



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(10:45 a.m. Sun. September 28, 2025)

Servants of God's House Today:

Vacancy Pastor: Rev. James Travis

Guest Pastor: Pastor Keith Haney

Praise Team Leader: Doris Hill

Usher: Tim Draube

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf and the Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

Readers: Brandi Beller

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Though it sounds like a contradiction, the "poor rich man" in today's parable of Jesus apparently never really heard or just ignored the dire warning of God's prophets like Amos against trusting in earthly gain and riches to the exclusion of trusting faith in the merciful promises of God. The temptation of earthly wealth infects all people throughout history to this day, regardless of outward circumstances, rich and poor alike. Paul sums up the challenge for faith as he contrasts the "great gain" (or profit) of godly faithfulness and the temptations (or pitfalls) of temporary riches. We all know the sentence of Paul, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only "money is the root of all evil." Money is not the problem. There's no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian's true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith. It is the life we can take with us through and beyond the grave and gate of death. "Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live" (Psalm 146:1-2), which will be forever!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Let us pray. Lord God, King of kings and Lord of lords, You give Your people strength to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. Support us in the good fight of the faith that we may take hold of the eternal life to which You have called us; through Jesus Christ, the blessed and only sovereign, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 43:4; 146:3, 5*

P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: to God my exceeding joy.

P: Put not your trust in princes, in whom there is no salvation.

C: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Confession and Absolution

P: The First Commandment is first because “we should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.” Let us in true repentance and good faith direct the fear, love, and trust of our hearts and minds “to the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God.”

C: Merciful God, the good fight of faith is fierce, the warfare between our love for You and the temptations of the world around us is long, even never-ending. We confess we have not loved You above all things, we are afraid at many times, and there is nothing and no one on earth worthy of our trust. In You, O Lord, we put our trust. In Your grace and forgiveness, let us never be ashamed. Deliver us in Your righteousness for the sake of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son.

P: “Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” By your Baptism into Christ, God has pledged the forgiveness of all your sins and promised the eternal life to which you were called. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

Opening Song “Holy is the Lord God”

We stand and lift up our hands for the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now - How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing

Chorus: Holy is the Lord God Almighty - the Earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty - the Earth is filled with His glory
The Earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands for the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now - How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing. everyone sing (chorus)

Yeah, it's rising up all around it's the anthem of the Lord's renowned
It's rising up all around it's the anthem of the Lord's renowned
And together we sing. everyone sing (chorus)

The Earth is filled with His glory.

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The Old Testament Reading Amos 6:1–7 (Woe to those at ease in Zion.)

<p>¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines.</p>	<p>Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock</p>
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and calves from the midst of the stall,
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves

with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

The Epistle Lesson 1 Timothy 3:1–13

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so

that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. ⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

(Stand as you are able)

The Holy Gospel Luke 16:19–31 (The rich man and Lazarus)

¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send

Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'

²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also

<p>come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will</p>	<p>repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"</p>
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The Apostles' Creed

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Song of Instruction "Come as You Are"

[Verse 1]

Come out of sadness From wherever you've been Come brokenhearted Let rescue begin
 Come find your mercy Oh sinner come kneel
 Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal

[Chorus]

So lay down your burdens Lay down your shame All who are broken Lift up your face
 Oh wanderer come home You're not too far
 So lay down your hurt Lay down your heart Come as you are

[Verse 2]

There's hope for the hopeless And all those who've strayed
 Come sit at the table Come taste the grace
 There's rest for the weary Rest that endures Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't cure

[Chorus 2]

So lay down your burdens Lay down your shame All who are broken Lift up your face
 Oh wanderer come home You're not too far So lay down your hurt Lay down your heart
 Come as you are Come as you are Fall in his arms Come as you are

[Verse 3]

There's joy for the mourning Oh sinner be still
 Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal

[Chorus 3]

So lay down your burdens Lay down your shame All who are broken Lift up your face
 Oh wanderer come home You're not too far So lay down your hurt Lay down your heart
 Come as you are Come as you are Come as you are Come as you are

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Sermon Pastor Keith Haney

Offering Song "Amazing Love"

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted, You were condemned
 I'm alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be? That you my King should die for me
 Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor you. In all I do, to honor You.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be? That you my King should die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor you. In all I do, to honor You.

