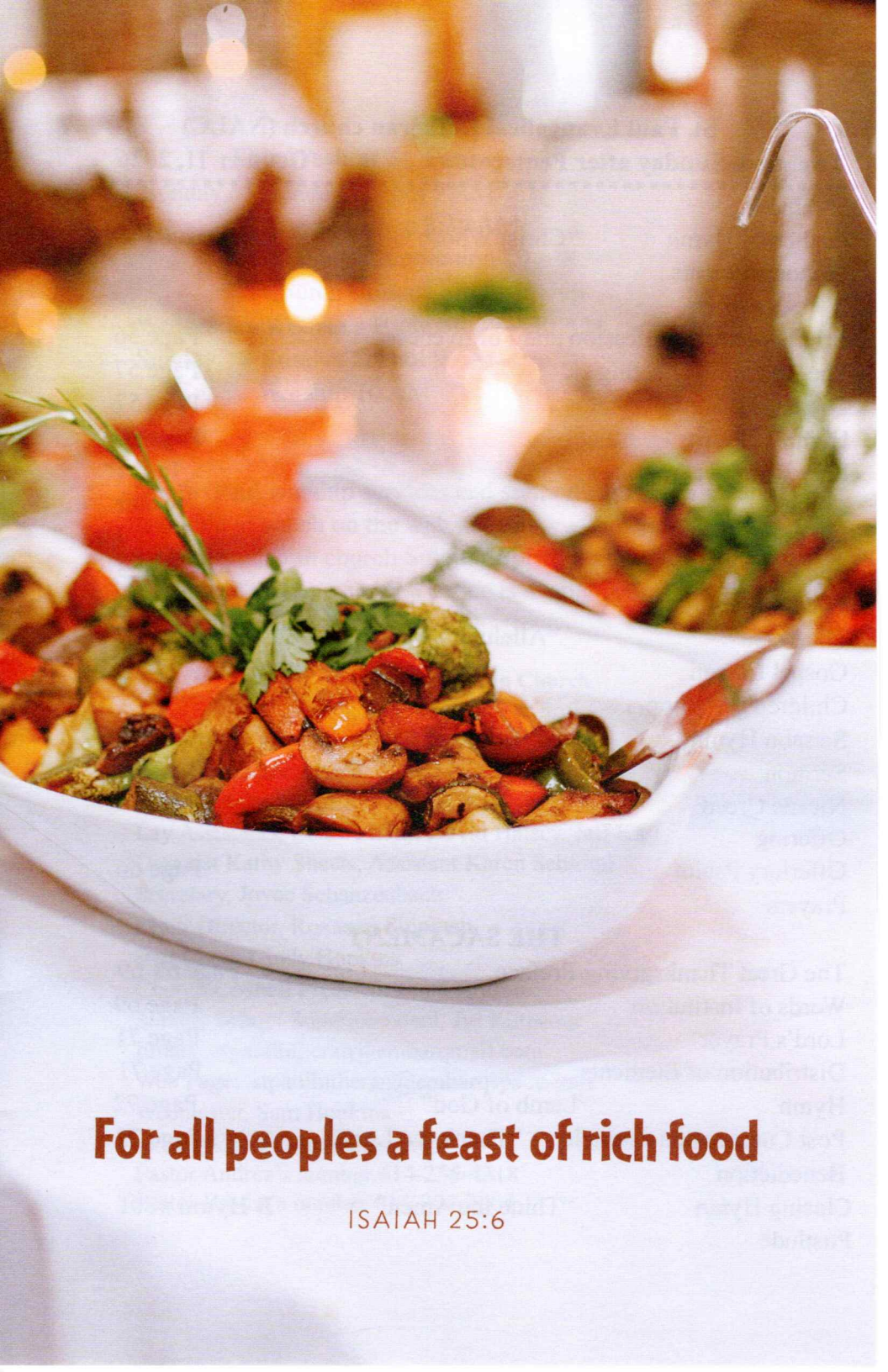


For all peoples a feast of rich food

ISAIAH 25:6

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran church (NALC)

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost **October 11, 2026**

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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, John Barnhart, Servicemen: Andrew Gendron.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Barb Kocher by Eric & Shelly Kocher.

Church Council will meet after worship this morning.

Parents' Fellowship and Dinner will be held today, October 11 from 4-6 PM at the Parsonage. Parents of young children are invited to join us for an evening of good food, fellowship, and conversation at the parsonage! Bring a side dish to share. Enjoy some time to relax and connect with other parents. This gathering is for parents only---a chance to enjoy a little grown-up fellowship and a meal together. We hope you join us.

Church Directory News—Tomorrow, October 12, is the last day to submit a picture for the Church Directory! Please email it to dmfeichtner@gmail.com or the church at stpaullutheran@embarqmail.com and give your $15 to Deb, Jen or Joyce, by October 12th. Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 photo that will be mailed to you.

I feel so blessed by the support there has been for me from the church. Seeing how gracious and caring you all are has given me hope and more ambition to keep moving forward. Thank you all so very much and may God bless you all.

Beau Forman

The **Chili Cookoff** event held on Sept. 27 was a good time! We had over 35 attending from 4 different churches. St. Paul took best Chili and best Unique. Most spicy went to Mt. Zion Lutheran (Lucas) and best overall went to Resurrection Lutheran (Port Clinton). Members of Holy Trinity Mansfield were also present.

