

## “His Mercy is More”

**SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY:** **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Bently Rohwer **Sound Tech:** Larry Schnider **PowerPoint Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Video Tech:** Rachel Besaw **Lector:** Alexis Dykstra **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Brian Honkomp, Larry Schnider, Allison Stevicks **Coffee Fellowship:** Wayne and Nancy Woelber **Receipt Recorders:** Brian Honkomp, Tami Roetman

**SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:** **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Barb Burns **Acolyte:** Tommy Hegenbarth **Sound Tech:** Larry Schnider **PowerPoint Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Video Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Lector:** Lowell Appleton **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** John Michels, Kirk Sneiderman, Seth Oetken **Coffee Fellowship:** JoAnn Den Beste **Communion Set-up:** Sue Tokheim, Kari Pedersen **Communion Servers:** Jamie Grady, Andy Timm, Shanelle Matus, Janice Wielenga **Receipt Recorders:** Janice Wielenga, Tami Roetman

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Andrea (*friend of Lindsay Martin*), Dorothy Breuer, Cynthia Klatt, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Carol Nielsen, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Dianna Stallmann, Cynthia Vanden Berg, Teagan Vos, Lorn Wills, Ashley Ballou-Bonnema (*granddaughter of Wilma Vander Linden*), Stormy Dagel (*niece of Nick Stallmann*), Deb Kanengieter (*mother of David Kanengieter*), Jade Lemke (*daughter-in-law of Lyle and Cynthia Vanden Berg*), Katie Stavig (*sister of Andy Timm*), and Jen Zeimen (*granddaughter of Harold and Jo Eichmann*).

**The Radio Broadcast** for today is sponsored by Kevin and Sue Roth, in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**Today's Live Stream** is sponsored by Roger and Darla Sauer.

**We extend our Christian sympathy** to Bob and Judy Kruse and family, friends and family on the death of Judy's sister, Karen "Cork" Wagenaar. She passed away on August 20. Her Memorial Service was held on August 29.

**TODAY: Together 2025 - A Service of Christian Unity at 10:00 a.m. on the RiseFest grounds.** Sheldon Ministerial Association invite everyone to the Labor Day Community Service, please bring a lawn chair! Golf carts will transport guests from the parking lot to the worship area.

**SUB SANDWICH SALES:** Jr. High and Sr. High youth groups are taking sub orders now through September 14. Subs \$5 each, will be made and delivered on September 21.

**Please Note:** Rally Sunday will be on September 7! Sunday school time will run from 10:15-11:00 a.m. **JAM and Jr. High** will begin with a Kick-Off Night on Wednesday, September 10 from 5:00-6:15 p.m. **Presentation of Bibles** (4year olds and 3rd graders) will be during Worship on September 14 at 9:00 a.m.

**CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING:** St. Paul Lutheran Church is requiring all volunteers and encouraging all parents of St. Paul Youth, to fill out a Background Check form. They are available from the church office and in the sanctuary. Please return the completed form sealed in the attached envelope and return it to the church office or place the envelope under the office door. In the interest of the safety of our youth, our insurance company is requiring this of anyone who will have contact with our youth. There will be a required short training class for all volunteers who are not already current mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect. **Child Protection Training be on October 1 at 7:00 p.m. or October 5 at 10:15 a.m.**

**Church Offices will be CLOSED** on Monday, September 1 and Security Doors will **NOT** be answered.

**Mission and Outreach are collecting supplies for the SCHOOL KITS** for Lutheran World Relief. **Items needed:** 70-80 Sheet Notebooks, Rulers (inches and centimeters), Ballpoint Pens (black or blue/ not gel), Crayon Boxes (16/24 count), Pencil Sharpeners, Blunt Scissors, No. 2 Pencils (unsharpened), Erasers (2 1/2 inch). Donations can be placed in fellowship hall. Thank you.

**WANTED:** The Office is looking for a working electric typewriter. Let the office if you have one to donate.

**Coats For Kids:** Sheldon Ministerial Association will be offering Coats for Kids this fall! **Donations of new or gently used children's winter coats are needed.** Donations can be dropped off at Love INC or here at St. Paul. There is a box labeled "Coats For Kids" in the fellowship hall. Distribution of the coats will be held in conjunction with the Sheldon Mobile Food Bank dates on October 9 and November 13 from 4:30-6 p.m.

**Hull's Tombstone Tour 2025, will be September 6 at 3:00 p.m. at Hull St. Paul Lutheran Church.** The presentation will be given in the fellowship hall of the church, with a self-guided walk in the cemetery after the event. Donations of \$10 will benefit the Hull Historical Society. Questions, contact Chuck Brunsting, 712-441-1766.

