

*He who has no money,
come, buy and eat!*

ISAIAH 55:1



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (NALC)

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

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*Stand as you are able

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you worship with us today.

Our prayers include those in nursing homes and home bound: Mary Ann McCallister, Helen Lyons, Susie Leonhardt, Edna Armstrong, Servicemen: Andrew Gendron, Brodie Taphorn.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Denny & Kathy Siefert.

Church Directory—Sundays, August 2nd and August 16 after church, Deb Feichtner and Jen Rinehart will be available in the basement area to help you schedule your photo appointment if you haven't already done it online. Fellowship will also be held with some goodies both Sundays! If those days don't work, please contact them by phone or in person to get scheduled. Reminder...each family receives a free 8x10 photo and directory!

Congratulations to Jacob & Madison Hunt on the birth of Claire Bexleigh. She was born July 22, 2026 and is granddaughter of Carl & Jennnifer Rinehart. John & Linda Pfleiderer are great Grandparents.

Eric & Shelly Kocher have a new grandson Arnold Joseph Kocher. He was born July 14, 2026. Marvin Kocher is great grandfather.

I would like to thank the God Squad for the food, John & Linda Pfleiderer for the visit and all who sent cards and prayers and Pastor Andrea for her prayers.

David Halsey

Thank you for the prayers, cards and gifts for my confirmation. Also to Helping Hands for the breakfast. Blessings,

Joey Jenks

St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for having us at your beautiful church for an evening. We had so much fun performing for you, and it was such a wonderful audience! Thank you for your generosity, hospitality, and for sharing your time and joy of music with us.

Duo Merte Laura & Angelique

Giving for The Lord's Ministry July 26, 2026

Bell Choir	30.00
Benevolence	150.00
Current	2,520.00
Feed Crawford County	135.00
Filling Home	55.00
God Squad	170.00
Lutheran Home of Mercy	5.00
Missionary	105.00
NALC Seminary	65.00
NALC Disaster Relief	20.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	5.00
Special Projects	100.00
Total	\$3,360.00
Attendance 96	

Church Council will meet August 3 at 7 PM

"It's a Birthday Bash-Happy Birthday America" The annual outdoor church picnic will be held August 23 at 10:30 am at Aumiller Park. There will be a potluck following the service with meat, drinks, and table service provided. We will also hold a live and silent auction. Let's celebrate a day of fellowship, food, and fun. God Bless the USA!

Anyone wanting to donate to the NALC Disaster Response may mark your envelopes accordingly. Donations aid tornado and other natural disaster victims.

Looking to connect with Pastor Andrea? You're always welcome to stop by during office hours: **Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM—Noon.** If another time works better for you, feel free to call the church office or reach out directly to Pastor Andrea (614) 256-4318 to set up an appointment. She'd love to hear from you!

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday	Sunday School 9 AM
	Worship 10 AM
Monday	Church Council 7 PM
Sunday	Sunday School 9 AM
	Worship 10 AM

The St. Paul worship services and sermons are recorded and available to watch on the web page at www.stpaulsulphur.com or on St. Paul Lutheran Church Sulphur Springs, Ohio YouTube. A live feed of the worship service is available downstairs in the high school room.

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Milk, Milk Everywhere

With five children in our household, my family consumes a lot of milk. When we discovered a store farther away that priced a gallon of milk for less than half the cost of our nearby grocery store, we began planning our driving and errands around visiting that store for the savings. Reading Isaiah 55, my frugal-mom eyes light up. The Lord offers not only free milk but free wine too! How do I procure such bargains?

"Come," He says. The Lord lays out a table of rich food for all in Christ. We were paupers who could not afford the high bill tallied for our sin. Instead, Jesus died on the cross, paying the price Himself so that we could freely receive grace upon grace. When, parched by sin, we thirst for righteousness, the waters of Baptism satiate us with Jesus' own holiness. When, starved by sin, we hunger for righteousness, the sweet words of His forgiveness and love nourish and sustain us. Receiving His body and blood in the Lord's Supper, we partake in a foretaste of the feast to come.

Bread of Life, You truly satisfy and give us delight. Thank You for inviting us to the banquet of Your Word and Sacraments! In Jesus' name. Amen.

PORTALS of PRAYER

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About the Cover: The food that God gives us is priceless. It is worth far more than we could ever afford. Our money is no good to Him, so He gives us His food for free. We could never earn or pay for salvation with anything we have. So Christ has redeemed us not with silver or gold, but with His precious blood poured out for us on the cross (1 Peter 1:18–19). He gives us holy food and drink for free, most especially at the Lord's Supper, where He gives us His very body and blood.

