

Week of Sep.6

- 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
- Mon.: 8:00 am - Office Closed– Labor day
- Tues.: 9:00 am - Christians In Action
- 4:00 pm - Food Pantry
- Wed.: 5:30 pm - Confirmation
- 6:30 pm - Bible Study
- Sat.: 8:00 am - Men’s Fellowship
- 10:00 am - Young Women’s Fellowship
- 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: (Sept.6)

Elders/Ushers: Duane Madoerin, Ryan Branning, Darryl Pagel
Greeters: Steve & Diane Doering
Audio/Visual: Jasmine / Lila Venegas
Screens: Arlene Blue
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Steve & Diane Doering

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (Sept.13)

Elders/Ushers: Dale Blue, Harrison Hayes, Ryan Irvin
Greeters: Lorilee Seiser & Marsha Royster
Audio/Visual: Will Breitenkamp
Screens: Lorilee Seiser
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Steve & Diane Doering

Attendance: 94 **Lao:** 0 **Offering:**\$2642.00

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: Family of Madison VanEngen, Pam Robinson, 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.

SEPTEMBER FOOD PANTRY REQUEST: Pasta, Canned Corn, Canned Peaches 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.

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.

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.

Join us for **Rally Sunday** on **September 13!** We will kick off the day with Combined Sunday School at 9:00 am., followed by our Church Service and a celebratory potluck immediately afterward. We look forward to seeing you there!

Iowa West Youth Gatherings: The deadlines to register for the upcoming IDW Youth Gatherings are coming up. September 16, 2026 is the deadline for the Senior High Gathering, and September 22, 2026 for the Junior High Gathering.



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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

Introit

Psalm 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5



How great are your works, | O LORD! *
Your thoughts are | very deep!
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD, *
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning, *
and your faithful- | ness by night,
to the music of the lute | and the harp, *
to the melody | of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work; *
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.
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.
How great are your works, | O LORD! *
Your thoughts are | very deep!

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

Epistle

Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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