

Week of Sep.20

- 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.:

1:30 pm

- LWML
- 6:30 pm

- Handbells
- Tues.:

9:00 am

- Christians In Action
- 4:00 pm

- 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
- 1:00 pm

- Lao Divine Service with Communion

THOSE SERVING THIS 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

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (Sept.27)

Elders/Ushers: Duane Madoerin, Darryl Pagel, Harrison Hayes

Greeters: Bill & Marilyn Eggers

Audio/Visual: Linda George

Screens: Jo Reaman

Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp

Altar: Steve & Diane Doering

Attendance: 67 **Lao:** 18 **Offering:**\$2584.50

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 Jason Madoerin, Emma Cruz, Taylor Gomels, 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.

Iowa West Youth Gatherings: The deadlines to register for the upcoming IDW Youth Gatherings are coming up. 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.

Special Voters Meeting after Service today, September 20, 2026.



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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

Introit *Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16; antiphon: v. 17*



I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.

O LORD, I am your | servant;*

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

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.

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and call on the name | of the LORD.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Epistle

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .
¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.
²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.
²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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