



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 marriage of Luke Jost and Nicole Heyniger (Sept. 26).
Celebration of the marriage of Erin Mackenzie and Josh Wareham (Oct. 3).
Gloria Brauer who is hospitalized.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Placed to the glory of God by Jack and Laura Oak in celebration of
their daughters' birthdays, Alison and Emily.



PASTORAL STAFF

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

MUSIC STAFF

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

SCHOOL STAFF

Dawn Walker • School Principal
Jessica Bangert • ECC Director
Andrea Bluhm • PDO Director

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 10:45 a.m. • Sunday 10:45 a.m. Living Stone

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SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



"Rooted to Be Faith-Filled"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Greeting
Opening Song • “Great Things”
Invocation & Prayer of the Day
First Reading
Responsive Psalm
Second Reading
Holy Gospel
Song of the Day • “Trust In God”
Sermon • “Rooted to Be Faith-Filled”
Song of Response “This Is Amazing Grace”
 (Song of the Month)
Apostles’ Creed
Confession of Sins and Absolution
Children’s Message
Offering & Offertory Song • “Yet Not I But Through
 Christ In Me”
Announcements & Ministry Minute
Prayer of the Church
The Lord’s Prayer
Benediction
Closing Song • “Can’t Steal My Joy”

Preaching: *Pastor Schlund* • **Liturgist:** *Pastor Wade*
Assisting Seminarian: *Max Johnston*
Audio: *Ries Hoover* • **ProPresenter:** Kevin Rudzinski
Video: *Greg Polk*
Instrumentalists • *Acoustic guitar: Mike Peper;*
Bass: Mark Stoddard; Electric guitar: Earl Caspersen
Percussion: Steve Brosch; Piano: Valerie Winkler
Vocals • *Ellie Pelt; Mark DeLory; Whitney Wade; Earl Caspersen*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning His vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; He built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge between Me and My vineyard. What more was there to do for My vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to My vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant planting; and He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 80:7–19

P Restore us, O God of hosts;
C let Your face shine, that we may be saved!
P You brought a vine out of Egypt;
C You drove out the nations and planted it.
P You cleared the ground for it;
C it took deep root and filled the land.
P The mountains were covered with its shade,
C the mighty cedars with its branches.
P It sent out its branches to the sea
C and its shoots to the River.
P Why then have You broken down its walls,
C so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
P The boar from the forest ravages it,
C and all that move in the field feed on it.
P Turn again, O God of hosts!
C Look down from heaven, and see;
P have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted,
C and for the son whom You made strong for Yourself.
P They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
C may they perish at the rebuke of Your face!
P But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand,
C the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!
P Then we shall not turn back from You;
C give us life, and we will call upon Your name!
P Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!
C Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!
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 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the Law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the Law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33–46

[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to Him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.