

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

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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, Phyllis Hite, Barb Dahme, Denise Bode, April Olson, Pastor Smith, Adeline Blair, Stephanie Smith, Ron Frohling, Patricia Cracco, Teresa Sauerwein, and Michelle Goehring.

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.

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.

Meatball Dinner – SAVE THE DATE November 1, 2026 for our Annual Meatball Dinner. Pass the word!

LWML Aberdeen Fall Zone Rally – October 10th 9:00am to 12:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran in Aberdeen with the Mansfield LWML group hosting.

THANK YOU! Thank you to Paul & Gail Swanston and Terry & Sue Ellingson for painting the bathrooms on the middle level of the church and for putting the choir room back together downstairs. Your help is much appreciated!

Portals of Prayer for October – December and the **Fall Newsletter** are on the tables in both narthexes. The newsletter may also be found on the church website.

St Paul's/Our Savior's Men's Club will meet at St. Paul's Tuesday, October 13th at 6pm continuing with chapter 7 in 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.

Women's Bible Study will resume on September 16th at 5:15 pm. The group will be studying the book, "Jesus Said What?" by Christopher Kennedy. In this book, Reverend Dr. Kennedy, brings clarity to 15 of Jesus' most difficult topics such as money, family relationships, and the consequences of sin. In today's culture, Jesus' words are often taken out of context. This book will help you understand Jesus' words in

context, and see the love in Jesus in those words. All women are welcome to attend! The book is available through CPH or Amazon. A Zoom option is available for those who would like to participate remotely. Please contact Cheryl Wold for more information. Thanks!

Help Wanted!

The preschool is looking for a few people who could fill in as substitutes if a staff member must be gone. Substitutes would be paid for their time. Please contact Jenelle at 605-725-1855 or leave a message with Jen in the office.



Building Healthy Families: Do you find that hurtful or disrespectful words sometimes come out of your mouth during the week as you interact with your spouse or family?

If so, know that continuing this habit unchecked is damaging to your relationships in ways that you might not even realize. Try memorizing this verse and call it to mind when you are tempted to bite at someone you love this week: “May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.” (Psalm 19:14) You – and your relationships – will be better for it! www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – October 4, 2026 “*Embrace Life*” Guest Speaker: Rev. German Novelli Oliveros shares a message based on John 10:10-11. Jesus offers His abundant life to people plagued by pain and problems. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYR at 7:30 am on Sundays.

MAIN STREET LIVING – October 4, 2026 KDLT(NBC) channels 5.1/46.1 – 10:00AM – “The Fathering Kind” – 10:30AM – Worship – Rev. Jeremy Yeadon presents a message titled “God’s Vineyard” based on Matthew 21:33-46. For more information, visit: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Sunday Attendance: September 20, 2026

8:00am – 97 Communed - 85

10:00am – 132 Communed - 92

6:15pm - 23 Communed - 19

Bible Study:

Sunday – 55

Wed 10:00 – 11

Wed 5:15 - 8

Organist – Sunday/Wednesday: Sue Ellingson/Joy Drevlow

Offering: September 20, 2026 - \$14,705.96

Coffee - \$125.02

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

WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (September 20th - September 27th)

Sun 8:00am Worship
 9:30am Bible Study/Sunday School
10:45am Worship
 5:00pm Youth Group

Wed 10:00am Bible Study
 5:15pm Women's Bible Study
6:15pm Worship
 7:00pm Confirmation

Thurs 9:00am Quilting

Fri 5:00pm Youth for Christ

Sun 8:00am Worship
 9:30am Bible Study/Sunday School
10:45am Worship

Psalm *Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 4*

P: ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: ²O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

P: ³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

P: ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C: ⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

C: ⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

P: ⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C: ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

P: He will command his angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle *Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 21:23–27*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they

all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**