



1 PETER 2:5-9

YOU YOURSELVES LIKE
LIVING STONES ARE
BEING BUILT UP AS
A SPIRITUAL HOUSE

Welcome

to Living Stone! Jesus Christ is the
living stone through whom we receive
forgiveness, life, and salvation.
We are glad you are here, as we
gather for worship centered in
Word and Sacrament.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Morgan Coyle upcoming surgery.

Thanksgiving for the 20th wedding anniversary of Ivo and
Christine Vukomanovic (Sept. 23).



PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Thomas S. Schlund • Senior Pastor
Rev. Tanner S. Wade • Associate Pastor
Rev. Paul T. Prange • Visitation Pastor

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Dawn Walker • School Principal
Jessica Bangert • ECC Director
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FAMILY MINISTRY

Sharon Shearman • Director

CORE VALUES

Faithful in Christ • Jesus is the center of
our biblical foundation, Gospel message,
and the Lutheran Confessions

Confident in Christ • Jesus generously
provides all that we need for daily and
eternal life

Joyful in Christ • Jesus is our source of joy
that transcends our daily circumstances

Connected in Christ • Jesus' love moves us
to serve the community and one another

Vision Statement • To be devoted
followers of Jesus Christ, passionate about
sharing the Gospel in word and deed

Mission Statement • Strengthen the
saved; save the lost

WORSHIP

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. • Sunday 10:45 a.m. Living Stone

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Prayer Request



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SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



"Rooted to be Confident"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Greeting
Opening Song • “Raise A Hallelujah”
Invocation & Prayer of the Day
First Reading
Responsive Psalm
Second Reading
Holy Gospel
Song of the Day • “Take You At Your Word”
Sermon • “Rooted to be Confident”
Song of the Day • “Battle Belongs”
Apostles’ Creed
Confession of Sins and Absolution
Children’s Message
Offering & Offertory Song • “Living Hope”
Announcements & Ministry Minute
Prayer of the Church
The Lord’s Prayer
Benediction
Closing Song • “Yes I Will”

Preaching: *Pastor Schlund* **Liturgist:** *Rev. Dr. Kent Burreson* **Assisting Seminarian:** *Jordan Fasnacht*
Audio: *Kiera Presti* **ProPresenter:** *Kevin Rudzinski*
Video: *Greg Polk*
Instrumentalists • *Acoustic guitar: Mike Peper;*
Bass: Mark Stoddard; Electric guitar: Valeria Winkler;
Percussion: Steve Brosch; Piano: Valerie Winkler
Vocals • *Cory Ahlbrand; Ellie Pelt; Leslie Rudzinski;*
Valerie Winkler

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6–9
“Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let 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. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 103:1–12
P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C and forget not all His benefits,
P Who forgives all your iniquity,
C Who heals all your diseases,
P Who redeems your life from the pit,
C Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
P Who satisfies you with good
C so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
P The LORD works righteousness
C and justice for all who are oppressed.
P He made known His ways to Moses,
C His acts to the people of Israel.
P The LORD is merciful and gracious,
C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
P He will not always chide,
C nor will He keep His anger forever.
P He does not deal with us according to our sins,
C nor repay us according to our iniquities.
P For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
P as far as the east is from the west,
C so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
A 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.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30
I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . . for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.
Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16
[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”