

Week of Aug.23

- Sun.: 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 am - Divine Service
Back to School Blessings
- 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.: 6:30 pm - Bible Study
- Sun.: 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 am - Divine Service with Communion
- 11:00 am - Potluck
- 12:00 pm - Lao Bible Class

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY: (Aug. 23)

Elders/Ushers: Richard Rieck, Darryl Pagel, Harrison Hayes
Greeters: Emily Bochmann & Nancy Long
Audio/Visual: Renate Venegas
Screens: Arlene Blue
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Janet Seiser

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (Aug. 30)

Elders/Ushers: Bill Breitenkamp, Ryan Irvin, John Vulgamott
Greeters: LeRoy Draeger & Jo Reaman
Audio/Visual: Linda George
Screens: Nancy Long
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Janet Seiser

Attendance: 81 **Lao:** 16 **Offering:**\$4256.00

UNABLE TO WORSHIP IN PERSON? Join us via live broadcast over KQWC 95.7 FM or live streaming on stpaulwebstercity.org, Facebook, or Youtube.

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!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ramirez Family, LeRoy Draeger, Family of Donna Longhenry, Steven Eide, Logan Hartmann, Family of Ethel Baker, Lois Peterson, 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.

AUGUST FOOD PANTRY REQUEST: Breakfast cereal, pasta, canned fruits and Bar Soaps. 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.

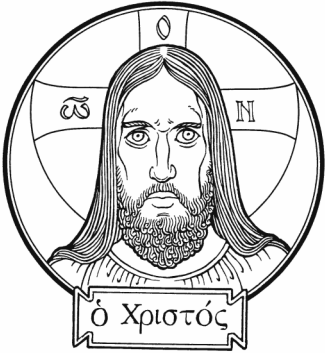
English Handbells: The Joy Ringers have positions open for this fall. Please consider ringing with us. More information to come. Pray about it. Any questions, please contact Jo @ 515-835-1308.

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 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.

Proteus, a mobile health clinic service, will be using our fellowship hall one day per month. The day will vary depending on their schedule. If you plan to use the fellowship hall for any mid-week activities, please let the church office know so we can reserve it for you.

FREE SANDBOX: There is a put together sandbox in the playground. First come first serve. You will need to dismantle and remove it yourself. Call Office for information.

Altar Committee: would you prayerfully consider helping set the Lord’s Table by serving on the Altar Committee? Pastor and the Elders have prepared a new step-by-step guide to help train new volunteers. Copies available in the Fellowship Hall under the TV.



St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026

Introit Psalm 2:6-7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18



But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!
As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.
I will tell of | the decree: *
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.”
Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us, *
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!
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.
But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
³For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Epistle

Romans 11:33–12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How
unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for-
ever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual
worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the re-
newal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not
to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to
think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith
that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many mem-
bers, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we,
though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members
one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace
given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our
faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his
teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who
contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one
who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his dis-
ciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say
John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”
¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You
are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed
are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but
my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I
will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give
you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be
bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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