

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - OCTOBER 18, 2026

**"GIVE TO CAESAR
WHAT IS CAESAR'S,
AND TO GOD
WHAT IS GOD'S."**

MATTHEW 22:21. NIV



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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.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

Opening Hymn

"Mighty to Save"

Mighty To Save

(as published by Hillsong Music Publishing)

Words and Music by
Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

VERSE

D A F#m

1. Ev 'ry-one needs com-pas-sion, love that's nev-er fail-ing. Let
2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and fail-ures.

E D A

mer-cy fall on me. Ev-'ry-one needs for-give-ness, the kind-ness of a Sav-
Fill my life a-gain. I give my life to fol-low, ev-'ry-thing I be-lieve

CHORUS

F#m E D E D E A

- iour. The hope of na-tions. Sav-iour, He can move the
in. Now I sur-ren-der.

E D A F#m E A

moun-tains. My God is might-y to save. He is might-y to save. For-ev-er, Au-thor of sal-

TURNAROUND

E D A F#m E D

-va-tion. He rose and con-quer-ed the grave. Je-sus con-quer-ed the grave.

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INSTRUMENTAL

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A F#m E F#m E D A E F#m

20

con-quired the grave.

BRIDGE

D A E F#m D A E F#m

26

Shine your light, and let the whole world see. We're sing-ing

D A E F#m D A

30

for the glo-ry of the ris-en King. Je-sus. Shine your light, and let the whole world

CHORUS

E F#m D A E Fine A

33

see. We're sing-ing for the glo-ry of the ris-en King. Sav-iour, He can move the

E D A F#m E A

37

moun-tains. My God is might-y to save. He is might-y to save. For-ev-er, Au-thor of Sal-

1 | 2

E D A F#m E F#m E

41

-va-tion. He rose and con-quired the grave. Je-sus con-quired the grave. con-quired the grave.

D.S. al Fine

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

You Are My All In All

Words and Music by
Dennis Jernigan

VERSE

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F C Dm Dm7 Am

1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I
2. Tak ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your

3 Gm7 F/C C7 F C7 F C

seek. You are my all in all. Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
name; You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me

CHORUS

6 Dm Dm7 Am Gm7 F/C C7 Bb/F F F C

jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. Je - sus,
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

10 Dm Dm7 Am Gm7 F/C C7 F C7 F C Dm Dm7 Am Gm7 F/C C7

Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name! Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your

16 Bb/F F

name!

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.**

please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 45: 1-7

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 96: 1-9

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.

Second 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 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 but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know 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.

Children's Sermon

Paul Fuelling

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

#512

Gospel

Matthew 22: 15-22

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter. **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.**

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

#583

Apostle's Creed

**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.**

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

Give Thanks

Words and Music by
Henry Smith

CHORUS

Am/C F C/E Dm Am

♩ = 80

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One; Give

VERSE

1 2,3

Bb F/A F Eb Gm7/C C7 Am/C Gm7/C C7 C/Bb Am7

thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give Son. And now let the

Dm7 C/D Dm7 Gm7 Bb/C C Bb/D C/E Fmaj7 Am/E Dm7 C/D Dm7

weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has

1 2

Eb Eb/D Gm7/C C7 C/Bb Gm7/C C7 Am/C Gm7/C C7 Bb/C F Fmaj7 Gm7/F F

Coda

ast time to Coda *D.S. al Coda* **ENDING**

done for us; And us. Give us. Give thanks.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... 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.**

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

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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

"Lord, Be Glorified"

#744

"Thine the Amen"

#826

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....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.**

Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Canticle of the Turning”

#723

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

"THE GIFT OF GOD'S KINGDOM"



Welcome: We are delighted to have you with us today as we gather on this Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. Today, we are challenged and comforted by the call to adjust our vision - to see God's hand in our daily lives and to offer back to God all that is God's. May your heart be open to Word, Sacrament and fellowship this morning.

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

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Vickie Fox, Todd Rusk, Suzanne Lutjen, Mary Haluptzok, Kevin Tatum, Nathan Vanderlinden, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.



