

Week of July 26

- Sun.: 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 am - Divine Service
- 12:00 pm - Lao Bible Class
- 1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service
- Tues.: 9:00 am - Christians In Action
- 4:00 pm - Food Pantry
- Wed.: 7:00 pm - Voters Meeting
- Sun.: 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 am - Divine Service with Communion
- 12:00 pm - Lao Bible Class
- 1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service with Communion

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY: (July 26)

Elders/Ushers: Dale Blue, Ryan Irvin, John Vulgamott
Greeters: Dale & Arlene Blue
Audio/Visual: Renate Venegas
Screens: Beth Brandt
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Nancy Long / Emily Bochmann

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (Aug. 2)

Elders/Ushers: Bill Breitenkamp, Ryan Branning, Darryl Pagel
Greeters: Wayne & Roberta Johnson
Audio/Visual: Linda George
Screens: Emily Bochmann
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Janet Seiser

Attendance: 93 **Lao:** 18 **Offering:**\$3905.28

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WELCOME to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are here to join us in worship this morning. If you are a guest, we would love to get to know you. **Please take a moment to sign the record of fellowship folder at the end of the pew and introduce yourself to Pastor Pierson.** Finally, if there is any way we can be a blessing to you, please let us know!

Communion frequency: After much study of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, prayer, and discussion, Pastor and the Elders have decided that we will begin celebrating the Lord’s Supper each Sunday starting in September. Pastor will be leading a series of Bible studies on the topic on August 9 and 16. Pastor has created a new illustrated guide for the Altar Committee to make it easier to train new volunteers. If you are interested in assisting with setting the Lord’s Table, talk to Pastor or an Elder.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Vic Weisberg, Laura Weisberg, Ethel Baker, Jaxin Loughry, all our homebound members, persecuted and endangered Christians throughout the world.
If you have someone you wish to add to or remove from the Prayer List, feel free to call the church office.

JULY FOOD PANTRY REQUEST: cereal, pasta, canned fruits, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Thank you to everyone for your donations and help volunteering!

Please save your used printer cartridges for LWML: You can drop it off at the Church office during business hours. Money received will be used for Iowa West District Missions.

The Board of Education alongside the Board of Evangelism is excited to announce that we will have a booth set up at Market Nights a few times throughout the summer. We would love additional help from the Congregation. If you are interested in helping please reach out to Julie Irvin at 515-835-1305.

Congratulations to Delaney & Ryan Branning on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Jo Branning. Amelia will be baptized at the 10 o’clock service on August 2.

Congratulations to Ross and Danika Enslin, who were married July 11. Ross was confirmed as a communicant member of St. Paul’s on July 19.

Peaches: We have been given the opportunity to partner with Trinity Lutheran, Farnhamville to sell boxes of peaches to raise money for our youth programs. Prices are \$25 for 1/2 box, \$40 for a full box (roughly 20lbs). Delivery around Aug 12.

LFS presentation: Join us Saturday, **August 8 from 9-12** as Rev. Jonathan Conner presents: **Wisdom to Flourish: Taming Our Screens and Cultivating Godly Habits.** This seminar is especially helpful for families with young children, and anyone looking to make best use of the time given to us by God (Eph. 5:16). See flyer in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

English Handbells: The Joy Ringers have positions open for this fall. Please consider ringing with us. More information to come. Pray about it. Any questions, please contact Jo @ 515-835-1308.



St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026

Introit

Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: v. 1



Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; *
tell of all his | wondrous works!
Glory in his | holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD | and his strength; *
seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done, *
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his | servant, *
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

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.”

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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

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.”

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