

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026



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PRAYER LIST: Please pray for Andrew Ruenzel, Dawn Dohn, Dora Lane, Barb Wacholz, Shane Sass, Cheryl Zinter, Baelyn Schwab, Lou Thomas, David Gulland, Dan & Joan Swisher, Penny Butler, Leone Dutenhoffer, Janice Frohling, Dan Wolf, Jo Rapp, Phyllis Hite, Barb Dahme, Betty Streckfuss, Jade Thue, and Pastor Smith.

PRAYER of THANKS:

PRAYER of MOURNING: Julie Davis & Vernon Korab

Please inform the Pastor or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized. If you would like to add your name or remove a name to the above prayer list, please contact the church office.

Congratulations to Keith and Marlus Lemke on officially becoming members of St. Paul's. Please join us in welcoming Keith and Marlus to our congregation!

The next **Church Council Meeting** is Tuesday, July 28th at 7:00pm.

Men's Retreat – Please prayerfully consider a Men's Retreat that is being put on by Faith Lutheran in rural Pierre from July 31st through August 2nd. For more information: [Men's Retreat in Pierre, SD - SD District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.](#)

Mercy Fund – St. Paul's has a fund which helps church members in need with medical bills, rent, etc. If you are willing to donate, please contact Pastor Smith or Jennifer Sauerwein.

Journey Home Donations: the cart is out in the Narthex this week. Please bring food items, cleaning supplies, personal items, etc. Help us reach out to the "community and show Jesus' love through us.

Portals of Prayer – The July through September Portals of Prayer are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

The Chosen

During June and July we will be watching Season I of The Chosen and using a discussion guide to study those bible stories. We will provide snacks and drinks and we think it will be a fun time. Please, invite a friend!

Lighthouse Preschool/Jr. Kindergarten - Registration for our full-day Jr. Kindergarten program for the 2026-27 school year is now open! Our program is limited to 12 students, ages 4-5.

St Paul's/Our Savior's Men's Club will meet at St. Paul's Tuesday, August 11th at 6pm discussing the Book Man Up; by Jeffery Hemmer. Tell a friend and remember, All manly men of all ages are encouraged to attend. Please message Shane Jung to be added to the email list. 1-605-216-3784.

The **Women's Bible Study** on Wednesday evenings will be taking a break for the summer and will resume in the fall.



Building Healthy Families: What percent of people in your congregation are adopted? If you guessed anything less than 100 percent, you're wrong. *"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."* (Gal. 4:4-5) In today's culture, adoption is often seen as a last resort for infertile couples; a way to find a child for the couple. A Biblical view of adoption is child – not couple – focused. LFS' adoption ministry exists to find loving, Christian married moms and dads who will provide a stable home and life-long relationship of love based on Christ's example for every child who needs one. Is God calling you or someone you know to such a loving plan? Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org
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THE LUTHERAN HOUR – August 2, 2026 *"Why Jesus Told Parables"*
 Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler shares a message based on Mark 4. Archives August – Effective communicators tell stories to make a point Hear how Jesus' parables point us to Himself. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

MAIN STREET LIVING – August 2, 2026 (KDLT(NBC) channels 5.1/46.1 – 10:00 AM – *"Return Trip"* – 10:30 AM – Worship – Rev. Ryan Drevlow presents a message titled "1000 Year Thirst" based on Isaiah 55:1-2. For more information, visit: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Sunday Attendance: July 19, 2026

8:00am – 80 Communed - 66

10:00am – 78 Communed - 64

6:15pm - 21

Bible Study:

Sunday – 48

Organist – Sunday/Wednesday: Sue Ellingson/Tina Board

Offering: July 19, 2026 - \$8462.71 Coffee - \$88.40

Amount to meet budget: \$12,918.00 per week

WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (July 26th – August 2nd)

Sun 8:00am Worship
 9:30am Bible Study/Donuts & Coffee
10:45am Worship
 5:00pm Youth Group

Tues 7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Wed 10:00am Bible Study
 6:15pm Worship
7:00pm The Chosen Bible Study

Sun 8:00am Worship
 9:30am Bible Study/Donuts & Coffee
10:45am Worship Service

Psalm *Psalm 125; antiphon: v. 2*

P: ¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,

C: which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

P: ²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,

C: from this time forth and forevermore.

P: ³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,

C: lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

P: ⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,

C: and to those who are upright in their hearts!

P: ⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers!

C: Peace be upon Israel!

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Romans 11:33, 36*

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

P: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

C: To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle *Romans 8:28–39*

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but

gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:44–52*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil

from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**