

Week of Sep.13

- Sun.: 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
- 9:00 am - Rally Day
- 10:00 am - Divine Service with Communion
- 11:00 am - Potluck
- 12:00 pm - Lao Bible Class
- 1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service with Communion
- Mon.: 6:30 pm - Handbells
- 7:00 pm - Elders Meeting
- Tues.: 9:00 am - Christians In Action
- 4:00 pm - Mobile Food Pantry
- Wed.: 5:30 pm - Confirmation
- 6:30 pm - Bible Study
- Sun.: 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 am - Divine Service with Communion
- 12:00 pm - Lao Bible Class

THOSE SERVING THIS 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

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (Sept.20)

Elders/Ushers: Rick George, John Vulgamott, Ryan Branning

Greeters:

Audio/Visual: Renate Venegas

Screens: Beth Brandt

Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp

Altar: Steve & Diane Doering

Attendance: 81 **Lao:** 19 **Offering:**\$5563.50

Lao Offering: \$85.00

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: Taylor Gomels, Jason Madoerin, Family of Madison VanEngen, Pam Robinson, Ramirez Family, Steven Eide, Logan Hartmann, 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!

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.

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.

All members of the congregations of the Fort Dodge Circuit are invited to attend a Circuit Convocation at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge on Sunday, September 27 at 3:30 PM. We will have a report from our circuit voting delegates who attended the LCMS convention this summer, and will have time for Q&A. We will also begin making plans for another Convocation next year, where we will gather for study and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. God's blessings, and we hope to see you there! -Pastor Joe Pierson, Circuit Visitor, Fort Dodge Circuit.



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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

Introit

Psalms 143:1-2; antiphon: v. 9



Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

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.

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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