You are my king You are my king
Jesus, You are my king Jesus, You are my king

Amazing love, how can it be? That you my King should die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor you. In all I do, to honor You.
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Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.
Please place your offerings in the basket as it passes by.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are
obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

The Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

The Goin Out Song "One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)"

Chorus: Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me....

Your love.....Your love...never gives up on me.

1. And its higher than the mountains that I face,
And its stronger than the power of the grave,
And it's constant in the trial and the change....This one thing...remains. (chorus)

2. And on and on and on and on it goes. Yes, it overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I'll never, ever have to be afraid. This one thing...remains. (Chorus)
...In death, in life I'm confident and covered by the pow'r of Your great love.
My debt is paid; there's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.
(Chorus)

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

Week of Sept. 28—Oct. 5, 2025

Today: Worship 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
 Disciple Training Hour 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday: No School—Teachers at LEA Convocation
 Lamplighters—Trinty Lutheran 9:30 a.m.
 Confirmation Classes 5:15 p.m.

Thursday: No School—Teachers at LEA Convocation
 Bible Study— Church Office Conference Rm 9:00 a.m.

Friday: No School—Teachers at LEA Convocation

Saturday: LWML Sunday
 Worship Service/Communion 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: LWML Sunday
 Worship/Communion 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
 Disciple Training Hour 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Bonfire—Copenhaver Farm 4:00 p.m.

Financial Report 2025

Love Offering/We Care Ministry Report

Last Week		Received To Date		Amount Distributed		Balance	
\$5		\$18,264.43		\$5,896.68		\$12,367.75	
Church Weekly Offerings Report				Church Yearly Budget \$382,329.00			
Received (09/14/25)		Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received		Up-To-Date Budget	
\$4,515.32		\$7,352.48	61%	\$250,519.16		\$279,394.24	

Reader Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 7:30 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Sept. 28	N/A	Coleen Reich	Brandi Beller
Oct. 4-5	Connie Brown	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder

FAMILY MATTERS

Last Week's Attendance: September 14: 111

Pray for Each Other We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Pastor Johnathon Riggert, Pastor Kadahl's baby Jacob, Marge Delzell, Joyce Santi, Leroy Zeising, Marvin Hilden, Connie Spahn, Janice Hinrichsen, Carolyn Stuhr, Ron & Karen Sherrill, Bernie Attema, Pat Berger-Conlon, Patty Murphy, Deb and Julian Wolfe, Judy Seaman, Vickie

Johnson, and Kim and Sharon Sparr. We also pray for Dorothy Will and family as Ron passed away on Sept. 20.

Welcome Cards/Attendance Cards: Please pick up a welcome card on the back table when you come in and then fill them out and place in the offering baskets. They will no longer be placed in the bulletins.

Announcement Emails: we will be sending out the weekly announcements via email. **If you have not received them, then I do not**

have an updated email. Please fill out an attendance card or go to www.siouxcitystpauls.org and update your email on the main page of our website—

Confirmation Classes: Every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in the church basement. Classes will be held weekly at the same time unless otherwise notified. Please ensure that your child arrives on time and is prepared for each session. If they are not able to come please contact the church office at 712-252-0338 or siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com

Fall Church Schedule:

- **Traditional Services:**

1st & 3rd Saturdays: at 6:00 p.m. with communion

Every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. with communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays

- **Contemporary Service** at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays with communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays

- **Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School** will go back to 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Travis Office Hours: Pastor James Travis office hours Wednesday mornings (8:00 a.m.—noon). If you have a spiritual need or questions, he will be available on Wednesdays to assist you. For an emergency he can be reached at 712-202-8516.

