

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ AUGUST 24, 2025



JESUS HEALS
ON THE SABBATH
LUKE 13:10-17

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“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”

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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 Day of Rest and Gladness"

#521

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” pg. 159 vs. 1 & 3

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b - 14

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 103:1 - 8

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18 - 29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

pg. 216

Gospel

Luke 13:10 - 17

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

“How Firm a Foundation”

#796

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#858

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

#764

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

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

#534

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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"NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



Welcome: We worship in the name of God, the Maker of heaven and earth; Jesus, the Messiah who teaches us how to serve others; and the Holy Spirit, counselor, comforter, cultivator of faith. Amen.

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...*



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), 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).





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

New Baby: Congratulations to Darin and Tara Oelrichs on the arrival of their daughter, Ellisyn Rae. She was born on Thursday, August 21st. Ellisyn Rae is the granddaughter of Steve and Kim Oelrichs.



Preschool: The former Luther League room was cleaned out to provide space for the Little Blessings Preschool classroom. This change in classroom location provides more space both for the preschool and the daycare. Many St. Paul's mugs were found and are available for the taking in the Gathering Space.

The Little Blessings Preschool: The preschool will be staffed by Annette Vogel and Winter Dieckman. Annette is a certified teacher with many years experience in preschool and early childhood. Winter is a helper in our daycare and has previous experience in both preschools and daycares. To round out our staff, we are looking for a ***volunteer/s to assist in the classroom on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings*** beginning on Tuesday, September 9. If interested, please contact Rhonda Schlesselman or Janice Gerken.



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.

Acolytes: "Acolyte" is an ancient word that means "helper." In our worship services acolytes help out by lighting candles and helping in other ways. Acolytes at St. Paul's usually begin in the 4th grade, so if you would like to help out in this way join Pastor Stephen after worship **today**, for a brief training session.





One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **August 25th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Come join us!

Newsletter: The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **August 27th** at 3:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **August 28th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Adult Class: According to King Solomon and Proverbs, only an unwise person stops learning--the more effort we put into hearing and learning, the more we gain a better understanding and wisdom. This fall the Adult Sunday School class will be studying the Book of Proverbs and will strive to increase our learning and understanding of this book that reveals God's perspective on life showing what He values and how He desires for us to live. Please join us in the chapel each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. beginning on **September 14th** to dive into this book of wisdom. Just bring a Bible and be ready for some great discussion. Hope to see many of you there.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 24:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations Acolyte Instruction
Monday, August 25:	9:00am	Sewing
	6:30pm	Yoga
Wednesday, August 27:	3:00pm	Sunbeam
Thursday, August 28:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, August 30:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, August 31:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
	1:00pm	Set up Fair Stand

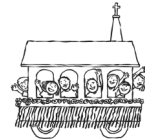
COLE CAMP FAIR

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: Float work continues daily. You will be notified.



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



Pies by Tammy: If anyone would like to order pies we will be making pies and delivering as usual. The cost will be \$12.00 for fruit and \$13.00 for pecan. We will take orders thru **September 1st**. Call/text Tammy Thompson at 660-287-0360 or mail check with order info (name to go on pie(s), which day you would like them delivered, and church name) to 26744 Seven Hills Road.

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



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 24, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	Glenalee Dillon & Debbie Eckhoff
Reader.....	Lesa Warden
Children's Sermon	Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes.....	Fred Goosen & Lexi Goyette
Flowers	Kathy Oelrichs



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 31, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Melisa Balke
Communion Assistants	Greg Bredehoeft & Ruth Ann Kreisel
Reader.....	Rhonda Schlesselman
Children's Sermon	Paul Fuelling
Acolytes.....	Tristan Fox & Hudson Kullman
Flowers	Beth Grother