure
to give you the
kingdom.*

Luke 12:32, NRSV

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

#786

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.**

Hymn of Praise

“All Glory Be to God on High”

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Genesis 15:1 - 6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 33:12 - 22

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

¹³ **The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵ **God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1 - 3, 8 - 16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel

Luke 12:32 - 40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

“How Great Thou Art”

#856

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

#182

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

The 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.

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

#624

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

#488

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Gracious God, you gathered us to your table and offered signs of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Holy Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

#765

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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"NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



Welcome: Life is often hard, for many reasons. So we gather to be fed and strengthened by Jesus, our Good Shepherd; to be assured of his presence and goodness. Welcome to worship.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Randy Oelrichs, Susan Kyle, Nathan Vanderlinden, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.

Follow Jesus' Steps...



...Pray

Bredlee & Jessica Stillfield (friends of Melisa Balke), Harold Brown (father of Donnie Brown), Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Ashley Campbell, Susan Canfield, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Stacy Morrison (friend of Teresa Viebrock), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kaleb Mundy, Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Liz Smart, Cliff Eckhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of JoAnn Brown.



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

Free Yoga Class: Every Monday at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **August 11th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Come join us!

Meeting: Council will meet on Wednesday, **August 13th** at 6:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **August 14th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Worship: There will be no Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **August 16th.**



Back to School Blessing: As schools gear up for another school year, we give thanks to God for the gift of learning and for those who take on this endeavor as their vocation. During worship on Sunday, **August 17th** we'll offer our prayers and blessings upon students, teachers and administrators as this new school year.

Planning: Worship & Music will meet on Wednesday, **August 20th** at 3:30pm.



COLE CAMP FAIR

Sign up Sheet: The Fair Stand Schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the link. Online scheduling is also available. Thanks to all who have already signed up. Thank you!



Fair Stand: The food stand will be put up on Sunday, **August 31st** at 1:00pm and taken down on Sunday, **September 7th** at 1:00pm.

Float: Calling on all pleaters, fluffers, stuffers, and frame builders! For the present time, we will meet on **Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays** at 5:00 p.m. in the in the classrooms and shed. Dennis is constructing the "little blue truck" at his home and can use help. Many hands will make the project run smoothly.



Fair Pies: Each family is asked to bring two fruit pies according to the following schedule, divided alphabetically by last names. There are pie tins available for your use in the gathering space.

Thursday, September 4thA - C
Friday, September 5th D - M
Saturday, September 6th N - Z



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 10:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, August 11:	9:00am	Sewing
	6:30pm	Yoga
Wednesday, August 13:	6:00pm	Council
Thursday, August 14:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, August 16:	NO	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, August 17:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations Back to School Blessing



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

August 17 Back-To-School Blessing
August 31 Set up Fair Stand

Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

Ministers	The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist.....	Lois Viebrock
Pianist	Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians.....	Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild	Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann
Ushers.....	Victoria Fox, Assistant Head Usher
.....	Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Braden Poe



Nineth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 10, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	Erin Oelrichs & Hannah Schweitzer
Reader.....	Lexi Goyette
Children’s Sermon	Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes.....	Gannon Elliott & Charlotte Zeller
Flowers	Kim Gumbel



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 17, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants	Luther League
Reader.....	Lynn Schear
Children’s Sermon	Paul Fuelling
Acolytes.....	Kale Kruep & Mason Randall
Flowers	Glenalee Dillon