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Sunday, November 8, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens
Hymns: 336, 516, 619, *Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand* (screens only), 621, 595, 515
Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24, Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

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 Carolyn and Gary Vesely in memory of their daughter, Amy.

Flag Installation — The flags will be installed on **Tuesday, November 10** at 9:00am for Veterans Day. Volunteers of all ages are invited help out.

Circuit Pastor Meeting — On **Tuesday, November 10** St. Paul hosts the monthly circuit pastor meeting. Part of the meeting includes a service with Holy Communion. Members of St. Paul are invited to attend this service at 9:30am. (FYI — the singing is AMAZING!)

LWML — LWML meets on **Tuesday, November 10** at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of St. Paul are welcome!

Advent by Candlelight — Ladies of St. Paul and guests, you are invited to a lovely evening of fellowship, scripture, carols and desserts on **Sunday, November 29**. Sign up to be a host or a guest. You can find sign-up sheets in the Narthex (on the cabinet where the *Portals of Prayer* and other publications are located). Doors will open at 5:00pm and the program begins at 5:30pm. You can contact organizer, Jessica Loghry, at triplelloghry@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Poinsettia Orders — Orders are being taken for poinsettias to decorate the church during Advent and Christmas. Orders will be due by December 1. Cost is $13 again this season. Order forms are on the LWML table outside the church office. *Place order forms and payments in Kathy Olson's church mailbox.*

Building Healthy Families: Marriage on Autopilot? — Married readers: remember when you first dated your spouse and couldn't wait to spend time together? You made plans, paid attention, asked questions, and found little ways to make each other smile. Then came marriage, jobs, children, bills, laundry, and a thousand other things competing for your attention. It's tempting to assume that a good marriage will simply stay good. But like a beautiful garden, a healthy marriage needs regular tending to flourish. Attention, encouragement, laughter, forgiveness, prayer, and time together make a world of difference. Here's a challenge for married couples this week: Do something together that you enjoyed when dating. Take a walk, go for a drive, share a favorite dessert, or just sit and talk without checking your phones. Remember why you fell in love—and thank God for the gift of your spouse!
— *Lutheran Family Service*



2027 Altar Flowers — The sign-up sheet to provide altar flowers in 2027 is now posted in the FLC hallway.

Don't miss the Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 14! Stop by for lunch and browse the crafts and vendors.



Catechumenate Class Canceled — The Catechumenate class scheduled for **Sunday, November 29** is cancelled and tentatively moved to Sunday, December 6.

Did you question my spelling of the word cancelled? Canceled (with one "l") is standard in American English according to Merriam-Webster. Cancelled (with two "l"s) is standard in British English. I do see cancelled used more now than in the past and both are now considered correct spellings. There's your grammar lesson for the day!
— *Kathy Olson*

Serving at St. Paul

Altar Committee
November 8 — Alise Sunderman, Vicki Sickels
November 15 — Jane & David Thompson

Altar Flowers
November 8— Carolyn & Gary Vesely
November 15 — Faylene & Jerry Kluver

Elder
November 8 — Peter von Qualen
November 15 — Jeff Bull

Offering Counters
November 8 — Betty Berlau, Donna Stoelk
November 15 — Dan Deppe, David Reddel

Ushers November 8
8:00am — Ken Kise, Dan Hubbard
10:45am — Kristin & Jeff Strothcamp

Ushers November 15
8:00am — Eddie Bell
10:45am — Cal Uhlig, Eric Bradley

Worship Slides November 8
8:00am — Rochelle Sandvick, Eddie Bell
10:45am (livestream) — Jill & Jason Juhl, Logan Ellsworth

Attendance Sunday, November 1
8:00am — 188 10:45am — 106

St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father
Nicole, Aaron and Sarah, grandchildren of Ken and Betty McConnell
Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson
Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula and Jeremy Sellen
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Jim Harvey
Joel Ausan
Jeff, Trevor Loeschen's father, recovering from a stroke
Layne, friend of Haase family, spinal injury
Renee, friend of Newtons, diagnosed with cancer
John Hopkins, Viviane Kottlowski's brother-in-law
Kipp Petersen, ALS, friend of the Behrens family
Kathy Ingram, Karen Whipple's twin sister, in palliative care
Ronny Adams, stroke, relative of the Hilchens
Deb Behn, open heart surgery, friend of the Horas
Ashley, friend of Jeremy and Paula Sellen, recovering from hand surgery
Grayson and Rachel Leavitt, health concerns, grandson and daughter of Joyce and Don Binneboese
Terri, cancer, sister-in-law of Strothcamps
Diane Halbur, health issues
Zach Saxton, motorcycle accident, Leola and Aurora's father
Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedure
Torre Nordstrom, Linda's brother-in-law, recovering from kidney surgery
Marion Prill, Jennifer Heflebower's grandmother
Marcus, knee surgery, friend of Eddie Bell
Sam, Lauren, Freddy and family, struggling with addiction, friends of Johannes & Michelle Schrader
Brian Kreutner, Jennifer Kreutner and Joyce Peterson, parents and grandmother of Sarah Heilman
Greg Crawford, now home recovering from a broken pelvis
Erna Davies, declining health and hospitalization, Libby Wielenga's grandmother
Kris Groth, Libby's mom, recovering from eye surgery
John Ireland, cancer treatments, uncle of Annie Taugher and Susie McCarragher
Kane, eye surgery, child of Tori Gilbert's friend
Pam Houseman, medical concerns

St. Paul Prayer List

Cianna Gilbert, Keagan's sister, struggling with sickness and health

For those who mourn
Jennifer Reddel and family at the passing of her father, Del Carlson.
The Hilchen family at the passing of Connie Hilchen.

This Week at St. Paul

Today	8:00am Worship Service
	9:15pm Sunday School
	9:30pm Bible Studies
	10:45am Worship Service
	Noon Catechumenate
	2-4pm Sr. Youth Sunday Funday
Monday	9:00am Staff Meeting
	6:30pm Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00am-4:00pm Circuit Pastor Meeting @ St. Paul
	9:30am Communion Service
	6:30pm LWML
	6:30pm Elders Meeting
Wednesday	10:00am Moms Group
	5:00-6:00pm Meal
	5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal
	6:00pm Midweek, Bible Studies
	7:00pm Service
	7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:30am Chapel
	10:00am BASIC Bible Study
	7:00pm Men's Fellowship and Bible Study
Saturday	9:00am-2:00pm Craft and Vendor Fair