The Word of God



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Prayer of the Day

Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

Psalm 136:1-9 [23-26]

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Give thanks to the | God of gods,***
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

³Give thanks to the | LORD of lords,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

⁴**Who only | does great wonders,***
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁵Who by wisdom | made the heavens,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁶**Who spread out the earth up- | on the waters,***
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁷Who creat- | ed great lights,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁸**The sun to | rule the day,***
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁹The moon and the stars to gov- | ern the night,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

[²³**Who remembered us in our | low estate,***
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

²⁴And delivered us | from our enemies,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

²⁵**Who gives food | to all creatures,***
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

²⁶Give thanks to the | God of heaven,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever.]

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 [6-13]

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. [⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad — in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls — ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”]

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³When Jesus heard {of John the Baptist's death}, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Lessons for Next Week: Job 38:4-18; Psalm 18:1-6 [7-16];
Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33

For Missionaries

Lord God you are the one true God, and desire all people to know you and your love. Help all people to share the good news of your salvation, and grant that missionaries would be able to spread the glorious Word of your mercy and saving power to all those they meet. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For A Season of growth

We ask you holy Father, to strengthen our faith and encourage growth in our spiritual lives, that we would come to know you better and trust you more deeply. As the summer season continues and steady growth is occurring in fields and on farms, let our hearts be open to your Word working within us that we would experience the steady growth of faith in our lives as well. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For the Hungry

God of grace, you are the source of all good things including food, shelter, and family. There are so many in our world that do not have enough to eat each day—be with them and provide for their daily needs by giving them nourishment enough to satisfy. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For the Ill and Wounded

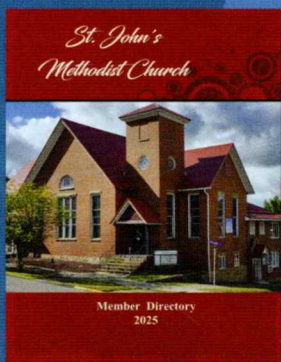
God of all mercies, your tender care is evidenced in your healing power. Grant your healing to those who are in need this day: the wounded, lonely, oppressed, and ill. We remember particularly those who are on the prayer list of this congregation. Grant strength to the weak, and hope to the hopeless.

Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

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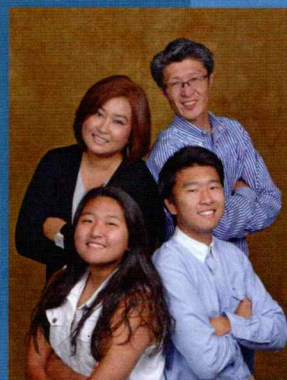
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We Make it Easy!

Allow 45-60 minutes for professional photography and portrait previewing.

Prepare for your Professional Photography Session:

What can I bring?

- You may invite extended family members for a multi-generational photo.
- Bring your pets, we know they are an important part of the family! Please check with your church.
- Bring props that express you and your family's personality, e.g., instruments, sports equipment and hobby items.



Getting Ready

- ◆ **CLOTHING:** Solid colors work best and will make you look thinner.
- ◆ **HAIR:** Be yourself, avoid changing your hairstyle or cutting your hair right before your session.
- ◆ **JEWELRY:** If you have jewelry that has special meaning to you, wear it!
- ◆ **MAKE-UP:** Apply make-up as you would normally for an evening out. Pay special attention to your eyes: they're the focal point in a portrait!
- ◆ **GLASSES:** If you wear eye glasses all the time, you'll want to wear them in your portraits. Don't worry, we'll take care of any glare.

Making Memories.... that Last!

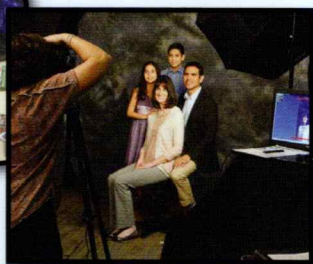
Holiday Greeting Cards



Before



After



**Share your portraits
with family & friends!**

Children
Parents
Grandparents
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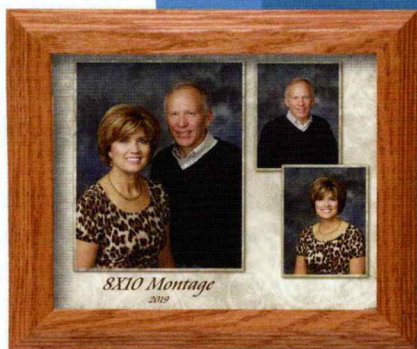
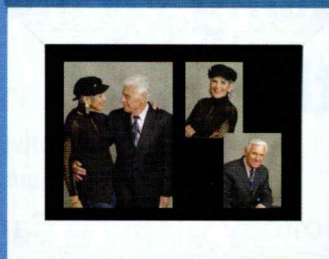
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