

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One, LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 783, 639, 686, 560, 561, 507, 644

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 25:2-10, Epistle Reading: Hebrews 13:1-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1-14

**Welcome to St. Paul**, a people walking together in the life of Jesus. We're glad you're here! Today, Jesus meets us in Word and Sacrament. His gifts are for you and for your children! If you are caring for little ones, don't worry about noises and squirming; we rejoice in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

This morning we joyfully receive Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a great blessing: His true body and blood in, with, and under ordinary bread and wine. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who has been instructed and has confessed this reality, we invite you to participate in the Holy Supper. Other guests interested in joining our confession and life are asked to meet with Pastor Newton in the weeks before communing for the first time. We encourage you still to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

**Altar Flowers** — Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Carol Wenndt in memory of Jim.

**Commission & Installation** — Laura Nelson will be commissioned and installed to a called roster position **today**. Her title remains the same, Director of Youth Ministry. Please join us for a catered meal in the FLC following the service.

**Lady Diners** — Join other single ladies of St. Paul on **Tuesday, September 2** at 11:30am at Papa's Pizzeria in Polk City. If you'd like to carpool contact Betty Berlau or Donna Stoelk.

**Registration** — Registration is still open for Sunday school, Midweek classes, Confirmation, Sunday morning youth Bible study, youth group, and more. Use the QR code to register the children in your household. Registration is also available on the church website. Questions? See Laura Nelson, Jennifer Thompson or Amber Giese.



**Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study** — Join the ladies on Thursday mornings at 10:00am after the Matins Service, beginning **September 18**. Please sign up in the Narthex by September 4 so books can be ordered before the first session. They'll be using the book *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change*. Pastor Kottlowski will lead the study.

**Rally Day** — Join us for Rally Day on **Sunday, September 7** at 9:30am in the FLC as we kick off Sunday School and Midweek! We will introduce the teachers and students for each class. Rally Day is a chance to come together, reconnect with friends, and welcome new faces as we kick off a new year of Youth Ministry. Also, our Sunday school and Midweek teachers will be installed at both services.



**Junior Youth Sunday Funday** — Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to the first Sunday of fun on **September 7** from Noon-2:00pm. You'll enjoy two hours full of food, fun, and friends! Grab some pizza at the pizza party and after that, enjoy games such as Balloon Dash and Ultimate Hot Potato. Wrap things up with a quick huddle, prayer, and a "That was Fun!" cheer before parents arrive.

**LWML** — All Lutheran ladies are invited to join us for our next LWML get-together on **Tuesday, September 9** from 6:30-8:00pm. We'll start with some fellowship time along with a hands-on mission project then meet to discuss upcoming ways to serve in our church and community. If you're able to come for all, or just part of the evening, we'd love to have you! See you soon! — *St. Paul LWML*

**Sponsorship** — For anyone interested in supporting Hope Ministries Center for Women and Children, we are looking to partner with you, as well as our other local LWML groups, to reach our fundraising goal of \$1500 to sponsor a room for 2026. Hope's new facility opened the Fall of 2024 and we were able to sponsor one of the family rooms for this year and hope to be able to do it again. If you are interested in contributing any amount, please reach out to Kim Rasler, Sue Stoll, Betty Berlau, or Vicki Sickels by **September 15**. (So far, we have pledges that get us half way there!) — *St. Paul LWML*

**Thank You** — Our thanks to everyone who made last Sunday's Installation Service an inspiring and glorious event. To Pastor Newton, to the musicians and organist, the Stewardship Committee, to all who attended in spirit and in fact. Thank you to all who expressed their love and support for us personally or with cards and for my call as your Assistant Pastor. A special thanks to Pastor Newton with whom it is a privilege to serve the saints at St. Paul. As God gives us strength and His grace, may we serve many years to come. In Christ — *Pastor and Viviane Kottlowski*