Facebook Live Streaming: We will be live streaming on our **MAIN Facebook page** for our services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

LWML Sunday: is **Sunday, Oct. 5.** Please join us as we look at the past and future focusing on Proclaiming Christ! Please wear purple and don't forget to bring your mites! Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" offerings above and beyond the support given to the church.

Siouxland Youth Connect Bonfire:

Saturday, October 5 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Copenhaver Farm, Northwest of Sioux City - 19378 310th St, Sioux City, IA 51108 (Alternate location: Redeemer Lutheran

Church) St. Paul's youth are invited to enjoy a night of pumpkin carving, campfire songs, hay rides, devotions, and fellowship! Families of youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. If the weather is inclement, the event will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please contact Christopher Hannemann at 712-251-6238 by **September 28** if you plan on attending.

Douglas Schuldt Celebration of Life: We invite you to join us for a Celebration of Life on **Sunday, October 5, 2025**, at the Stone Lodge, in Stone State Park: 5001 Talbot Rd, Sioux City, IA 51103, from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. to enjoy some food and share your memories of Doug.

Neighbor News and Events

God at Work Through Media Presentation: Rev. Dr. Keith Haney will be speaking at Faith Lutheran on **Sunday, September 28** at 2:00 p.m. about how God is at work through the media.

Fall Bazaar: Faith Lutheran will be holding a Fall Bazaar on **Saturday, Oct. 4** from 9 am—2pm. A soup and salad luncheon will be from 11 –1. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

Spain Mission Trip

Fundraiser: Purchase a T-shirt or sweatshirt to support Pastor Witte, Ruthie and Yasmin Osterholt as they travel to Spain this October to share the love of Christ. Cost: T-shirt \$25, Sweatshirt \$35. Scan the qr code or call Yasmin at 605-941-8965.



School Fundraisers

Scan your BOX TOPS: after shopping, just scan your receipts on the Box Tops App and earn more money for the school. It is easy to participate. Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt **within 14 days** of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops

products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online.

Casey's App: Pick up a gift card in the office for Casey's, go purchase gas or other items, enter your Casey's rewards number and earn points. Cash in your rewards on their app for St. Paul's. Help St. Paul's make the most of this program and learn more at www.caseys.com.

RaiseRight Gift Cards: Stop in the office and pick up gift cards or place an order on www.raiseright.com by just scanning this code. With the app, you can download and pay directly at the stores. To set up your account contact the school.



ILSTO Sunday: is **October 12**. By giving to the Iowa Lutheran Student Tuition Organization, you help families afford tuition to be able to send their kids to a Christ-centered school. You also receive a 75% Iowa state income tax credit for your gift. For more information about the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization, contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.



Lutheran Women
in Mission

Sunday
October 5, 2025

Regular Scheduled Meetings

Sunday Disciple Training Hour-Sunday Bible Study will be at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement taught by Frank Tenuta.

Sunday School: will be at 9:30 a.m. in the basement classrooms. The lesson this weekend is "the Temple Testimonies Jesus' birth and presentation" Luke 2:1-7, 22-40

Lamplighters: Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **Oct. 1** at Trinity Lutheran Church.

St. Paul's Women's League Meeting: will be Thursday, **Oct. 2** at 1:00 p.m. in the Church basement.

Elders Meeting: will be **Tuesday, Oct. 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference room.

Board of Education: will be **Tuesday, Oct. 8**

7at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

Youth Board meeting on **Wednesday, Oct. 8** at 5:30 p.m. in the church conference room.

Anna Circle/Sewing Group meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays. We will meet on **Oct. 13 & 27** at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement.

Evangelism Committee Meeting: Will meet at 4:30 p.m. on the **second and fourth Tuesdays on Oct. 13 & 27** in Church basement until the office remodel is complete

Finance Committee Meeting: will be on **Monday, Oct. 13** at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle: will meet **Monday, Oct. 20** at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Eastside.

Friends of Christ Art program and Potluck Dinner at Faith Lutheran on **Sunday, October 26 at 4:30 p.m.**