

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

## May 3, 2026 ~ 9:00 A.M.

*The Mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all people.*



### ORDER OF WORSHIP \*Please stand if able.

- Gathering Hymn ~ "Come Just As You Are"
- Welcome and Announcements
- \*Call to Worship
- \*Opening Hymn ~ "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"
- \*Confession and Forgiveness
- \*Scripture Hymn ~ "Kyrie Eleison"
- \*Prayer of the Day
- First Lesson: Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60
- Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10
- Children's Message
- \*The Gospel: John 14:1-14
- Sermon ~ "Stephen's Example of Loving Service"
- \*Hymn of the Day ~ "Lift High the Cross"
- \*Nicene Creed
- \*Prayers of the People
- Offering
- \*Offertory Hymn and Prayer ~ "Let the Vineyards"
- \*Great Thanksgiving ~ "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- \*Prayer of Thanksgiving
- \*The Words of Institution
- \*The Lord's Prayer
- Holy Communion ~ "Lamb of God"
- Communion Hymns ~ "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"
- \*Post-Communion Blessing
- \*Benediction
- \*Closing Hymn ~ (verse 1) "Be Thou My Vision"
- \*Dismissal
- "Let All Things Now Living"

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**  
9:00 a.m. Worship/HC

**MONDAY, MAY 4**  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**  
12:00 p.m. Sheldon Ministerial Association Meeting (Immanuel CRC)



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**  
8:00 a.m. Early Risers - Cook's Café  
4-4:50 p.m. 7th/8th Confirmation Class  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
6:30-8 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**  
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline  
6:30 p.m. National Day Of Prayer -Living Water Community Church

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**  
12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

**SUNDAY, MAY 10 - Mother's Day**  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Mother's Day Coffee Fellowship Hosted By Fellowship Committee

### GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries.  
2026 Budget Money Needed Weekly: \$7,028.00

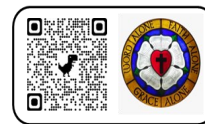
**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**  
Budget Money Received \$ 50.00  
Worship Attendance: 13

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**  
Budget Money Received \$ 3,746.00  
Special Money Received \$ 105.00  
Stained-Glass Windows Donation Received \$ 125.00  
Sunday School Attendance: 19 \$ 6.00  
Worship Attendance: 122

**MARCH**


|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Income                    | \$ 18,851.60  |
| Total Expense                   | \$ -24,928.53 |
| Income Less Expense             | \$ -6,076.93  |
| Fiscal Year Income              | \$ 58,867.31  |
| Fiscal Year Expense             | \$ -88,063.49 |
| Fiscal Year Income Less Expense | \$ -29,196.18 |

**Goal: \$65,000**



### VBS - "To Know His Name" - Psalm 18:10

St. Paul Lutheran VBS  
July 6-9  
1:00-5:00 p.m.  
Registration Forms in Sanctuary  
(Turn forms into office)



### GERANIUMS: Donations due by Sunday, May 17.

I/We would like to contribute towards the purchase of geraniums to help beautify our church for **Pentecost Sunday, May 24**. Please bring this form and your donation to the church office. Thank You.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

*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:** Bentley Rohwer/June Schilling **Sound Tech:** Adam Madsen **PowerPoint Tech:** Alexis Dykstra **Video Tech:** Paul Meyer **Lector:** Ed Stephens **Usher Captain:** Wayne Woelber **Ushers:** John Michels, Andy Timm **Coffee Fellowship:** Wayne and Nancy Woelber **Communion Set-up:** Kari Pedersen, Janice Wielenga **Communion Servers:** Ben Van Beek, Janice Wielenga, Shanelle Matus, Larry Schnider **Receipt Recorders:** Ben Van Beek, Tami Roetman

**SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY - May 10:** **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** LuAnn Snyder **Acolyte:** Kade Sneiderman/Keaton Sneiderman **Sound Tech:** Larry Schnider **PowerPoint Tech:** Jayden Hegenbarth **Video Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Lector:** Maleri Schilling **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** Bentley Rohwer, Steve Rohwer, Kirk Sneiderman **Coffee Fellowship:** Fellowship Committee **Receipt Recorders:** Janice Wielenga, Tami Roetman

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Jan Rolston, 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 Scott and Susan Lichty for sponsoring today's Live Stream.

**The Radio Broadcast** for today is sponsored by Jesse and Jamie Grady in celebration of their wedding anniversary on May 4.

**We extend our Christian sympathy** to Bradley Petersen, family and friends on the death of Dorothy Petersen. She passed away on April 25. Her funeral service was held on April 29, here at St. Paul.

**The Flowers on the Altar** are from the funeral service of Dorothy Petersen which was held here at St. Paul on April 29.

**Thank you** to everyone who came and supported our St. Paul Jr./Sr. High Youth Pork Supper! We wish to thank all the Sr. High/Jr. High students and their parents for helping with set-up, food prep, serving/working during the fundraiser, and making the desserts! A special THANK YOU to Brian Willer for being our Chef and smoking the Pork loins! And thanks to Casey's Bakery for the buns.

**Birthdays Club Bible study group** would like to invite you to a revival of their Bible study group! The Birthdays Club group will meet on **Thursday, May 21** at 10:00 a.m. in the lounge. Pastor Martin will lead us. We look forward to seeing new faces within our Bible study group. (*Meet monthly, 3rd Thursday*)

**Please Note: Secretary Office Hours during May will vary.** The office will be open from 9:00-3:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday and from 9:00-12:00 p.m. on Friday. The office may be open at later hours, but not on a consistent basis. If there is an emergency outside these hours, please contact Pastor Martin.

**Noah's Ark Preschool Graduation** will be on **Thursday, May 14 at 6:40 p.m.** in the sanctuary.

**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.**

**ST. PAUL VBS:** VBS dates will be **July 6-9 from 1-5 p.m.** Registration forms are in the back of the sanctuary. Please keep an eye out for the sign ups to help as a volunteer helper during the VBS time and/or snack donations.

**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](mailto: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 - June 12-13!** We hope to see you at the biggest family-friendly Christian music festival in NW Iowa! Get Tickets at [risefestiowa.com](http://risefestiowa.com). Volunteers are needed to help in various ways. If you would be willing to give 4 hours of time, go to the website to sign up and get a free event 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](http://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; 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.

**Thank you to our sponsors for the Radio Broadcast, Live Stream, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Fellowship.**

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## **Gathering Hymn: “Come Just As You Are”**

Come just as you are; Hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;

Come and see, come, receive; Come and live forever.

Life everlasting, and strength for today; Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.

Come just as you are; Hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;

Come, receive Christ, the King; Come and live forevermore.

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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: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P: The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

**C: in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

P: May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

**C: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

## **Opening Hymn: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**

Now all the vault of heav’n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: “Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above That we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life’s day That by our lives we truly say:  
Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav’nly blessed sing: “Christ has triumphed! Alleluia! Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## **Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.  
(Silence for reflection and self – examination)

P: O almighty God, most merciful father,

**C: I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful person. In thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us, and, for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, 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.**

## **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: “Lift High the Cross”**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory!

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

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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: Blessed are you,

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave 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:            “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”**

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life’s way; direct, protect,  
and feed me from day to day. Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear; for you, the Rock of Ages,  
are always near. Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home, then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend! So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.

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## **Communion Hymn:            “Be Thou My Vision”**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou  
my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tow’r, raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou  
and thou only first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, sfter victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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## **Post-Communion Blessing:**

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:            “Let All Things Now Living”**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God’s banners are o’er us, his light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

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## **Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**