

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

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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026



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PRAYER LIST: Please pray for Andrew Ruenzel, Dawn Dohn, 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, Adeline Blair, Stephanie Smith, Ron Frohling, Patricia Cracco, Teresa Sauerwein, Michelle Goehring, Kimberlee Kaiser, and Wade Kaiser.

PRAYER of THANKS:

PRAYER of MOURNING: Amber Haselhorst & Dora Lane (sister to Cora Burrer)

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.

THANK YOU! October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you to Pastor Drevlow and Pastor Smith for all your hard work and spiritual leadership that you provide to St. Paul's.

Aberdeen Circuit Reformation Service will be on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00pm here at St. Paul's. Pastor Sturzenbecher, President of the LCMS South Dakota District, will be speaking. Coffee and dessert will be served following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School - The Sunday School children will be singing at the opening of the 10:45 am Divine Service on October 25th.

Annual Voter's Meeting – Sunday, November 1st between services in the Fellowship Hall. The voter packets are on the tables in both narthexes.

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

St Paul's/Our Savior's Men's Club will meet at St. Paul's Tuesday, November 10th 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.

Youth for Christ – At K4C's Christmas party in December, the kids will be collecting tickets through various games and challenges to spend in a Christmas store. They will be "purchasing" gifts for a friend, teacher or family member. We are asking for small gift-able items from around the house or bought donated to our program for this event. We are also asking for Christmas or plain gift bags and tissue paper the kids can use. If you would be so kind to donate, please place items in the tote near the front door by December 13th. Please reach out to Laura Drevlow 605-251-7523 with any questions or ways you can help with this effort.

Trunk-or-Treat - We are looking for some volunteers who would like to set out a small trunk-or-treat activity or booth for our preschool students! This event will be on Friday, October 30th from 2:15-3:00 to coincide with our class party. Some ideas for a small booth or table would be a game, craft or other activity that the preschool kids could enjoy, as well as a small treat to take home. Please sign up on the table in the narthex if you are willing to sponsor a booth for our kids!

Preschool Fall Pasta Fundraiser - Our fall preschool fundraiser is here! From October 5-30 our preschool students will be selling some fun pasta and soup mixes! These items would make wonderful Christmas gifts for people on your list! If you would like to support our fundraiser, please stop at the table in the narthex. There will be a representative from the preschool there to assist you with ordering on Sunday, October 11th and 18th after the services. There will also be an order sheet with Jen in the office if you would like to stop in during the week. Thank you for your continued support!

Women's Wednesday Evening Bible Study has resumed this fall 5:15 pm. The group is studying the book, "Jesus Said What?" by Christopher Kennedy. 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.

Sunday Attendance: October 11, 2026

8:00am – 105 Communed - 90

10:00am – 87 Communed - 67

6:15pm - 16 Communed - 15

Bible Study:

Sunday – 64 Wed 5:15 - 10

Organist – Sunday/Wednesday: Sue Ellingson/Joy Drevlow

Offering: October 11, 2026 - \$8757.19 Coffee - \$110.20

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

WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (October 18th – October 25th)

Sun **8:00am** **Worship**
 9:30am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:45am **Worship**
 1:00pm Gathering God's Flock

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

Thurs 9:00am Quilting

Sun **8:00am** **Worship**
 9:30am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:45am **Worship** (Sunday School singing)
 2:00pm **Reformation Service**

Psalm *Psalm 103:1–14*

P: ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,

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

P: ²Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and forget not all his benefits,

P: ³who forgives all your iniquity,

C: who heals all your diseases,

P: ⁴who redeems your life from the pit,

C: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P: ⁵who satisfies you with good

C: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

P: ⁶The LORD works righteousness

C: and justice for all who are oppressed.

P: ⁷He made known his ways to Moses,

C: his acts to the people of Israel.

P: ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: ⁹He will not always chide,

C: nor will he keep his anger forever.

P: ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,

C: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P: ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

C: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

P: ¹²as far as the east is from the west,

C: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

P: ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,

C: so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

P: ¹⁴For he knows our frame;

C: he remembers that we are dust.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 *Isaiah 55:1–3*

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalms 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 *Romans 3:19–28*

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *John 8:31–36*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in

the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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