

Our Prayer List

Current Concerns & Prayers of Thanksgiving

Liz Lopez – cancer treatments Dick Baker – hospitalized
Courtney Woodward – health concerns

Long Term Health Needs

Natasha Loretitsch Patricia Walker-Bill

Homebound

Margaret Kuhlmann	Don Storck
Irma Pope	Jeanette Till
Connie Moulis	Carol Messer
Gary Bayer	Edwin & Margaret Horvath
Henry Miller	Maureen Walsh
Charlette Schroeder	Dennis Walker

Military

Paul Bowdich	Brandon Newton
Trevor Guilmette	Tirzah VanDamme
Alex & Brooke Keppler	Jason & Gabrielle Zuniga
Ryan West	

Friends of SPRO

Priscilla Bennett (health concerns), friend of Chris Schultz
Marie Bennett (health concerns), family of Chris Schultz
Anne Gabriel (stage 4 cancer), friend of Anne Sagan
David I. (cancer), family of Scott Manteuffel
Linda Anderson (cancer), cousin of Mark & Barbara Costakes
Bill Merte (arm nerve damage), friend of Mike Rasmussen
Janie Nelson (health concerns), Tim Woodward's mother
Tom Noonan (cancer), friend of Chris Schultz
Marlene Olsen (healing), mother of Mark Olsen
Daniel Tharpe (care), grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge
Griffin Wilson (accident), brother of Lily Wilson
Melanie Marrah (health concerns), family of the Machus
Ron Pflieger (hospice care), former member
Ruth Brownfield (health concerns), niece of Miranda Lorence
Dale Miller (health concerns), family of the Carpenters

Stewardship

Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

Everything we have belongs to God—so, we live all in.
All In with our time, talents & treasures – now & into the future

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Weekly Contribution average needed based on approved 2026/27 budget = \$14,500

Weekly Contributions Received 9/13 = \$11,204

Weekly Contributions Received 9/20 = \$8,976



SPRO Stewards

	Today	October 4 th
Pastor	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand	Rev. Stephen Woodfin
Elders	Brian Hermann, Tony Valdes	Chuck Brewer
Ushers	Brian Charlton, Mike Boyd, Zack Lorence, Erik Olsen	Chuck Brewer, Dave Hemming, Roger Pierce, Steve Snell
Reader	Kevin Calhoun	Lily Wilson
AV	Sam Francik, Jim West	Steven Carpenter, Matthew Schleusener
Altar Guild	Meredith Sanislo, Amie Szerdi	Kathleen Prukner, Betsy Newton
Counters	Jeff Szerdi, Ben Schultz	Chay Smith, Rick Thomas



St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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September 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM

Serve. Support. Share.

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church! We are glad you are worshiping with us as God comes to us through His Word to bring new life in Christ. If you have questions or would like more information, please speak with an elder, usher, or pastor. Guests are invited to complete an attendance card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

Minister of Music Greg Paul

Church Office Manager Sue Francik

Principal Chris Francik

School Office Manager Julie Hansen

PRELUDE		
“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”		LSB 813
INVOCATION		
CONFESSION / ABSOLUTION		LSB 184
SERVICE OF THE WORD		LSB 186
INTROIT/KYRIE/SALUTATION/COLLECT		
OLD TESTAMENT READING		Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
CHORAL ANTHEM	St. Paul School	“Greet the Rising Sun”
EPISTLE READING		Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18
GOSPEL		Matthew 21:23-32
NICENE CREED		LSB 191
“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”		LSB 655
SERMON	“Putting on a Good Show”	Matthew 21:28-32
OFFERTORY		LSB 192
OFFERING		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRAYERS		
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ***		LSB 194
DISTRIBUTION		
“Eat This Bread”		LSB 638
“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”		LSB 428
“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”		LSB 826
NUNC DIMITTIS / COLLECT / BENEDICTION		LSB 199-202
“I’ll a Servant Be”		David Ruis

Sanctuary Exits: Two exits are located at the front of the sanctuary, to the right and left of the organ pipes. In an emergency, please use the nearest exit. If you have questions, an elder/usher will be happy to assist.

We believe that...

***Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself. We are well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins & have faith in these words, "Given & shed for you for the remission of sins."

We receive the bread & wine as the true body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.

St. Paul Lutheran Church practices close communion. Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister LCMS congregations, we welcome you forward for a blessing (indicated by crossed arms). Please reach out to an elder with any questions or concerns.

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