

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.

BAPTISM

We celebrate the following baptisms this weekend in the sanctuary!
Katie Marie Thompson
Marla Jean White

ALTAR FLOWERS

Placed to the glory of God by John and Becky Hohenstein
in thanksgiving for family and friends.

CONFIDENT JOYFUL CONNECTED IN CHRIST FAITHFUL

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 Stoppenhagen • 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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LIVING STONE

SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



"The King Who Comes Looking"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Greeting
Opening Song • *"God So Loved"*
Invocation & Prayer of the Day
Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading
Holy Gospel
Song of the Day • *"The King Is In The Room"*
Sermon • *"The King Who Comes Looking"*
Childrens' Message
Offering & Offertory Song • *"The Lion and The Lamb"*
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 *"Great Are You Lord" and "Your Great Name"*
Dismissal
Benediction
Closing Song • *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*
Announcements & Ministry Minute

Preaching: *Pastor Wade* • **Liturgist:** *Pastor Schlund*
Seminarian: *Max Johnston*
Audio: Ries Hoover **ProPresenter:** *Reid Pelt*
Video:
Instrumentalists • *Acoustic guitar: Whitney Wade; Percussion: Steve Brosch; Piano: Valerie Winkler*
Vocals • *Cory Ahlbrand, Debbie Hopper, Tavia Shively, Whitney Wade*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be theirGod, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Thanksgiving for the 42nd wedding anniversary of Harry and Erin Smelcer, Jr. (Nov. 23).
- Thanksgiving for the 70th wedding anniversary of Bill and Mary Eggers (Nov. 24).
- Thanksgiving for the 66th wedding anniversary of Don and Lois Ditzler (Nov. 26).
- Thanksgiving for the birth of Graham Henry Kaiser, son of Matthew and Allison Kaiser, grandson of Greg and Tara Blattner and great-grandson of Wyatt and Carolyn Dodson (Nov. 3).

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under His feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31–46

[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.'

"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."