William Smart, Carla George, Richard Lee, Colin Kabler (brother of Alexis Smith), Tom Ferguson, Tanner Huffman, Merle Fuelling (brother of Paul Fuelling), Dan Sabala, Pam Bruns (Cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel), Pat Higgins, Kathy Harms, Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff 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 & Homebound: Vern Dean Bohling: *Anew*. Shirley Cash, Judie VonHolten, Eugene Beckman, Florence VonHolten, Arlene Schlesselman & Larry & Judy Schlesselman: *GSCC*. Earl Bauer: *Windsor Nursing Home*.

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





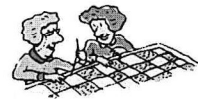
With Sympathy: We pray for those whose loved ones have recently died: William Smart

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen), J. Phillips Navy Petty Officer E-4 MMN (nephew of Katy Schlesselman), Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.



Lutheran World Relief ingathering - On Saturday, Ruth Ann and Frank delivered our Lutheran World Relief items to the Ingathering located at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Jefferson City. *They delivered 101 quilts, 85 Care Kits, and 5 Fabric Kits.* **Thank you** to Ruth Ann, Sharel, Jeannette, Lois, LaDonna, Lee Ann and Milton for their many "stitches" made over the past year. **Thank you** to Jeannette for preparing the Fabric Kits. **Thank you** all our members for their donations of towels, soap, combs, toothbrushes, and clippers. **Thank you** to Ruth Ann, Glenalee, Jeannette, Jean, and LaDonna for giving of their time in assembling and boxing up the Care Kits. **Thank you** to all who helped to load the boxes for delivery. Finally, **Thank you** to Frank and Ruth Ann for delivery of the 191 items needed by many. *With God, nothing is impossible!!*

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group meets every **Monday** at 9:00am in the Luther League Room. Everyone is welcome to join!



Yoga: Dr. Stephanie Shirding is once again offering a free Community Yoga class! This class is held from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall **every Monday**. We thank Dr. Shirding for offering this once again! Search for "Monday Mediations" on Facebook for more information about the class.

Bible Study

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **October 22nd**, from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



PASTOR Appreciation

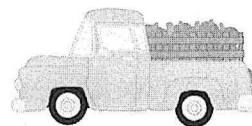
Heads Up!! The month of October is **Pastor Appreciation Month!** Take time this month to express to Pastor Stephen a **BIG Thank You** for his ministry among us for the past 13 years! He has served as a shepherd for us in times of our joys, through out difficulties, and in our sorrows. Now, it is our turn to reach out to Pastor Stephen with our own appreciation, with encouragement and support as he leads and serves both in this congregation and throughout community. Additionally, reach out to Pastor Kim, Pastor Sandy, and Pastor Randy for their service within the congregation and the community.

Faith and Fellowship: All 9th-12th grade Luther League members are invited during the Sunday school hour **Today** (beginning at 9 am) for conversations about our Faith while we share in Fellowship with each other. There will be drinks and donuts. Bring a friend if you like! Please watch the bulletin for additions.



First Communion Instruction: As one of our two sacraments, Holy Communion is important to our life of faith. Here at St. Paul's we traditionally offer First Communion Instruction to youth in the 4th grade, but the decision to participate earlier or later than that is ultimately up to each family. Pastor Stephen will host a First Communion Instruction class **Today** right after worship. Parents are asked to attend with their child/ren. We will have lunch, ask questions to learn more about communion, and bake bread together. Those who attend will then receive their First Communion in worship on October 25th, or soon after. We will have another class in the near future for anyone unable to attend today. Please RSVP to Pastor Stephen, or reach out to him with any questions.

Junior Lutherans Activity: Junior Lutherans and their families are invited to an afternoon at Pop Pop's Pumpkin patch here in Cole Camp **Today** at 4:00 pm. We'll have activities with pumpkins, a Bible story, time to ride the train cars, and pet animals (llamas!). We look forward to seeing you!