Thankoffering Sunday will be held Sunday Nov.22. This year's offering will be used to help local needs as there are sure to be some. Many who have a crisis can use gas cards, or after initial long temporary shelter need help getting reestablished under a more permanent shelter.

WOC checked with the BackPack program again to see if they have a need for a holiday fill. One of the things that Second harvest cannot supply is Cream of Mushroom soup in the standard size can. And getting a large quantity through one of their other is sources is sometimes hit and miss as to getting it. Kathy is grateful for our continued support and indicated 600 cans should be a good amount. Just over a month into the school year and they are averaging 535 bags a week going to local students!

Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes will be placed out in the vestibules soon. We are awaiting labels. Details of how to pack the boxes and what can be included along with the label will be out as well. Donations to send the box is set at $10.00 per box. Collection date is by Nov. 15. Bring them to the church and well will get them to the collection location.

Giving for The Lord's Ministry
October 3, 2026

Benevolence	246.00
Current	3,930.00
Feed Crawford County	120.00
Filling Home	110.00
God Squad	70.00
Luther Home of Mercy	120.00
Missionary	5.00
Maundy Thursday	5.00
NALC Seminary	40.00
NALC Disaster Relief	40.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	30.00
Special Projects	90.00
Total	$4,806.00
Attendance 98	

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

Looking to connect with Pastor Andea? You're always welcome to stop by during office hours: **Tuesday & Wednesdays 9:00 AM-Noon.** If another time works better for you, feel 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
	Choir practice 8:30 AM
	Worship/Communion 10 AM
	Church Council after worship
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM
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.sulphur.com or 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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The Wedding Feast and the Lamb

Weddings are usually happy events. After months of planning and preparation, friends and relatives arrive from near and far. The festive event often includes much partying and merrymaking. When the wedding involves royalty, everything, including the celebrating, catering, merrymaking, and drawing up the guest list, is done on an even grander scale.

In the parable of the wedding feast heard in today's Gospel from Matthew 22, Jesus portrayed His relationship with all people. The riches of God's spiritual blessings are made available to all. But some prefer not to come. They resort to the flimsiest of excuses to stay away. They trifle with the grace of God and make light of His redeeming love. They exclude themselves from joyous and close association with their Lord.

Still another guest in the parable came to the wedding but insisted on presenting himself on his terms. He refused to wear the garment furnished by the king and wore instead his soiled garment of self-righteousness.

In God's company, we despair of our own righteous covering and are dressed only in the robes of Christ's merits.

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress (*LSB* 563:1). Amen.

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About the Cover: Isaiah gives us the vision of the great feast on the Lord's holy mountain that will be given to us on the great day of the Lord. It will be a feast filled with all the best food and drink for all people. However, according to Isaiah's prophecy, the Lord will be consuming a meal as well. He will swallow up death and will wipe away our tears (Isaiah 25:8). This is our promise in Christ, who has already defeated death by His death on the cross and resurrection. He drank from the cup of His suffering and death to give to us the cup of salvation (Matthew 26:39; Psalm 116:13).

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The Word of God



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Prayer of the Day

O Lord, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

6On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a
feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of
marrow, of aged wine well refined. 7And he will swallow up on
this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil
that is spread over all nations. 8He will swallow up death forever;
and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the
reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for
the LORD has spoken. 9It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is
our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is
the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in
his salvation."

Psalm 23

[1]The LORD | is my shepherd;*
I shall not | be in want.
[2]He makes me lie down | in green pastures*
and leads me be- | side still waters.
[3]He re- | vives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.
[4]Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they | comfort me.
[5]You spread a table before me in the presence
of those who | trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is | running over.
[6]Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-13

[4]Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. [5]Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [6]do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. [8]Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9]What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. [10]I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11]Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. [12]I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13]I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

[1]Again Jesus spoke to {the chief priests and the Pharisees} in parables, saying, [2]"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, [3]and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. [4]Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' [5]But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, [6]while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. [7]The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. [8]Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9]Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' [10]And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. [11]But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. [12]And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. [13]Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14]For many are called, but few are chosen."

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To Follow Our Shepherd
O Shepherding God, grant that we would hear your voice and follow you, trusting in your protection and leading in our lives. Give us the ability to discern your voice amidst all the other voices in the world that seek to lure us away from you and your flock. Lord in your mercy…
C., Hear our prayer.

For First Responders
God of life, we ask for your care and watchful eye on all those who are first responders. Give them the ability to think quickly and act adeptly as they rescue those in danger. Protect them from harm as they serve those in need. Lord in your mercy...
C. Hear our prayer.

For Bold Witness in the World
God our ever-present help, our rock and our salvation, deepen our faith in your promise of salvation. May your grace have free reign among us that we might be emboldened to witness to your saving grace in our homes, our communities, and to all nations. Lord in your mercy…
C. Hear our prayer.

For Healing and Comfort
God you are our shield and our strength. Be our protector in all the uncertainty and tragedy of life. Pour out your healing upon all who are sick or suffering. Keep us mindful that no evil can win the day for through the cross of your dear Son, Jesus, the kingdom is our forever. Lord in your mercy,…
C. Hear our prayer.

Lessons for Next Week: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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