

All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. Grape juice and gluten free bread are available upon request.

Our nursery is located in the education wing, upstairs, third door on the south wall. You are welcome to use the nursery for your children during the worship service.

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Barb Burns **Acolyte:** Margot Michels/Avery Eich **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Karen Appleton **Video Tech:** Adam Madsen **Lector:** Jayden Hegenbarth **Usher Captain:** Dan Matus **Ushers:** Tommy Hegenbarth, Todd Kruger, Seth Oetken **Coffee Fellowship:** Kevin and Sue Roth **Communion Set-up:** Kathy Seivert, Sue Roth **Communion Servers:** Roger Sauer, Shanelle Matus, Brian Honkomp, Larry Schnider **Receipt Recorders:** Larry Schnider, Tami Roetman

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PRAYER REQUESTS: Jan Rolston, Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Teagan Vos, Andrea (*friend of Lindsay Martin*), Katie Stavig (*sister of Andy Timm*), Jen Zeimen (*granddaughter of Harold/Jo Eichmann*), and Carol Nielsen.

Thank you to Mike and Dee Redinius for sponsoring today's Live Stream.

TODAY is Sunday School - Celebration Sunday! Our Sunday School choirs will sing during the worship service. This will be their last Sunday of classes for the season.

TODAY: The Church Council of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sheldon, Iowa, has called for a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 10:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary. A vote will be held on whether or not to amend the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1425 Pleasant Court, Sheldon, IA 51201, Constitution by adding a provision (red) to C12.03. (page 9) - No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, except the Treasurer, who is eligible to serve up to three consecutive terms of one year each.

Thank you to the Sunday School Choirs for the special music today during the worship service.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Brian and Monica Honkomp, Hailey, Hannah, Heather, and Brianna, family and friends on the death of John "Jack" Honkomp. He passed away on April 19. His funeral service was held on April 24 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ashton.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Kennan and Nicole Getting, and Hunter, family and friends on the death of Elaine Getting. She passed away on April 15. Her Celebration of Life service was held on April 24 at Parkview Assembly of God Church, Sheldon.

JAM/Jr. High Youth Group - Year-End Party on Wednesday, April 29! A celebration with Pizza and Party.

St. Paul Youth Pork Supper - Saturday, May 2, (5:00- 7:00 p.m.) Freewill offering. Menu: smoked pork loin sandwich, cornbread muffins, coleslaw, baked beans, dessert, and a drink. Jr. High/Sr. High Youth and at least one parent are requested to be at church by 4:30 p.m. on May 2, to help. We plan to start clean up at 7:00 p.m. and ending the night around 7:30 p.m. Donation sign up in the fellowship hall.

A fundraiser has been started for repairing the stained-glass windows in the church sanctuary. Donations may be given through your offering by writing "Stained-Glass Windows Repair" in the memo or by bringing in to the church office. **Help us reach our goal to restore our beautiful stained-glass windows.**

MomCo Group Bible Study will be on Saturday, May 2 from 10:45-11:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall/lounge.

ST. PAUL VBS: VBS dates will be **July 6-9 from 1-5 p.m.** Registration forms are in the back of the sanctuary.

National Day of Prayer - "The Prayer at Valley Forge" - Please join us on **Thursday, May 7 at Sheldon Living Water Community Church at 6:30 p.m.** as we observe our nation's 250th and the 75th anniversary of National Day of Prayer.

IOLBC CAMP CLEAN-UP DAYS at Ingham Lake Bible Camp will be on **May 9 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.** Come and help get camp ready for summer campers! Lunch is provided. Call 1-800-OKOBOJI or email: megan@okoboji.org (Bring work gloves and rakes if you have them.) Thank you in advance for helping get the camp ready for campers to encounter and grow in the Lord!

IOLBC Ice Cream Social will be on **Sunday, May 31!** Come and enjoy the fun beginning with the Program at 3:30 p.m., Maid-Rite Dinner with pie and ice cream (freewill offering) from 4:00-6:00 p.m. And the Pie Auction at 6:00 p.m.

RiseFest 2026-Join us June 12-13 for the biggest family-friendly Christian music festival in NW Iowa! Get Tickets at risefestiowa.com. Volunteers are needed, go to the website to sign up and get a free ticket.

We are thankful you joined us in worship today. Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry. There are several ways to give: During worship - offering plates or donation boxes; Online stpaulsheldon.org in the GIVE menu, MAKE A DONATION; Electronic funds transfer (EFT) with your bank.

2026 - Radio Broadcast - Open Dates: Cost: \$95. Sign up (*In Fellowship Hall*) or contact the office.

May 17; July 12; August 16, 23, 30; October 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29; December 27.

Altar Flowers / Coffee Fellowship: Please sign up or contact the office for a special date you wish to have.

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Gathering Hymn: "Alleluia"

Alleluia. To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Call To Worship:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

C: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."

P: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

C: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

P: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

C: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Opening Hymn: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life, saints and arch-angels, sing with creation to God the I AM!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Lord, You were favorable to Your land;

C: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

P: You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

C: You covered all their sin.

P: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

C: and grant us Your salvation.

P: Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people,

C: we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your peaceable people. We have not extended ourselves to bring Your peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We have not done the good You demand and have not been the people You would have us to be. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word and deed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that needs Your forgiving grace and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: God has promised His merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in confession. He will revive them and speak peace to His people. In His stead and by His command, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Scripture Hymn: "Kyrie Eleison"

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the word;

That you nourish our souls with your body and blood, Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

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Hymn of the Day: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

The king of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness fail-eth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feed-eth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness fail-eth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

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Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified

under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: “Let the Vineyards”

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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Offertory Prayer:

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving, what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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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.

Communion Hymn: “Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn: “All People Who on Earth Do Dwell”

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make.

We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;

Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good: his mercy is forever sure;

His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

To father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav’n and earth adore,

From us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

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Communion Hymn: “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms, what a blessedness,
what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure
from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the
path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and
secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms; I have blessed
peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and
secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

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Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!