

Let the little children
come to me,



and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and turn to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God, **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“All Are Welcome”

#641

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

¹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶ You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1 - 4; 2:5 - 12

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5} Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸ subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Gospel Acclamation "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843 vs. 2

Gospel

Mark 10:2 - 16

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

² Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵ But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷ 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#656

Presentation of First Bibles

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843 vs. 3

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

At the Altar

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do not wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.

Communion Hymns

“Now We Join in Celebration”	#462
“Let Us Break Bread Together”	#471
“Now Thank We All Our God”	#840

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Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with our neighbors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

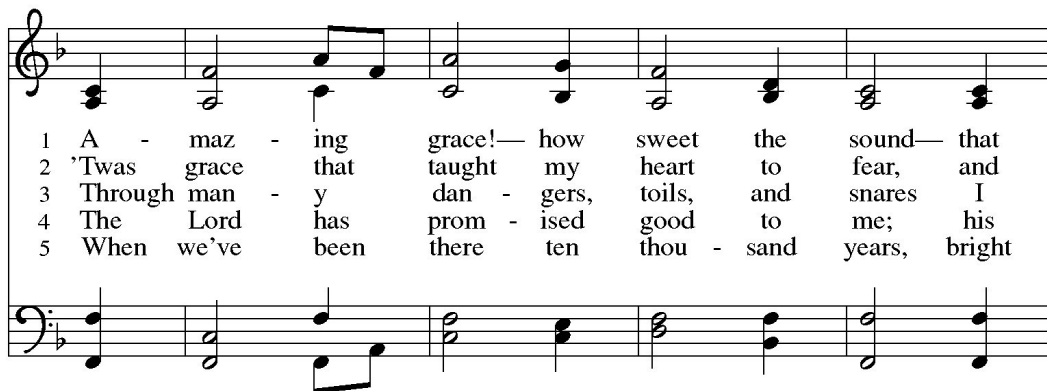
God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn	“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”	#779
	(see next page)	

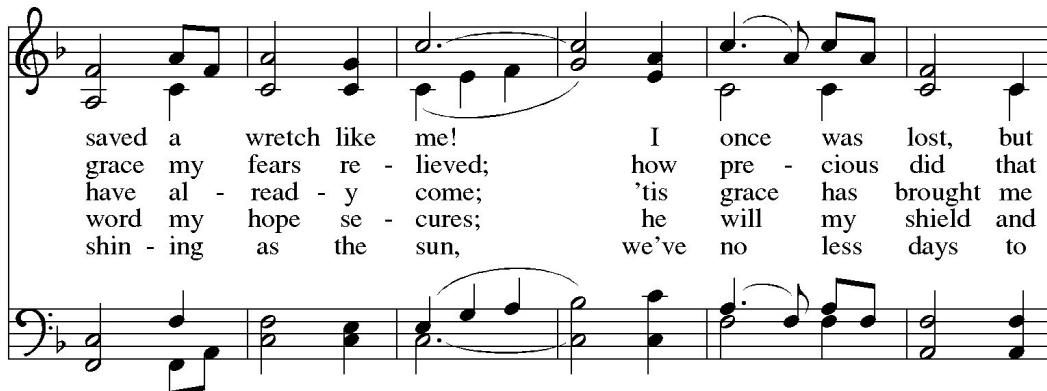
Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour, I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

"GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS"



Welcome: As Jesus welcomed little children, took them in his arms and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16), he welcomes us each to this time with him. May you sense his love now.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Milton VonHolten, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Marcy Cash, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Judy Smith, Renee Weller and Kyle Luetjen.



Terry Goodson (family of Melisa Balke), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Dieckman), Pastor Linda Daniels-Block, Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Dustin Woods, Liz Smart, Don Gibbs, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Averi Kroenke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month: Give Pastor Stephen a call, card, or personally tell him how much we appreciate his ministry and witness among us and into the community.

First Bibles: St. Paul's has a long-standing tradition of giving a Bible to our children who are entering the second grade. These Bibles are purchased through a memorial gift that was given many years ago. One of the promises made at the service of Holy Baptism is the responsibility to "place in your child's hands the Holy Scriptures." Parents and sponsors made a promise to do just that, but we as a church made a promise to support them. **Today**, parents of Noah Gerken, Tucker Nash, Cash McCameron, Cooper Rice, Ruby Sangster, Brayden Schlesselman, Clayton Schlesselman, Kyler Tinney and Macoy Tinney, will present a Bible to their child.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **October 7th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space.

Meeting: Council will meet on Wednesday, **October 9th** at 7:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **October 10th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.


Flu Shot Clinic: The Benton County Health Department will have a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Thursday, **October 10th**. It will be held at St. Paul's under the canopy from 9:00am until 12:00pm. They accept medicare and medicaid. If you do not have insurance a donation will be appreciated. Please mark your calendar and get prepared for the flu season.



