

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Ogallala, NE*



*The Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king,
Who gave a marriage feast for his son.*

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
+Twentieth Sunday After Trinity+
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Guests and Visitors: St. Paul's Lutheran Church follows the Biblical and Apostolic practice of Closed Communion. This respects: the Lord's Supper as the full expression of unity in doctrine and practice of all who partake (1 Corinthians 11:26); that the Pastor is accountable to God for the souls under his care (Hebrews 13:17); and that we are accountable to each other at the Lord's Table (1 Corinthians 10:14-17). For these reasons, we kindly ask **ALL GUESTS** (even if you are a member of another LCMS congregation) to please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Hymn of Invocation: 645 Built on the Rock

Confession and Absolution (pg. 184-185)

Service of the Word (pg. 186-189)

Introit

Psalm 48:1, 9-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

The Lord is righteous in all he has done to us,
for we have not obeyed his commandments.

**Glorify your name, O Lord;
and deal with us according to your great mercy.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

**We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.**

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Let Mount Zion be glad!

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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and deal with us according to your great mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1–9

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Spoken in Unison)

Psalms 145:15–16

**The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:15–21

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

[C] **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed (Found inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: 828 We Are Called to Stand Together

Sermon

Offering

Offertory

LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Collect for the Word

[P] Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have

promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Salutation

LSB 201

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 202

*The Congregation is invited to join the Children singing the Refrain after verses 2 & 3.
The Congregation joins the Children in singing verse 4 and the final Refrain.*

Hymn to Depart: 930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord *sts. 1, ref, 2–4*

Welcome Visitors: We're glad you're worshipping with us today and pray this service is a blessing to you. If you don't have a church home, we warmly invite you to join us regularly. To learn more about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please speak with Pastor. **Please complete an attendance card for our records.** Activity bags and children's bulletins are available in the back—just ask an usher. Welcome, and thank you for being here!

OCTOBER-DECEMBER - Portals of Prayer are available.

Remember in your prayers: Rachel Sieck and newborn son Oliver, Tim Steele (Pastor's father), Rayona Steele (Pastor's sister), Jason Gieschen, Dennis Orth, Amy Dickmader, Perry Leimer, Sharon Abbott (Kevin Block's aunt), Doug Luedke, Linda Peters, Paul Orth-Indian Hills Manor, Ron Orr-Accura HealthCare of North Platte, Evelyn Frosh-Linden Court

Radio Ministry - Today's broadcast is sponsored to the glory of God by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Lutherans for Life- October 18 "Do not be silent. You have the most positive, powerful, life-giving, and life-affirming message in the universe! It is a message of love for every sinner, i.e., everyone! It is a message of forgiveness for everyone and every sin. It is a message of the certain hope of a paradise whose reality surpasses the most beautiful of words." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Lutheran Hour- October 18 "The Heart of the Matter" Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti How do you respond to tough questions about God and faith? Hear how Jesus delivers us from the tightest of tight spots and keeps us from falling into a trap. Matthew 22:15-22 Lexington 104.5 FM-10:30am (CT). North Platte's Christian KJLT 970 AM-Sun. at 2:00 pm (CT)

LCMS Stewardship Ministry- October 18 Isaiah 55:2 – “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?” What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places “where moth and rust destroy” (Matt. 6:19). Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about how we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?

October 18- October 24

Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
Sunday	9:45 pm	Adult Bible Study/ Sunday School/ Teen Bible Study
Monday	6:00 pm	Board Meetings
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Tie the Knot
Wednesday	8:15 am	School Chapel Service
	5:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Midweek Vespers Service
Thursday	9:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study

Church members, if you have not yet completed a Contact Information Update Form, copies are available on the table at the back of the church.

Please fill out the form and return it to the basket provided or to the church office.
Thank you for helping us keep our church records accurate and up to date!

The 100th Anniversary books are available for \$5.00 each. Please contact the church office if you would like to purchase one.

The German Fall Festival Committee still has brats for sale. \$35.00 a dozen or \$18.00 for a half dozen. Please talk to the church office to purchase some.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Throughout the first quarter, our St. Paul's Lutheran School families and congregation have generously donated items for Orphan Grain Train Hygiene Kits!

In addition to all the wonderful items collected, we received \$143.33 in monetary donations to purchase additional supplies!

We are so thankful for everyone who contributed to this meaningful mission project!

From Martin Luther's Sermon for
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Matthew 22:1-14

9. Behold, this He shows us in the every-day picture of the wedding feast or of the married state, where we see the love and faithfulness of pious wedded persons; also in the marriage feast, in the bride and the bridegroom's joy and riches; that we learn to believe this and that we also think that Christ's heart and mind are truly thus disposed to His bride the Church; but with far greater love, faithfulness and grace. This He clearly shows us in His Word of the Gospel and by the Holy Spirit, Whom He gives to His Church; and prepares the glorious, joyful marriage feast, at which He is wedded to His Bride and He takes her to Himself, and, to speak in our childish and human way, leads His bride to the dance as with fife and drum, and takes her in His arm; again, He honors and adorns her with all His finery, that is with the blotting out and washing away of sins, with righteousness and the gift of the Holy Spirit, and with His light, knowledge, strength and all the gifts which belong to that life. These are different chains, rings, velvet, silk, pearls, treasures and jewels from the earthly ones, which are only a dead picture of those heavenly treasures.

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