**Jarrold Thomas Vicarage** — Jarrod Thomas begins his vicarage today at University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis under Rev. David Kind -- it's the next step in the pastoral formation process, as God continues to work through means for the sake of His people. We rejoice in the Lord's work through His Church to form Jarrod for the Holy Ministry, and we rejoice that the Lord continues to provide laborers for the harvest! Remember: Augsburg Confession Article IV describes how sinners are made right with God by God's grace as a gift, received through faith. The very sentences, Article V (in the Latin text), describe the Office of the Holy Ministry: "So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the gospel and administering the sacraments was instituted. For through the Word and the sacraments as through instruments the Holy Spirit is given..." (*Kolb/Wengert*, 41). Remember to pray that the Lord send laborers into His harvest; pray that God's people would listen for and heed God's Word spoken by His called and ordained messengers; and as Jarrod's preparation continues, pray for him and for his whole family!

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**Midweek Begins!** — The education year kicks off with Midweek on **Wednesday, September 10**. Enjoy a simple meal from 5:00-6:00pm, Midweek Bible classes and Confirmation from 6:00-7:00pm and worship from 7:00-7:30pm. We are so excited to get our Church education year started! If you have any questions please contact Amber Giese or Laura Nelson.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study (Sundays at 9:30am)** — *The Who, What, When, Where, Why of It All*. Join us as we explore all that it means that Jesus descends from heaven to be with us in the Divine Liturgy, why we do what we do, say what we say, sing what we sing, and even dress how we dress! We'll explore the Liturgy as we experience it on Sunday mornings, we'll dig into Holy Scripture especially in Leviticus and Hebrews, we'll hear from the Confessions and from other work of Martin Luther, and we'll explore the new Companion to the Services from CPH and other resources on what happens in worship. We'll see how it all engages us with Christ, pointing forward to Him or backward to Him or just pointing straight at Him in the here-and-now.

**Monday Night Women's Bible Study** — Begins September 8 at 6:30pm. After considering several options, we're excited to announce that we'll be walking together through Paul's letter to the Colossians! Join us as we take our time and soak in the views from this short but powerful epistle. All you need is your Bible—and you! We look forward to sharing insights with you as we look to Christ, in whom “all things hold together.” Col. 1:17. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

**Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study (first and third Thursdays at 9:30am)** — Pastor Kottlowski will teach the Thursday Ladies Bible Study this year, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change* by Christopher Kennedy, an LCMS pastor in Texas.

**Thursday BASIC Bible Study (second, fourth, and fifth Thursdays at 9:30am)** — As we heard in the installation sermon Sunday, Augsburg Confession article IV is the central tenet of the Lutheran faith: “human beings cannot be justified before God by their own powers, merits, or works. But they are justified as a gift on account of Christ through faith...” Pastor Kottlowski will continue his thorough study of Romans, following the Apostle Paul on a course through the context of the doctrine of justification and its joyous outflow in the life of the Christian.

**Homebuilders (first Sunday of each month, starting October 5, from 4-5:30pm)** — *The Sanctuary Is Our Home*. This year Homebuilders (a group for those interested in following Jesus as a household) will delve into the Sacrament of the Altar as the center of life for the Christian family. From the altar where the Lord visits His people extend the spokes of Christian living: mercy, witness, and life together as a household held in Christ. We'll ponder the mysteries of God's gift in the Body and Blood of Christ, and learn together how we can live more fully in Jesus as we step from the altar toward all the places the Jesus sends His people.

**Camping Weekend** – Stewardship board is hosting a camping weekend **September 12-14**, at the Prairie Flower campsite (L217/Lead). Check in time is 2:00pm Friday and checkout time is Noon Sunday. The cost is \$50 for a camper and \$30 for a tent. On Saturday night, there will be a potluck (Stewardship providing the main course). Bring a favorite side dish. Sign-up sheets in the FLC Hallway.

**Begins September 3**  
*Moms Group*



LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH  
OTHER CHRISTIAN MOMS OF  
YOUNG CHILDREN?

