

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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JESUS PREDICTS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE



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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



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 in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, **you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“We Praise You, O God”

#870

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.....**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

Service Of Holy Baptism

Grace Elizabeth Fowler

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors:

We present Grace Elizabeth Fowler for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Grace baptized into Christ? *I do.*

As you bring Grace to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Grace grow in the Christian faith and life? *I do.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Grace in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *I do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Grace and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the powers of this world that defy God? *I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Grace Elizabeth Fowler, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.....We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Grace with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Grace, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

First Reading

Malachi 4:1 - 2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 98

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6 - 13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some

of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation "The Church of Christ, in Every Age" #729 vs. 1 & 3

Gospel

Luke 21:5 - 19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

#769

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



Offertory

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

#729 vs. 5

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **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

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

By Stations

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.

Communion Hymns

"When Peace like a River"

#785

"Abide with Me"

#629

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The holy Trinity, Creator, Son, and Spirit, bless you ☩and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

“NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE”



Welcome: The Lord is in his holy temple. If we are quiet in God's presence, who knows what message we shall hear? Cherish this time of worship and be assured that you are welcome.

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

In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Robert Tatum, Jerome Goosen, Susan Kyle, Nathan Vanderlinden, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Donna Braniff (niece of Paul Fuelling), Kathy Harms, Deanna Browning, Debra Eichler, Bredlee & Jessica Stillfield (friends of Melisa Balke), Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eckhoff, 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) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).



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



Baptismal Grace: Grace Elizabeth Fowler will be washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism **today**. We welcome her into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Grace is the daughter of Jacob and Alyssa Fowler and was born on August 27th.

Choir: If you are interested in singing in the choir on Christmas Eve, please contact Joyce Schlesselmann.



ADVENT CALENDAR



Advent Calendar: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Link for this year's Advent Calendar/Collection. This is a fun way to celebrate together, enjoying a homemade countdown calendar of items and reading a devotional booklet created by members of our church. Four different calendars are available this year: kid's candy, wine, craft beer, and hot tea bags. More information and instructions are on the bulletin board or email Pastor Stephen. Items are due back to church by **today**.

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **November 17th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to join them.



Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **November 17th** at 1:00pm in the Chapel.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **November 20th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



Class: The Adult Bible class will NOT meet on **November 23rd**.



Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **November 26th** at 3:00pm.

Thanksgiving Worship: Due to low attendance in recent years, we will not be having an in-person worship service on Thanksgiving Eve. An online devotion will be shared on the church's Facebook page on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 26th. You are encouraged to bring in donations for the Cole Camp Food Pantry throughout the month of November.



Angel Tree: The Angel Tree is here! These gifts support the Benton County Christmas for Kids program. Each angel on the tree will list an age range and gender along with some suggested items to purchase, but feel free to use your imagination or ask a child you know for suggestions! Gifts should be in the \$15-25 range, are NOT to be wrapped, and need to be returned to church by **November 30th**. There will be boxes on the usher's stands if you would like to make a financial contribution towards gifts that will fill in the gaps of the Christmas for Kids program. Angels for our local care facilities will arrive on the tree by December. Thanks for your support!

Christkindlmarket Caroling: St Paul's has been asked to provide a group to sing Christmas carols at various locations in the downtown area on the evening of **December 5th** during the Christkindlmarket event. More detailed information will be provided soon. If you are available and would like to participate, please add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the link.



Advent Dinner: Our annual Advent Dinner will be held on Sunday, **December 7th**, after worship. This is a time for us as a congregation to celebrate the start of the Advent season and share in a festive program. Everyone who can is asked to bring a dish to share, but the meat and potatoes will be provided.

Save the Date: St. Paul's Winterfest! Friday, **December 19th**. Stay tuned!





An Invitation to ALL women of St. Paul's: Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa - **July 16-19, 2026**. There is information regarding the Triennial in the Link. Please note that the registration for the three days is presently \$475, however, the registration will increase on January 1, 2026 to \$525. There is a scholarship application for *first time* Gathering attendees in the Link, which would cover your registration. This application is due to Rita Nelson by November 30. Questions?? See Janice...

Free Yoga Class: Every Monday at 6:30pm at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class. (*Note: There will be no class on Monday, November 24th.*)



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



Attention Hunters! The Cole Camp Food Pantry benefits each year from Missouri's Share the Harvest program. Hunters who harvest deer but don't need it processed for themselves can donate the deer to Kempf's Custom Butchering, 21612 Glenn Rd, Sedalia. Kempf's will process the deer for free and donate the ground meat to our Food Pantry. When taking the deer to Kempf's please designate the donation for the Cole Camp Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, November 16:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations Baptism of Grace Fowler
Monday, November 17:	9:00am	Sewing
	1:00pm	Esther Circle
	6:30pm	Yoga
Thursday, November 20:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, November 22:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, November 23:	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 30	First Sunday of Advent
December 7	Advent Dinner
December 19.....	Winterfest

Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

MinistersThe Whole Congregation
Presiding MinisterPastor Stephen Zeller
Organist..... Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Kathy Oelrichs & Sharel Wienberg
UshersMelinda Strathman, Head Usher
..... Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost ~ November 16, 2025

Assisting Minister Sandy Schlesselman
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Brian Randall
Children’s Sermon Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes Miranda Gerken & Lena Smith
Flowers Emily Kullman



Christ the King ~ November 23, 2025

Assisting MinisterMelisa Balke
Communion Assistants Greg Bredehoeft & Debbie Eckhoff
ReaderBill Viebrock
Children’s SermonJennifer Rehmer
AcolytesLexi Goyette & Lena Smith
FlowersJanice Gerken