

*Volunteer Training Class: October 1 at 7:00 p.m.
or October 5 at 10:15 a.m.*

57. Healthy, or, Wellborn



September 14, 2025 ~ 9:00 A.M.

A wide-angle photograph of the Church of the Holy Spirit building. The structure is a single-story church with a low-pitched green roof. The exterior is primarily composed of red brick, with sections of light-colored stone masonry and white vertical pilasters. A large, multi-paned glass window is a prominent feature on the right side. To the left, a tall, dark metal steeple rises above the roofline. The building is surrounded by greenery and a gravel path leads to the entrance.

“Ancient Words”

Our nursery is located in the education wing, upstairs, third door on the south wall.
You are welcome to use the nursery for your children during the worship service.

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Kingsley Kreykes **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Alexis Dykstra **Video Tech:** Paul Meyer **Lector:** Bradon Martin **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** Darrell Sneiderman, Dan Matus, Shanelle Matus **Coffee Fellowship:** Dan and Shanelle Matus **Receipt Recorders:** Andy Timm, Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Alli Boone **Sound Tech:** Adam Madsen **PowerPoint Tech:** Karen Appleton **Video Tech:** Scott Lichty **Lector:** Barb Sneiderman **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** Darrell Sneiderman, Kirk Sneiderman, John Michels **Coffee Fellowship:** Deb Plum, Kris Meyer, Brenda Tremmel **Receipt Recorders:** Shanelle Matus, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Carol Nielsen, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Dianna Stallmann, Cynthia Vanden Berg, Teagan Vos, Lorn Wills, Andrea (*friend of Lindsay Martin*), 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/Cynthia Vanden Berg*), Katie Stavig (*sister of Andy Timm*), and Jen Zeimen (*granddaughter of Harold/Jo Eichmann*).

The Radio Broadcast for today is sponsored by Rob and Kristi Hegenbarth celebrating their wedding anniversary on September 12.

Today's Live Stream and Flowers on the Altar are by the Hegenbarth family in honor of Rob and Kristi's wedding anniversary.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Brett and Tiffany Elgersma, Jacob, Norah, and Benjamin, family and friends on the death of Jack Elgersma. He passed away on September 4. His Funeral Service was held on September 8 in Sanborn.

TODAY - Presentation of Bibles for the 3rd graders: **Emma Hinds, Karter Holz, Lily Johnson, Cora Michels, Colby Miller, Kierra Rohwer, Mack Schilling, and Beckett Verschoor.** Congratulations on receiving their Bibles today during the service.

LAST DAY - SUB SANDWICH SALES: Today is the last day to get your sub sandwiches ordered from the Jr. High and Sr. High youth, before and after church. Subs \$5 each, (roast beef, ham, and turkey, and two cheeses) All subs will be made on September 21. Subs READY at 1:00 p.m. for picked up (church kitchen) or will be delivered. Thank you for supporting our Jr. High and Sr. High youth fundraiser!

Notice Change of Date/Time- Pastor/Staff Appreciation Day! Please join us on **Sunday, October 12 at 10:15 a.m. with a Potluck Brunch in the fellowship hall.** We will celebrate and say "thank you," to Pastor Christopher Martin and our St. Paul staff: Bri Oetken, Susan Lichty, Tami Roetman, Kristi Hegenbarth, Dee Redinius, and Seth Oetken. Bring your favorite dish, celebrate and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship as we show our appreciation and thanks to each of them!

JAM Desserts/Pizza Nights! We are asking for volunteers to provide simple, kid-friendly desserts for our suppers and/or sponsors for monthly PIZZA NIGHTS! Pizza Night sponsorship is \$100, and if you sponsor a Pizza Night you are invited to come and eat with us! Details are on sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Reminder: WAM Committee Meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15.

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.**

Sheldon Unity Meal (FREE) will be held at Living Water Community Church on Monday, September 15 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Coats For Kids: Thursday, October 9 and Thursday, November 13 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Sheldon Mobile Food Bank at Living Water Community Church. In addition to coats, infant clothing will also be distributed. **Coat Donations are NEEDED! Donations of new or gently used children's winter coats are needed** and can be dropped off at Love INC or here at St. Paul. There is a box labeled "Coats For Kids" in the fellowship hall.

The 2nd Annual **Celebration of Life** sponsored by Conquering Cancer 4 O'Brien County will be Wednesday, October 8 at the Crossroads Pavillion, Sheldon. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. A memorial service and flower toss at 6:30 p.m. and a catered dinner to follow. Free Will donation. Silent auction of homemade desserts and speakers to follow. RSVP by September 30 to one of the following: Sheryl 230-0069, Cindy 541-7122, Pam 261-1914.

Love INC will be offering a new session of classes on Thursday evenings from October 9-December 18: **Finance; Parenting; GriefShare; and Bible Study.** To register please call 712-324-9707.

IOLBC Events:

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.

Fall Crafting Retreat will be held **November 21-23.** Register online: www.okoboji.org/crafting-retreat.

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: Thank you to all our sponsors for the Radio Broadcast, Live Stream, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Fellowship.
Please sign up (bulletin board by balcony stairs) or contact the office for any of the following OPEN DATES:
Coffee Fellowship: November 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7, 21, 28.
Flowers on the Altar: September 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7, 21, 28.

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: O Lord, my God, I cry to You for help.
C: Heal and restore me, O Lord
P: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have not healed me.
C: O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
P: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
C: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
P: Weeping may tarry for the night,
C: but joy comes with the morning.
All: 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.

Opening Hymn: “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”
Jesus, lover of my soul, Jesus, I will never let You go; You’ve taken me
from the miry clay, You’ve set my feet upon the rock and now I know.
I love You, I need You, though my world will fall, I’ll never let You go;
My Savior, my closest Friend, I will worship You until the very end.
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Confession and Forgiveness:
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination)
P: Most holy and merciful Father,

C: like sheep, O Lord, we have strayed and wandered from you. We have sinned
against You and one another. We have done evil You forbid, and we have not
done the good You desire. There is no health in us. O merciful and divine
Shepherd, cover our sins with Your forgiveness, clothe us with Your perfect
righteousness, and preserve us in this faith and fear, that we may be kept to
the day when your Son comes to judge all people. Have mercy, O Lord, and
fulfill Your word to us in Christ, our Savior, Amen.
P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake
forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his
authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins in the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Scripture Hymn: “Alleluia”
Alleluia. To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.
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Hymn of the Day: “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”
Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I’m found, was blind but now I see.
‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
My chains are gone, I’ve been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.
The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
My chains are gone, I’ve been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
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My chains are gone, I’ve been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God Who called me here below will be forever mine,
will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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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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And now let the weak say, “I am strong.” Let the poor say, “I am rich,”
because of what the Lord has done for us.

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because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

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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: “Ancient Words”

Holy words, long preserved, for our walk in this world;
They resound with God’s own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where-e’er we roam, Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true, Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words, of our faith Handed down to this age;
Came to us thro’ sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ.
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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!! C: Thanks be to God!