

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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**Welcome! We are glad you are
worshiping today!**

Fellowship: Refreshments are
available in the Gathering Hall on
Sundays from 9am–10:45am

Holy Communion: Celebrated in all
Worship Services on the first, third &
fifth weekends each month

Parents With Children:

Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are
available. There is a quiet room in the
back of church.

We Care Cards: Everyone attending is
asked to complete a card found in the
pew rack and collected during worship.

PowerPoint & Live-stream

Volunteers: Sign-up at
tinyurl.com/SPLsignups

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am

Sunday 11am

Contemporary Worship

*Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at:

splgraffton.org/church/livestream &

vimeo.com/event/3209874

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson

Pastor: Jacob Schultz

Pastor of Care Ministry:

Timothy Maschke

Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah

Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow

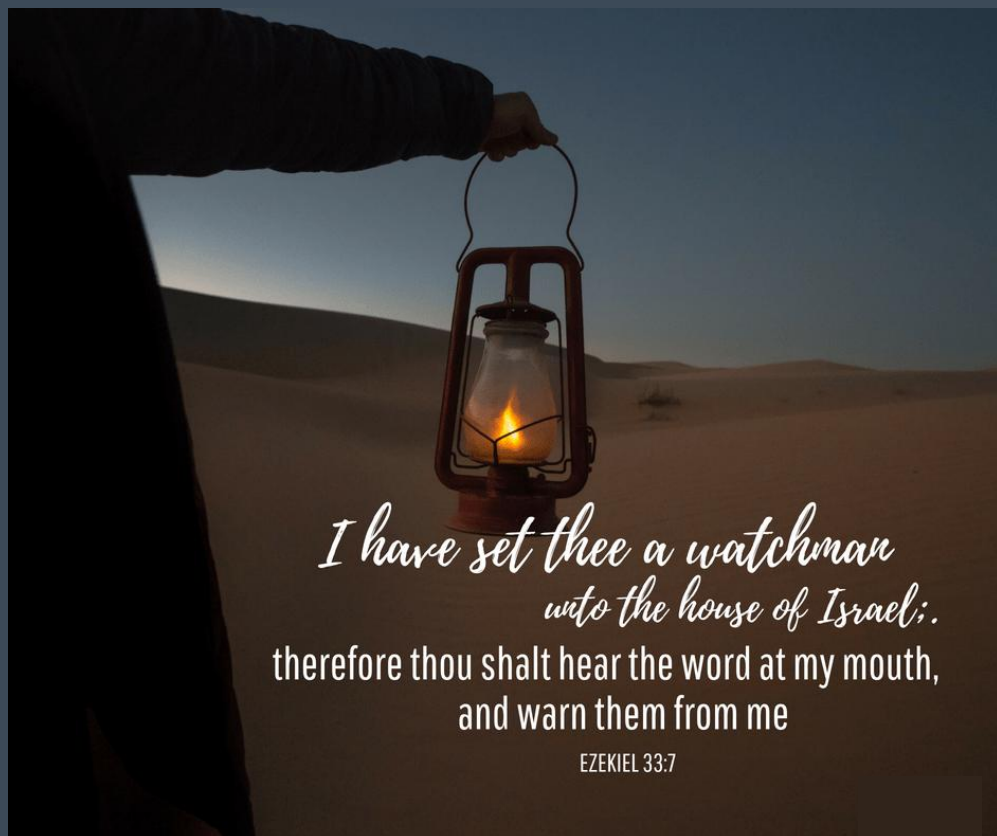
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf

Principal: Michael Yurk

Director of Music: Valerie Bremer

DCE: Tracy Krueger

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 6, 2026**



AS WE GATHER... Although the attention of many is distracted on this Labor Day weekend, the focus of the Readings is clear. We have a Savior who has come to find the lost and restore them through forgiveness, and we have a purpose in speaking this Gospel to the whole world. This is not an easy calling. In every congregation, there are those who once sat together with us in the pews but have since been lost to error or sin. Those who used to be Christian may constitute a number larger than those who are currently Christian. It is one thing to lament this and criticize from the sidelines. It is quite another to warn the wicked. Though some might assume that the chief purpose of church discipline is to condemn the sins and errors of others, our Lord reminds us that discipline is an act of love that seeks to restore the fallen. While this idea may seem out of step with the emphasis in our times on tolerance without judgment, if our Lord loves the lost enough to save us, then we are called to do no less. Key to this is warning the wicked (as Ezekiel puts it) with the voice of God's Word. This certainly includes condemning sin and error, but it also includes restoring the fallen through forgiveness. It is not the will of our Father in heaven that any should perish, and it is the joy of heaven to welcome them back. Is it also our passion to seek them out, to warn them with the voice of God's Word, and to welcome them home through forgiveness?