**IOLBC Events:**

**Fall Elderversity** will be held **September 7-9.** A great chance for those 55 and older to be young at heart and enjoy camp. Pastor Scott Grogrud is the speaker and the theme, "Perplexing Parables." Go to: **www.okoboji.org/elderversity** to register or for more info.

**Women's Day Away** will be held on October 11. This one day retreat includes sessions, worship, great food, free time and activities. Go online to register or for more info.

**Mission Opportunity: Join the Hope Haven Distribution Trip to Costa Rica!** We're inviting volunteers to be part of a life-changing mission trip with Hope Haven, happening October 21-28, 2025. This trip focuses on distributing wheelchairs and sharing the love of Christ with communities in need across Costa Rica. Whether you're passionate about serving others, or experiencing global outreach firsthand, this is a beautiful opportunity to make a difference. **Deadline to sign up: September 1.** Please contact Kelly TeSlaa at kteslaa@hopehaven.org or 605-332-8300 for more details or to sign up.

**We are thankful you joined us in worship today.** Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry. There are several ways to give: During worship - offering plates or donation boxes; Online **stpaulsheldon.org** in the GIVE menu, MAKE A DONATION; Electronic funds transfer (EFT) with your bank.

**2025 RADIO BROADCAST Open Date: (\$95) November 30.**

**Coffee Fellowship or Flowers on the Altar** - Please sign up in the narthex or contact the office.

**Thank you to all our sponsors for the Radio Broadcast, Live Stream, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Fellowship.**

**Radio Broadcast ~ Sundays at 9:00 a.m. ~ KIWA - FM 100.7 & AM 1550 ~**  
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**Gathering Hymn: “Sanctuary”**  
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving,  
I’ll be a living sanctuary for You. Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy,  
tried and true; with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for You.

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**Call to Worship:**  
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**  
P: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.  
**C: His praise in the assembly of the godly.**  
P: Let Israel be glad in his Maker  
**C: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**  
P: Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!  
**C: For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.**

**Opening Hymn: “Your Great Name”**  
Lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great Name.  
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great Name.  
Ev’ry fear has no place at the sound of Your great Name.  
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great Name.  
Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us. The Son of God and man,  
You are high and lifted up, and all the world will praise Your great Name.  
All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great Name.  
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great Name.  
The fatherless find their rest at the sound of Your great Name.  
The sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of Your great Name.  
Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us. The Son of God and man,  
You are high and lifted up, and all the world will praise Your great Name.  
Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty, Defender, my Savior, You are my King.  
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You are high and lifted up, Your great Name. Your great Name.

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**Confession and Forgiveness:**  
P: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on  
confession is Luther’s Small Catechism instructs us with these words: “Confession

has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive  
absolution, that is, forgiveness...not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins  
are forgiven before God in heaven.” Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess  
your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with  
which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal  
punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word and deed, I  
have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and  
death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent  
and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins, and grant me the power of your  
Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**  
P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.  
**C: Amen.**  
P: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his  
authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the  
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

**Scripture Hymn: “Change My Heart, O God”**  
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay; Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.  
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**Hymn of the Day: “Come As You Are”**  
Come out of sadness from wherever you’ve been. Come, broken hearted,  
let rescue begin. Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel; earth has no sorrow  
that Heaven can’t heal, Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can’t heal.  
So, lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken lift up your face. O wanderer, come home; you’re not too far.  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.  
There’s hope for the hopeless and all those who’ve strayed: come sit at the table,  
come taste the grace. There’s rest for the weary, rest that endures.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can’t heal. So, lay down your burdens, lay down  
your shame. All who are broken lift up your face. O wanderer, come home; you’re  
not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, Come as you are.

**Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.**

**There's joy for the morning, O sinner, be still. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal, Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. So, lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face.**

**O wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.**

**Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are.**

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### **Apostles' Creed:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Offertory Hymn: "Give Thanks"**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One.**

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

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### **Offertory Prayer:**

**P: Merciful Father,**

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Prayer's of the People:**

**P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...**

**P: Lord, in your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**C: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer:**

**P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:**

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Benediction:**

**P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you and give you his peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn: "His Mercy is More"**

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.**

**Our sins, they are many– His mercy is more.**

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father so tender is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.**

**Our sins, they are many– His mercy is more.**

**What riches of kindness He lavished on us. His blood was the payment, His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.**

**Our sins, they are many– His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn; Our sins, they are many– His mercy is more.**

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### **Dismissal:**

**P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!!**

**C: Thanks be to God!**