***ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT*:**
"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."

God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence

There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. *"There will be great distress upon the earth"* (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that *"the kingdom of God is near"* (Luke 21:31). Therefore, *"straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near"* (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which *"will not pass away"* (Luke 21:33). For you, *"the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings"* (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah *"before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes"* (Mal. 4:5), in order to *"direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ"* (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, *"the Lord is faithful,"* and by the preaching of His Word *"he will establish you and guard you against the evil one"* (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, *"do not grow weary in doing good"* (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Jim Thies
Ushers: Gary Pohlman, Ray Holst
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Deanna Sorensen
Flowers: Gloria Barnett
Finance: Denny Mordhorst, Elaine Vogt
Acolytes: Max Kelm, Samantha Sorensen

Next Sunday Acolytes: Wyatt Teut, Morgan Teut

Those Serving in December

Elder: Gary McCall
Ushers: Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst
Flowers: Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Terri Mohr, Bruce Mohr, Gary Pohlman, Judy Pohlman

ABOUT THE SERVICE

WELCOME: We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. In Jesus Christ our Risen Savior we have reason for hope and joy and so we gather together to receive His good gifts and offer Him our prayers and praises. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house and grow as His children!

ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER: By celebrating the Lord's Supper we care for Christ's people, Christ's Supper, and Christ's teachings. What Jesus gives us in the Lord's Supper is His true body and blood under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. God's Word also teaches that receiving the Lord's Supper together implies that we share the same beliefs. Therefore, we kindly ask that guests who desire to receive the Lord's Supper today speak to the Pastor prior to the beginning of the service.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	LYF Meeting after the service
	6:30 p.m. – LYF Bible Study
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	4:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
	5:30 p.m. - Memory Work / Meal
	6:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month
Next update will be December 14, 2025

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$165,744.84	$4,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 10/31/2025	$ 93,492.71	$ 2,870.00	$2,997.10
Still Needed	$72,252.13	$1,130.00	$2.90

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Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

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ΔHymn..... #809
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am) topic "Genesis"
- Sunday Bible Class (Meet in the LYF Room – 9:30 am on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays) topic "The Minor Prophets"

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: Sunday Bible Class is on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month at 9:30 am and we now meet in the LYF room. The topic we are studying now is "The minor prophets".

THANKSGIVING EVE: Our Thanksgiving Service will be on Wednesday, November 26th at 7pm.

ADVENT SERVICE: We will be having Midweek Advent services on Wednesday night December 3, 10 and 17 at 7:00 p.m. with supper starting at 5:30 p.m.

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES: We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our 10 Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET: Catechism parents & students the sign-up sheet for acolyting is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE: We are hosting the Blessing of the Christmas Creche and having Christmas Wreaths and Religious Christmas Figurine Display in the fellowship hall. It will be Saturday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m. All are invited. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for volunteer to help serve cookies/hot cocoa.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

LCW: The LCW meetings is Sunday, November 30th after the service in the fellowship hall. We will be having a potluck and set up the Wreath and Religious Christmas figurines.

WREATH AND RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS FIGURINE DISPLAY: We are preparing for the Christmas season and will have a display of wreath and religious Christmas figurines in the fellowship hall during the Blessing of the Christmas Creche. If you would like to bring, your wreath and/or Religious Christmas figurine preferably not angels or nativities because they will be a display for a different year. Please have them here on or by November 30 and you can drop them off in the LYF room. If you have any questions you can talk to Terri.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS FROM LHM: Every year Lutheran Hour Ministries makes available Advent devotions. Copies of the devotion (Born to You…a Savior) can be picked up at church next Sunday. You can also read the devotion each day at www.lhm.org/advent.

MAGAZINE RACK/BACK TABLE: Reading inserts, Portals of Prayer & envelopes for you to use for the missions and special missions can be found on the back table. Magazine rack you can find Lutheran Witness, LHM paper, etc. Also, in the back there is a shelf with children's books and crayons, puzzles and activities that they can use during the service.

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025

Luke 21:5-28

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