JOIN US AT  
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**10-11:30 AM**

MEET IN THE PRESCHOOL  
ROOM (CLASSROOM C).  
ENJOY FELLOWSHIP WITH  
OTHER MOMS WHILE THE  
CHILDREN PLAY. TOYS ARE  
PROVIDED.

*Questions?*  
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**SEPT**  
**3**  
**5-7:30**



**MID**  
**WEEK**  
**KICK**  
**OFF**

**JR & SR YOUTH**  
 5-6pm: Youth make a meal & eat together  
 6-7pm: KICK OFF FUN  
 7-7:30pm: Final Summer Liturgy Service  
 (Measles will be made. Food will be eaten. Prizes will be won!)

*Fun & GAMES*

## Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	9:30am Worship Service with Installation of Laura Nelson Meal to follow in FLC
<u>Monday</u>	Church offices closed
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am Lady Diners 5:30pm Youth Board Meeting 5:30pm Evangelism Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00am Moms Group 5:00pm Sr. & Jr. Youth Midweek Kick Off 7:00pm Summer Liturgy
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Service of Matins 7:00pm Men's Fellowship & Bible Study
<u>Friday</u>	10:00am Moms Group Chalk the Walk

### Altar Flowers

August 31 — Carol Wenndt  
September 7 — Sue Stoll

### Elder

August 31 — Tim Krehbiel  
September 7 — Kaleb Grev

### Offering Counters

August 31 — Tim Davies, David Reddel  
September 7 — Marilyn Sharar, Doyle Witt

### Ushers August 31

9:30am — Ken Kise, Dan Hubbard, Cal Uhlig,  
Steve Bradley

### Ushers September 7

8:00am — Ken Kise, Dan Hubbard  
10:45am — Cal Uhlig, Eric Bradley

### Attendance Sunday, August 24

8:00am — 197      10:45am — 112  
Pastor Kottlowski Installation — 141

## St. Paul Prayer List

Megan Miller, friend of the McConnells, cancer  
Nicole, granddaughter of McConnells  
Emelia, niece of Viviane Kottlowski  
John and Michele Hopkins, brother-in-law and  
sister of Viviane Kottlowski  
Chad and Jan Keeling, son and daughter-in-law of  
Joyce Keeling, cancer  
Marie Van Beek, friend of the Glenns, cancer  
Colleen Wessel, Caitlin Remington's mom  
John and Jodi, cancer, uncle and friend of Jeremy  
Sellen and Paula Wehmas  
Denny Lensch, Parkinson's Disease and cancer  
Christy, Karen Kisker's cousin, breast cancer  
Mike, cancer, nephew of Tony and Sandi Miller  
Sherry Barton, aunt of Jacob and Tyler Dozler,  
stage four cancer  
Carolyn Vesely, recovering from a broken femur  
Pastor David Kottlowski, back surgery  
Morgan, friend of Becky Haase, stroke  
Savannah, cancer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen  
Kristin Strothcamp, recovering from brain aneurysm  
Lawrence, brother of McConnell's daughter-in-  
law, brain surgery  
Sylvia Wessel, declining health, LeAnn Hilchen's  
mother  
Doris Olson, recovering from a fall  
Kyler Hess, friend of Wielenga family, cancer  
Chuck, cousin of LeAnn Hilchen, fall from roof  
Sarah Sale, daughter of Dave and Jane Thompson  
Terry Moehnke  
Joel Ausan  
Curt Hora

### *For those deployed & Active Military*

Chris Madsen, Drake Johnson, TJ Krehbiel, Joshua  
Krehbiel, William Krehbiel, Jayden Krehbiel, Tim  
Fairchild

### *For those preparing for the Holy Ministry*

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

### *For our shut-in members*

Cookie Brown, Carol Jeske, Len Mash, Doris  
Olson, Sharon Dallman, Kathy Witt, Pat Living-  
ston, Mark Mueller, Marcia Hora, Phil Eshelman,  
and Kevin Wesack