

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 738, 838, 827, *Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd* (on screens), 631, 853

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9, Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

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 Laura and Jeff Bull in honor of their wedding anniversary on September 19.

IDW Youth Gathering Registrations — Registration is still open for the IDW Senior Youth Gathering in Okobojo on October 3-4. Registration is also open for the Junior Youth Gathering held in Des Moines October 24-25. Information packets are on the cabinet in the Narthex. **Deadline is today, September 20.** If you have questions please see our Director of Youth Ministry, Laura Nelson.



Building Healthy Families — Want to be closer to your spouse, children, or grandchildren? Praying as a couple or as a family is one of the most powerful and intimate things you can do together. Start simply by praying for things you're thankful for, things you need, or things you're worried about. Pray for people you know who are struggling. If you're not currently praying aloud together, consider the many positive impacts of doing so. You will be drawn closer to God, and to each other. Find a creative, practical and free downloadable resource for fun ways to build prayer into you and your family's daily life, created by our friends at Concordia Center for the Family at www.concordiafamilystore.org/resources/p/family-prayer-handout.
— *Lutheran Family Service*

Celebration of Life — The family of Morey Juhlin invites members of St. Paul to gather and remember him on Sunday, September 27. The event will be held at Oscar Carl Winery and Vineyard in Sioux City, Iowa, from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Morey died on August 13, 2026. The Juhlins were active members of St. Paul from 2008 to 2024, when they moved to Washington to be closer to their daughter.

Registration — If you haven't registered your child for education and youth programs at St. Paul (midweek, Sunday school, youth groups) please do so! It's important that we have contact information and emergency information for each child/youth. You can go to the church website and click on the Family Ministry tab and then Registration.

No Thursday Bible Study — There is no BASIC Bible study on Thursday, September 24.

New! — Check out the two new children's busy books available in the Narthex under the church mailboxes. They are perfect for your little ones during the worship services.
— *Children & Family Ministry*

Donations — Thank you so much to everyone who has been generous with their donations of personal care items! We can still take a lot more! It's easy to just grab an item or two when you're out getting groceries, or making a Target run. You still have a couple more weeks to drop off items. No travel sizes please. ➡

PLEASE circle which service you attend on the attendance cards. They sometimes get mixed up when turned into the office. Thank you!

**September
Personal Care
Donation Drive**



No travel sizes please.

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothpaste

Place donations in the basket by the LWML table.

Donations going to the Ankeny Resource Center. Items will directly benefit those in the Ankeny community.





Anointing someone is a way of giving them a purpose. In the Rite of Consecration, catechumens and confirmands are anointed with crosses of scented oil because Jesus has a purpose for them among us at St. Paul: to receive the gifts he brings and to love others the way Jesus loved the whole world.

This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service 9:15pm Sunday School 9:30pm Bible Studies 10:45am Worship Service Noon Catechumenate 2-4pm Sr. Youth Sunday Funday 2:30pm Sunny View Service
<u>Monday</u>	6:30pm Women's Bible Study IDW Pastors/Church Workers Conference (not at St. Paul)
<u>Tuesday</u>	IDW Pastors/Church Workers Conference (not at St. Paul)
<u>Wednesday</u>	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
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Chapel 7:00pm Men's Bible Study and Fellowship



Serving at St. Paul

Altar Committee

September 20 — Alyssa Forde, Mary Suhr
September 27 — Alise Sunderman, Dorothy Marvin

Altar Flowers

September 20 — Laura & Jeff Bull
September 27 — Traci & Adam Haselhuhn

Elder

September 20 — Steve Bradley
September 27 — Jon Jero

Offering Counters Sept. 20 & 27

Jennifer Dorfler, Rod Silvey

Ushers September 20 & 27

8:00am — Les Stave, Jeff & Colby Fahrman
10:45am — Mike Koster, Craig, Dewayne McGohan

Attendance Sunday, September 13

8:00am — 135 10:45am — 140

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 W. and Jeremy S.
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Ken Wehmas, in hospice care
Jim Harvey
Mark Mueller
Joel Ausan
Jeff, Trevor Loesch's father, recovering from a stroke
Layne, friend of Haase family, spinal injury
Renee, friend of Newtons, diagnosed with cancer
John Hopkins, Viviane Kottowski's brother-in-law
Cordell Wabeke, cancer, former member
Greta, niece of the Grevs, cochlear implant recovery
Jaydee Hoffmann, recovering from hip surgery
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
Denny Lensch, in hospice care
Ashley, friend of Jeremy Selen and Paula Wehmas, recovering from hand surgery
Grayson Leavitt, health concerns, grandson 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
McKenna Boersma, upcoming surgery, granddaughter of Malisa and Tim Davies
Linda Glenn, upcoming heart procedure
Torre Nordstrom, Linda's brother-in-law, recovering from kidney surgery

St. Paul Prayer List

For those in active military
Chris Madsen, Tim Fairchild

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry
Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For our shut-in members
Cookie Brown, Phil Eshelman, Vel Hans, Denny Lensch, Pat Livingston, Terry Moehnke, Mark Mueller, Doris Olson, Kathryn Witt

For those who mourn
Char and David Shaw at the passing of her sister, Kathy, on September 14.



Please recycle pop cans, pop bottles, water bottles, and paper. There are containers in the FLC, kitchen, office and youth rooms.

Church Office Hours — Church office hours are now back to the normal Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. Holiday hours may vary.