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

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God The way of the Lord is righteous and just: *"The soul who sins shall die"* (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has *"no pleasure in the death of anyone"* (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, *"shall surely live; he shall not die"* (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, *"he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death"* (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, *"God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name"* (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now *"shine as lights in the world"* (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even *"the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God"* (Matt. 21:31–32).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Steve Gust
Ushers: Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann
Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Joan Neddermeyer
Altar Flowers: Teresa Mordhorst
Finance: Lyle Bramley, Tammy Bramley, Raylyn Kelm
Acolytes: Max, Henry

Next Sunday Acolytes: Kelly

Those Serving in October

Elder: Bruce Mohr
Ushers: Matt Kelm, John Mordhorst, William Sorensen, Michael Sorensen
Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Joan Neddermeyer
Altar Flowers: Sharon Gosch
Finance: Ray Holst, Elaine Holst, Linda Riddle

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!

STANDING: Although it is proper to sit and stand at certain times during the Divine Service, please feel free to sit when needed.

STANDING DURING HYMNS: An ancient part of Christian piety, honor, and respect has been shown throughout history by standing for God. We continue this tradition standing during the doxological stanzas of a hymn. —those stanzas which specifically state the Triune God's Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	4:30 p.m. – 5-6 Catechism Class
	5:30 p.m. – Memory Work/Meal
	6:00 p.m. – 7-8 Catechism Class
Thurs:	5:30 p.m. – LCW Meeting
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month. Next update will be October 11, 2026 2 Corinthians 9:7 For God loves a cheerful giver".

2026	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$172,954.26	$4,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 8-31-2026	$94,443.85	$ 2,280.00	$797.00
Still Needed	$78,510.41	$1,720.00	$2,203.00

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Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #704
"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"
Δ**Invocation..... p.184**
Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.184**
Δ**Introit.....** Sheet
Δ**Kyrie..... p.186**
Δ**Gloria in Excelsis..... p.187**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.189**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Epistle: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32
Apostles' Creed..... p.192
Children's Message
Hymn..... #900
vs. 1, 3, 5-6 "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"
Sermon 'Says Who?'
Matthew 21:23-32
Offering
Δ**Offertory..... p.192**
Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.193**
Δ**Lord's Prayer..... p.196**
Δ**Benediction..... p.202**
Δ**Hymn..... #534**
"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am) topic "Exodus"
- Sunday Bible Class (Meet in the LYF Room – 9:30 am) topic "Hebrews"

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCW MEETING: LCW Meeting is Thursday, Oct. 1st at 5:30 p.m. in the LYF room.

LWML SUNDAY: We will celebrate LWML Sunday on October 4th. You are invited to wear something purple for that Sunday to support the LWML. A noisy collection will be taken for a mite offering which supports the mission of the church throughout the world.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:
Tuesday, October 5th, Budget Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 13th, Elders Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 13th, Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 18th, Voter's Meeting after church.
Here's a few items on the Voter's Agenda:

- Budget
- Nomination Committee

ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET: Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting for months of September - December is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF Bible Study is October 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the LYF room. We'll be diving deep into God's Word, so make sure to bring a Bible if you have one. If you don't or forget, we have some on hand for you to use. Bring a snack to share! Inviting friends is encouraged, even if they can only come once.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES: We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our 13 Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

USHERING AFTER SERVICE: After the service, please usher yourself out after pastor has got to the back of the church.

"THY STRONG WORD": Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors of the Denison area and sponsored by area congregations including St. Paul's. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

MAIN STREET LIVING: Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

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 that they can use during the service.

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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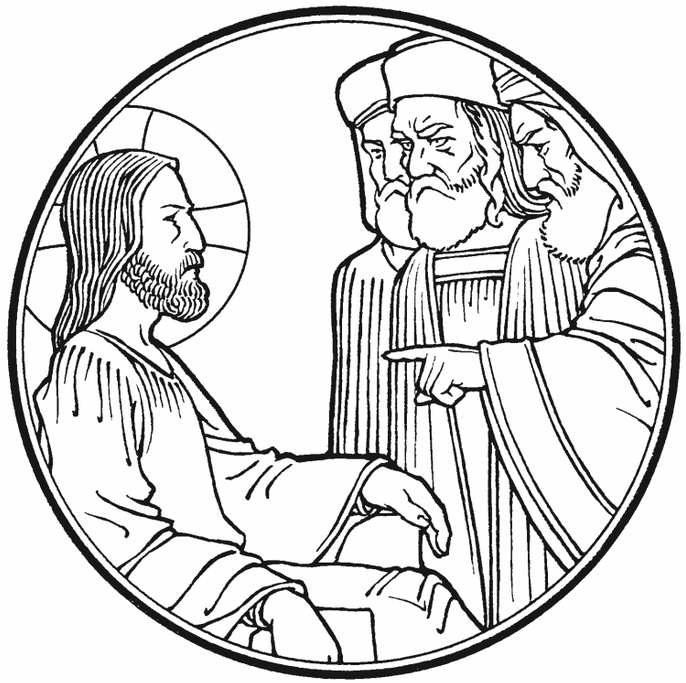
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026



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