**EQUIPPING
Every Generation
to Live Rooted
in JESUS**

COMMUNION STATEMENT

As you prepare to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, please review these questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I repent of them?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior and that His body and blood are truly present together with the bread and wine?
3. Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God & neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?
4. Am I a member of an LCMS congregation or a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS?

If you are not in agreement with these questions, please refrain from communing or speak with a pastor before communing.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES- Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards will be collected during the sermon hymn)*

OPENING HYMN "As Surely as I Live, God Said"

LSB 614

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "This Is the Feast"

LSB 155

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7–9 I have made you a watchman.* (Holy Bible p. 914)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 34:9, 19*

Pastor: Fear the LORD, you His saints,

People: for those who fear Him lack nothing.

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

People: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE *Romans 13:1–10* “Love is the fulfilling of the law.” (Holy Bible p. 1206)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA VERSE *Matthew 5:3*

Pastor: Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:1–20* *The Son of Man came to seek the lost and save them.*

(Holy Bible p. 1046)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

LSB 844

SERMON “Christian Carefronting” by Pastor Maschke based upon Ezekiel 33 with Matthew 18.

NICENE CREED *(see screens)*

OFFERTORY “Create In Me”

LSB 956

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(see screens)*

SACRAMENT

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 161

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(see screens)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

LORD'S PRAYER *(see screens or back cover of LSB)*

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

LSB 163

PREPARATION *(see screens or top of page 2)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *Common cup and individual cup are offered on both the lectern and pulpit sides. Please assist the pastor or server when receiving the chalice for common cup. Non-alcoholic wine (pink) is served in individual cups in the center of the tray.*

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 637

"Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement"

LSB 511

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"

LSB 164

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *Psalms 106:1*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

LSB 707

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE- 9:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Let Our Work Be For Your Glory”

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards will be collected during the sermon hymn)*

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG “Come Thou Fount Come Thou King”

BAPTISM *Ashlie Nicole Yachik, Ashton Jay Vincent, Micah William Vincent*

APOSTLES’ CREED *(see screens)*

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE “We Are Free”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7–9*
(Holy Bible p. 914)

EPISTLE READING *Romans 13:1–10*
(Holy Bible p.1206)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution / Lord’s Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / “Goodness Love And Mercy;” “King Of Kings” / Dismissal

PRAYERS

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 18:1–20*
(Holy Bible p. 1046)

SERMON “Christian Carefronting” by Pastor Maschke based upon Ezekiel 33 with Matthew 18.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG “Build Your Kingdom Here”

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE—11am

PRESERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Offerings may be placed in collection boxes on the sidewalk.)

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LSB 686, St. 1, 2, 4

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom’d soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7–9 I have made you a watchman.* (Holy Bible p. 914)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Romans 13:1–10* “Love is the fulfilling of the law.” (Holy Bible p.1206)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:1–20 The Son of Man came to seek the lost and save them.*

(Holy Bible p. 1046)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (spoken) Glory to You, O Lord.

People: (spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON SONG “King of Kings”

1. In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light
'Till from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings

2. To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

3. And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held it's breath
'Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

4. And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

Chorus

SERMON "Christian Carefronting" by Pastor Maschke based upon Ezekiel 33 with Matthew 18.

PRAYERS *(The pastor will end each petition with "Lord, in Your mercy," and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer.")*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PREPARATION *(see top of p. 2)* / **DISTRIBUTION / DISMISSAL**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

LSB 650

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

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2 Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

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BIBLE STUDIES, SERVANT MINISTRY MEETINGS AND MORE!



SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR

September 6 & 13: NO CLASS

**September 20: Apologetics- Why so much
bloodshed in the OT?**

Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE CLASS RESUMES SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Topic: Revelation

Led by: Bob Kasten

Meets: Thursdays, 6:30am

Location: Front Conference Room

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Join us as we examine the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the lens of Luke's Gospel account. We will gather together every Wednesday from **September 2 through November 18** (except for September 16, when Pastor Anderson is out of town). Class is held in the Family Life Center from 6:30pm to around 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity to grow in our values of biblical teaching and authentic relationships.

Hope to see you there!

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer
Leader: Rev. Luke Anderson

Altar Guild: Kathy Lubner & Sharon Hawkins
Sermon: Rev. Timothy Maschke

SERVICE	ELDERS / COMMUNION HELPERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	R. Klotka / M. Young / T. Kohlwey / C. Meunier / B. Dorn	Brian Hadler
Sun., 8am	G. Kern / R. Meyer / B. Marien / R. Wellman	Peter Kohlwey
Sun., 9:30am	G. Metzger / V. Micha / B. Eggold	Dave Schmidt
Sun., 11am	B. Buske / J. Wegner	Candi Unger
Mon., 6:30pm	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Ron Anschuetz; John Boudnik; Mark Brueggemann; Frank Dohrwardt* (friend of Dave & Judy Kuczynski); *Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prahll); *Rob Frederick* (son-in-law of Joyce Dobberpuhl); *Teri Fredrich; Karl Goettl* (brother of Louanne Hockstad); *Cindy Hilgendorf* (sister of Gail Goetter); *Danna Hoffmann; Steven Janke* (son of Richard & JoAnn Janke); *Arlene Kaul; Alice Koehler* (friend of Dave & Judy Kuczynski); *Larry Luckjohn; Ken Luckjohn* (son of Larry Luckjohn); *Diane Lunde* (friend of Maribeth Witkowski); *Annette Mentzel; Susan Micha; Jeffrey Mierow* (son of Steve & Kathy Mierow); *Sandra Patterson; Ron Parchim* (brother-in-law of Dave Schmidt); *Russ Prahll* (brother-in-law of Larry & Catherine Kiener); *David Richmond* (brother of John Richmond); *Terry Robinson* (brother of Bonnie Robinson); *Austin Ryan* (friend of Jeremy Albers Jr.); *Lauren Schaper* (daughter of Joanne Wolf); *Lenore Wolff; Audrey Wollner; Mike Zetting* (son of Wendy Zetting)

Long-Term Illness / Treatment: *Jeremy Albers Sr.; Lana Amenda; Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Harold Brockberg; Delaine Bussard* (sister of Debra Kelley); *Liam Cody* (son of Bobby and Katelyn Cody); *Stacy Fairbert* (niece of Jody Reiter); *Mary Rose Haley* (sister of Larry Kiener); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Lisa Giuliani* (niece of Jan Moegenburg); *Larry Kiener; Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Eli Luckjohn* (grandson of Larry Luckjohn); *Laurie McGraw* (friend of Brian & Shari Buske); *Nancy Mertz; Sydney Miracle; Patti Mueller* (friend of Liz Dehmel); *Dennis Muehling* (friend of John & Patty Richmond); *Matthew Thumann* (grandson of Russ & Melissa Meier); *Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtzlauff); *Cindy Steffen; Ty Timperley* (friend of Tom Lubner); *Mark Wainwright* (friend of the Tom Lubner family); *Mike Woollen* (father of Shari Buske)

Baptisms: *Ashlie Nicole Yachik, Ashton Jay Vincent, Micah William Vincent*

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism: *Ashton Jay Vincent*, born March 3, 2021, son of Nick & Ashlie Yachik Vincent, will be baptized at St. Paul during the 9:30service on September 6, 2026.

Baptism: *Micah William Vincent*, born March 3, 2023, son of Nick & Ashlie Yachik Vincent, will be baptized at St. Paul during the 9:30service on September 6, 2026.

Baptism: *Ashlie Nicole Yachik*, born April 19, 1986, daughter of Jay & Cheryl (nee Williams) Yachik, will be baptized at St. Paul during the 9:30service on September 6, 2026.

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- **TEXT-TO-GIVE DIRECTLY TO THE EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER MINISTRY EXPANSION FUND:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute followed by the letters EGFT, to 855.927.0750. For example, text "25 EGFT" to contribute \$25. You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Every contribution sent to this number will go directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together fund.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul. If you have questions, contact St. Paul Finance Office at 262-377-4659.