



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

Celebration of the wedding of Julia Scott and Blake Browning
(Sept. 26).

Thanksgiving for the 20th wedding anniversary of Luke and
Elizabeth Niedringhaus (Sept. 30).



PASTORAL STAFF

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

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Matthew Gerhardt • Kantor
Joel Stopenhagen • Asst. Kantor
Whitney Wade • Living Stone Music Dir.

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Dawn Walker • School Principal
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FAMILY MINISTRY

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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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LIVING STONE

SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



"Rooted to Be of the Same Mind"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Greeting

Opening Song • *“House Of The Lord”*

Invocation & Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Responsive Psalm

Second Reading

Holy Gospel

Song of the Day • *“United in Christ”*

Sermon • *“Rooted to Be of the Same Mind”*

Apostles’ Creed

Children’s Message

Offering & Offertory Song • *“Who You Say I Am”*

Announcements & Ministry Minute

Prayer of the Church

Confession of Sins and Absolution

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Our Lord & “Peace”

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Distribution Songs • *“Jesus Messiah” & “O Praise Him”*

Dismissal

Benediction

Closing Song • *“God So Loved”*

Preaching: *Pastor Wade* • **Liturgist:** Pastor Schlund

Assisting Seminarian: *William Jackson*

Audio: *Eli Hackman* • **ProPresenter:** *Ries Hoover*

Video: *Anthony DeVasto*

Instrumentalists • *Acoustic guitar: Whitney Wade;*

Bass: Mark Stoddard; Electric guitar: ??;

Percussion: Steve Brosch; Piano: Savannah Richards

Vocals • *Amory Richards; Mark DeLory; Tavia Shively;*

Whitney Wade

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

The word of the LORD came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is My way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are My ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 25:1–10

P To You, O Lord,

C I lift up my soul.

P O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;

C let not my enemies exult over me.

P Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;

C they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord;

C teach me Your paths.

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;

C for You I wait all the day long.

P Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,

C for they have been from of old.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

P Good and upright is the Lord;

C therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

P He leads the humble in what is right,

C and teaches the humble His way.

P All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

C for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

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 2:1–18

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23–27

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”