Fish Fry: Our World Hunger Fish Fry will be Sunday, **October 13th**. As always, we welcome all donations of crappie fillets. If you have fillets to share please contact Krista Poe, Debbie Eckhoff or Joyce Schlesselmann. Volunteers are always needed!


Personal Care Kits: To allow for additional items to be donated to our collection of Personal Care Kit items, the closing date for donations will be **extended to Sunday, CARE KITS October 13th.** Items for the kits include: **bath-sized towel** (dark colored), two or three 8-9 oz. **bars of soap, toothbrush, sturdy/wide toothed comb, and a nail clipper.** In the wake of the Hurricane Helene, these items will do much to improve the health and well-being of people living in the hard hit areas. Thank you for your donations!



NO Casual Worship Service  **Worship:** There will be no Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **October 19th.**

Circle: Esther Circle will be on Monday, **October 21st** at the home of Sharel Wienberg.



 **First Communion:** The two sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion) are foundational to our worship life as Lutheran Christians. Traditionally at St. Paul's we offer First Communion instruction to youth who are in the fourth grade, but we also want this to be a decision made by the families whether the youth are older or younger. For those youth who wish to take their First Communion this year, they and their families are invited to join Pastor Stephen for a time of instruction on Saturday, **October 26th.** It will be from 12:00pm until 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. They will receive their First Communion in worship on Sunday, **October 27th.**

Little Blessings: Day Care Update regarding the Benton County Philanthropic Grant. Thanks to Pastor Stephen our 3-minute video was submitted this past Wednesday. The committee will review the videos of the six finalists for the three grants to be awarded. We will be contacted on October 21st, informing us of the final selections for the three grants. The awarding of the grants will be presented at the membership annual meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd, at the Cole Camp Senior Center. So now we wait ... and pray.!



Shrimp Boil: The annual YABS shrimp boil will be a fall event this year. Join us on Sunday afternoon, **October 27th**, in the parsonage yard for plenty of food and fellowship. The shrimp boil main course and smoked chicken will be provided, you are invited to bring a side to share, your drinks and chairs. More information will be on the YABS Facebook page. Please RSVP at your earliest convenience.



Trunk-or-Treat: The Evangelism Committee is considering the possibility of offering a Trunk-or-Treat in front of the church on Halloween during the town's trick-or-treat night. We envision multiple vehicles parked out front, each decorated how you like, with people at each vehicle handing out candy. This is a great opportunity for anyone who lives outside town to hand out candy. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board starting next week to see if there is enough interest to move forward. Please speak to anyone on Evangelism with any questions.



~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~



Concert: State Fair Community College will present its Fall Instrumental Concert on Tuesday, **October 8th**, starting at 7:00 pm in the Stauffacher Theatre on campus. Both the jazz band and concert band will play. The Fall Choral Concert will follow later that week on Thursday, **October 10th**, at 7:00 pm.

Pumpkin Picking: Pop Pops Pumpkin Patch is having a pumpkin picking fundraiser for the Cole Camp Food Pantry. They are located 1 1/2 miles north of the Cole Camp Clinic on Tower Avenue. Free entry with free will donations for the pumpkins. Train rides for the kids, great photo ops and honey tasting. It is **Sundays in October** from 1:00pm until 6:00pm. For more information check them out on facebook.



Fundraiser: LSA PIE will host a spaghetti and chicken alfredo dinner on Sunday, **November 3rd**. Serving will be from 11:00am until 1:00pm at the LSA gym. This is a free will donation.

Fundraiser: The Cole Camp swimming pool will host a breakfast on Saturday, **November 16th**. Serving time will be from 5:00am until 10:30am at the American Legion Hall. This is a free will donation.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 6:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar
		First Bibles
Monday, October 7:	9:00am	Sewing
Wednesday, October 9:	7:00pm	Council
Thursday, October 10:	8:00am	BCHD
	9:00am	Flu Shot Clinic
Saturday, October 12:	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, October 13:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	11:30am	World Hunger Fish Fry



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

October 10	Flu Shot Clinic
October 13	World Hunger Fish Fry
October 24	Ask the Pastor
October 27	First Communion
October 27	YABS Shrimp Boil

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers Justin Tinney, Head Usher
..... Victoria Fox, John Oelrichs, Braden Poe & Ryan Schlesselman



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 6, 2024

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants At the Altar
Reader Rhonda Schlesselman
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Gannon Elliott & Grant Kullman
Flowers Sharel Wienberg



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 13, 2024

Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Glenalee Dillon & Norma Schlesselman
Reader Miranda Gerken
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Kelsey Viebrock & Charlotte Zeller
Flowers Tiffinay Nash

