

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ AUGUST 31, 2025**



For all who  
**EXALT** themselves  
will be **HUMBLED**,  
and those who  
**HUMBLE** themselves  
will be **EXALTED**.

Luke 14:11

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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

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

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## 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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*please be seated*

## First Reading

Proverbs 25:6 - 7a

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, “Come up here,” than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive Reading

Psalm 112

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1 - 8, 15 - 16

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Paul Fuelling

*please stand in body or spirit*

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

pg. 216

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7 - 14

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not

sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." <sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

"Now We Join in Celebration"

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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"

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## 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

"As We Gather at Your Table"

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"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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*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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

# "NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



**Welcome:** Welcome, everyone! May God open our hearts so love can come forth — love for God and love for one another! Rejoice! We're with the Lord.

*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), 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 Jacob and Alyssa Fowler on the arrival of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth. She was born on Wednesday, August 27th. Grace Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Bruce and Rachel Wienberg and great-granddaughter of Robert and Sharel Wienberg.



**The Little Blessings Preschool:** Our preschool begins its new year on Tuesday, September 9th. It 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***. 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.



**One Stitch at a Time:** The Sewing Group will **not** meet on Monday, **September 1st**. Have a safe Labor Day!

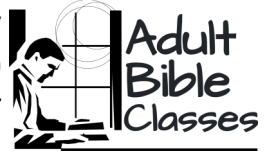
**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **September 4th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.





**Sunday School & Confirmation:** A new year of Christian Education begins here at St. Paul's on Sunday, **September 14th**. Children in preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the classrooms in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 9:00 am. Youth in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet with Pastor Stephen in a location TBD each week at 8:45 am. And the adult Sunday School class will meet in the Chapel each week at 9:00 am. We hope you'll take advantage of one of these classes so that you can continue to grow in your faith!

**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.



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### THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

<b>Sunday, August 31:</b>	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
<b>Monday, September 1:</b>	1:00pm	Set up Fair Stand
	NO	Sewing
<b>Thursday, September 4:</b>	6:30pm	Yoga
	8:00am	BCHD
<b>Friday, September 5:</b>		Cole Camp Fair
<b>Saturday, September 6:</b>	NO	Casual Worship Service
<b>Sunday, September 7:</b>	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar
	1:00pm	Take down Fair Stand

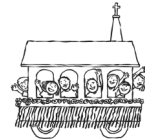
# COLE CAMP FAIR

**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:** Thanks to all who helped with the float this year!



**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 4th .....A - 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



## 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



## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 7, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants .....	At the Altar
Reader.....	Lynn Schear
Children's Sermon .....	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes.....	Miranda Gerken & Jace Tinney
Flowers .....	Arlene Schlesselman