St. Paul Lutheran Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026
9:00 am

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: ELW #486 "God Extends an Invitation" Sing 3 times.

Greeting- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie: pg. 147

Hymn of Praise: pg. 149 "This Is The Feast "

Prayer of the Day- Let us pray.
Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

1 O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
5 the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.

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Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23
(Vicar Caitlin will sing the Psalm. The Congregation will sing the refrain below.)

Psalm 23:5
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1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
2 The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

3 You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

[1] My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

[2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation pg. 151 "Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go?"

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5] But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7] The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8] Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

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[11] "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13] Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #362 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Apostles' Creed

I **believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: Response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Offering

(We invite the children to gather dollar bills and change for the mission jug.)

Create in Me a Clean Heart– p. 186 *(hymn section)*

Offering Prayer

<u>Meal</u>

The Great Thanksgiving: pg. 152

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy: pg. 153

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God: pg. 154

Distribution Songs: ELW #491 "Come, Let Us Eat"
ELW #462 "Now We Join in Celebration"
ELW #461 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Communion Blessing

Sending

Blessing–

Sending Hymn: ELW #547 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

Ham Dinner– mark your calendars– Nov. 1. The sign up sheets are out and we could sure use your help! There are a lot of ways to volunteer! Tickets are available for sale after church.

Sunday School continues today!

Confirmation Classes will continue this Wednesday for 7th and 8th Grade at 6:00 pm.

Confirmation Classes will continue on Wednesday for 9th Grade at 7:00 pm.

Priscilla Circle will beet on Thursday, October 15 at 2:00 pm.

Offering Jug- The funds that are deposited in the weekly offering jug will be designated to go to sponsor a well. The cost of the well is $2,500.00 We currently have over $2,100.00 toward the goal.

Vicar Caitlin will accept donations of pop tabs to support the work of the Ronald McDonald House. Donations of clean pop tabs in a Ziplock bag or similar container can be dropped off at the church office.

Aredale United Methodist Church Annual Fall Fundraiser on Wednesday, October 14 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Serving chili cinnamon rolls, beef burgers, lemonade and milk. Free will donation! Also home canned goods and Bake Sale! Silent Auction! Handmade crafts, gift baskets and more. You can check out the items on Facebook.

The back door of the church will be locked on Sundays at 9:00 am.
The church office hours will vary.
Vicar Caitlin will be in the office Wednesday morning.
The office will be open 9:00– 12:00 pm Monday through Thursday.
The deadline for the October 18 bulletin is Thursday, October 15 at 9:00 am.

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026

Worship Services - 9:00 am.
Coffee and Fellowship—10:00 am.
Sunday School after worship

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Quilting– 9:00 am.
Coffee and Fellowship– 10:00 am.
7-8th Grade confirmation– 6:00 pm
9th Grade confirmation– 7:00 pm

10/11/26	9:00 am
Presiding Officiate	Vicar Caitlin Tauro Caitlin.splc@outlook.com 641 494 6989
Reader	Della Speich
Organist	Pam DeVries
Coffee Hour	Juliette Koch and Dorothy Madetzke
Greeters	Jake and Courtney Hansen

10/18 /26	9:00 am
Reader	Beth Whalen
Greeters	Jay and Sally Van Wert
Coffee Hour	Adam Tauro and Robin Wagner

Offering **10/4/26**

General:	$ 2,114.00
Building:	$ 20.00
Radio	$
Automated Giving General Bldg	$ 800.00 $ 390.00
Total	$ 3,324.00

October Ushers:
Tyler Koch
Alex Koch
Daniel Stevens
James Stevens

Prayer List:

Debbie Klein, Jane Dhondt, David Brugman (Laura Showalter's father),
Larry Richtsmeier, Clarence Moore,
Josh Miller (Kent and Mari Cramer's Son),
Bob Abendschein, Trish Murray, Carolyn Berghoefer,
Darrel Brinkman, Gordie Menken, Leona Meyer,
Joy Christensen, Isaiah Griemann, Justin Mejia, Terry Wheeler, Verna Humburg,
Mike Harmon, (son-in law of Terry and Karen Wheeler), Jo Klein, and Judy Holbrook

Online: Facebook– St. Paul Lutheran of Hampton Page–
Sunday 9:00 am
After broadcast, available on demand on Facebook and at splchampton.com
Radio Broadcast on KLMJ at 8:00pm