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

Betty Ann Knackstedt who is hospitalized.

Thanksgiving for the 55th wedding anniversary of Al and Carol Karberg (Oct. 22).

BAPTISM

We rejoice in the following baptism in the Sanctuary this weekend!

Caden Scott Natzke
Son of Adam and Courtney Natzke
Sponsors Ethan and Erika Natzke

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

"Stand Still"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Dismissal
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Announcements & Ministry Minute

Preaching: *Pastor Wade*• **Liturgist:** *Rev. Joel Heckmann* **Seminarian:** *Jordan Fasnacht*
Audio: *Ries Hoover* **ProPresenter:** *Kevin Rudzinski*
Video: *Anthony DeVasto*
Instrumentalists • *Acoustic guitar: Whitney Wade; Bass: Mark Stoddard; Electric guitar: Valerie Winkler Percussion: Steve Brosch; Piano: Mark Yaeger*
Vocals • *Amy Maender; Cory Ahlbrand; Tavia Shively; Valerie Winkler; Whitney Wade*

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6–7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 46

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
C Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
P though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
C There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
P God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
C God will help her when morning dawns.
P The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.
C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
P Come, behold the works of the Lord, how He has brought desolations on the earth.
C He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
P He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
C He burns the chariots with fire.
P "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
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.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the Law says it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the Law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the Law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the Law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.