Circle: The Esther Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on **October 19th** at Sharel Wienberg's home.

Committee: The Worship & Music Committee will meet on **October 21st** at 3:30 pm in the Meeting Room.



Reformation: We will commemorate Reformation in worship on **October 24th & 25th**. Reformation is a festival day where we celebrate and remember our history, but it is also be a day to reexamine our faith. Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order

to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. You are invited to wear red to worship that day to help us recognize the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the church!

All Saints: On **November 1st** we will commemorate All Saints in worship. All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As part of our worship service, we will



remember those members of St. Paul's who have either been baptized or have died over the past year. As we gather for Communion, we will hear the names of departed loved ones read to be reminded of the communion of saints who surround us each day. If you would like a name or names of friends or family members to be read that day (they do not have to have been a member) please write it on the Offering Card or submit it to the Church Office by **October 27**.

ELCA Youth Gathering: Can you "Imagine More" courage, joy, love, grace, welcome? That's the theme of the upcoming 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering: *Imagine More*. The Gathering will take place **June 28 - July 2, 2027**, in Minneapolis, MN. Youth who have completed 8th through 12th grades are invited to attend.



thrivent For information on Choice Dollars visit Thrivent.com/choice dollars or call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice". A special thank you to those who have already given their Thrivent Dollars to St. Paul's. This month is.....Sandra Balke

~*~ In Our Community ~*~

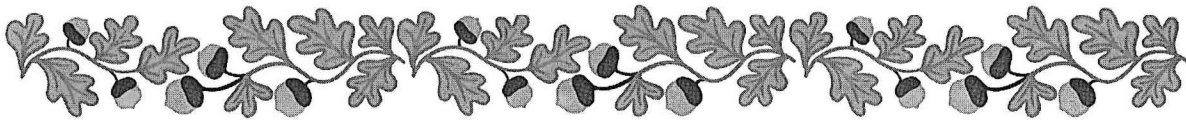
Class Dinner: The Class of 2028 will be holding a Soup Dinner fundraiser at Cole Camp High School on Sunday, **October 18th**, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Menu items will include Broccoli & Cheddar or Rustic Baked Potato Soup, Fixings and Bread Sticks, Salads and Desserts. Ticket pricing is \$15 for ages 13+, \$12 for ages 6-12 and under 5 is free. To purchase tickets, please contact any Junior class member. Thank you for your support.



Cornhole Tournament: Join us for a Cornhole Tournament on **Saturday, November 7, at 10:00a.m.** At the LSA Gymnasium, 204 E. Butterfield Trail, Cole Camp, MO. Registration is \$20 per person and limited to the first 128 participants. Register early! This tournament is a fundraiser supporting Men's Club scholarships for future Christians. Come enjoy a day of fellowship, friendly competition, and supporting a great cause!"

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 18:	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Adult/SS Class
	9:00 am	Luther League Faith & Fellowship
	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	First Communion Instruction
	4:00 pm	Junior Lutheran Event
Monday, October 19:	9:00 am	Sewing Group
	6:30 pm	Yoga
	7:00 pm	Esther Circle
Wednesday, October 21:	3:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee
Thursday, October 22:	8:00 am	BCHD
Saturday, October 24:	5:30 pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, October 25:	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Adult/SS Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

October 18	First Communion Instruction
October 18	Junior Lutherans Event
October 19	Esther Circle
October 21	Worship & Music Committee
October 25	Reformation Sunday
October 28	Sunbeam Committee
November 1	All Saints Day

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Sandy Schlesselman
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
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..... Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs, Mike Schlesselman



21st Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 18, 2026

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Tiffiny Nash
Children's Sermon Paul Fuelling
Acolytes Mason Randall & Kyler Tinney
Flowers Theila Luetjen



Reformation Sunday ~ October 25, 2026

Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Debbie Eckhoff & Krista Poe
Reader Jim Gumbel
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Macoy Tinney & Charlotte Zeller
Flowers Connie Gerken