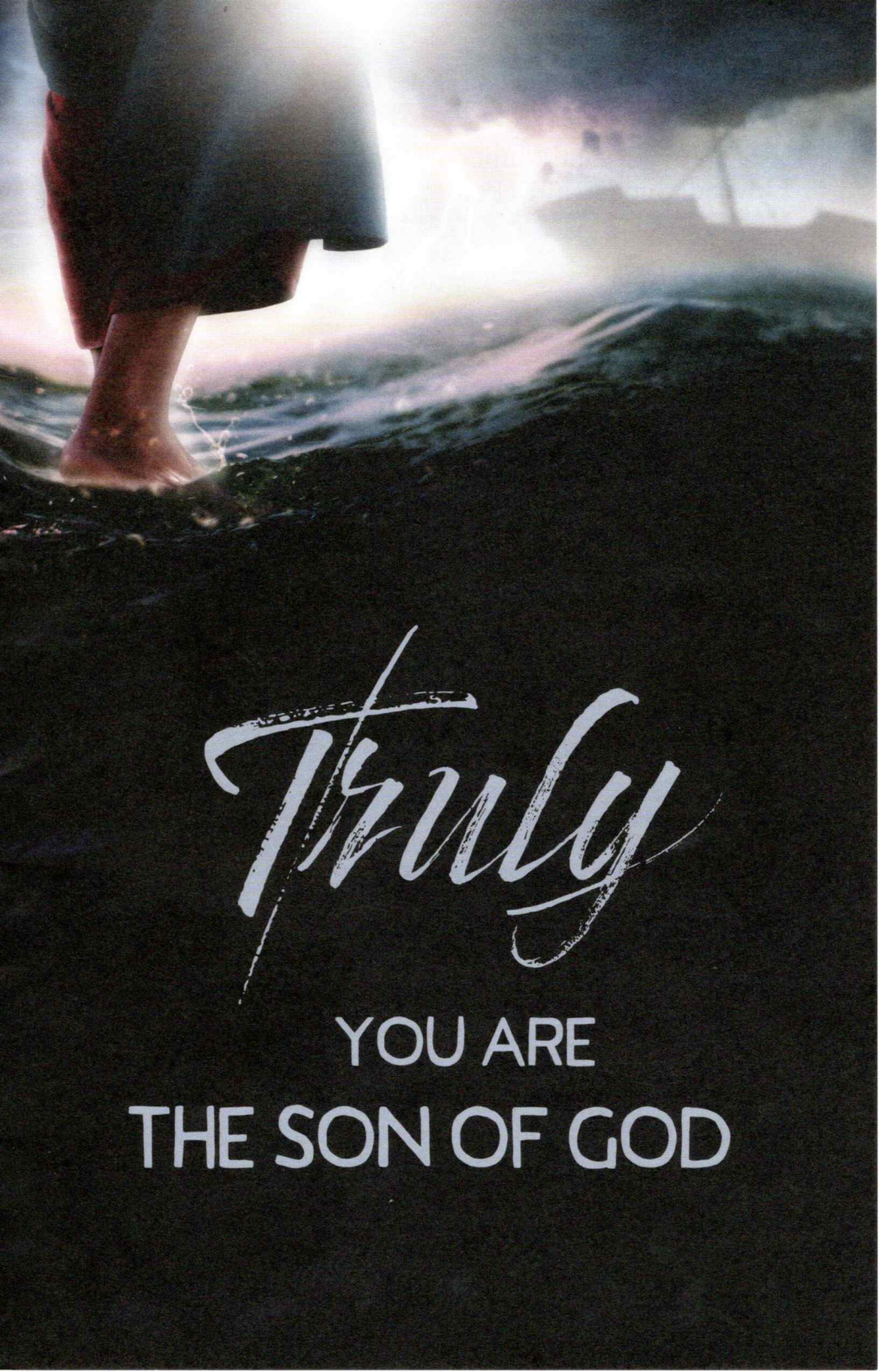




Truly

YOU ARE
THE SON OF GOD

St. Paul Lutheran Church (NALC)

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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, Servicemen: Andrew Gendron

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Charlotte Wagner by her family.

Church Directory— **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. 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!

I would like to thank all of those who came to the spaghetti dinner to support me in this trying time. A lot of friends and family showed so much support. People I don't even know supported me and I'm so grateful. I hopefully only have one surgery left and then I start rehab to walk again and get back to work. If you don't know I have a son who is so ready for his dad to be up and playing with him again. This truly shows how great God truly is. It serves as a reminder that no matter how far you stray from God he will always welcome you back with open arms. I accepted Jesus Christ back into my heart last November and our Savior has already shown just how much love he truly has for each and everyone of us. I am truly so blessed. Thank you all again.

Beau Foreman

Giving for The Lord's Ministry August 2, 2026

Bell Choir	25.00
Benevolence	115.00
Current	7,080.00
Feed Crawford County	160.00
Filling Home	70.00
God Squad	10.00
Lutheran Home of Mercy	25.00
Missionary	115.00
NALC Seminary	55.00
NALC Disaster Relief	160.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	20.00
Special Projects	120.00
Women of the Church	10.00
Total	\$7,965.00
Attendance 101 Communion 92	

“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
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 Picture sign up after worship/Coffee Hour

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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That Sinking Feeling

When everything in life seems to be going smoothly, we have a tendency to feel quite self-satisfied and confident. We may also forget to thank God, who has blessed us with such smooth sailing, and we may think we can continue to take care of ourselves. In Matthew 14, Jesus walks across a lake as if on dry land to reach His disciples' boat. Peter challenges the Lord, saying that if it really is Jesus, He should ask Peter to step out on the water. Jesus asks Peter just that, and everything goes well until Peter trembles at the wind and waves surrounding him. He becomes frightened and starts to sink, crying out for Jesus to save him. "Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of [Peter], saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'" (v. 31).

When we see the winds and waves surrounding us, the troubles that threaten to sweep over us, we may feel as if we're sinking. Remember Peter's cry: "Lord, save me" (v. 30). Jesus is ready to help us, just as He helped Peter. Jesus is ready to walk us back to the boat. Jesus, who stretched out His hands to be nailed to the cross, still has His hands stretched out to help us in those sinking moments as well as in times of smooth sailing. Our cry, "Lord, save me," is never unheard by Him.

Jesus, may we look to You for help at all times. Amen.



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About the Cover: Jesus showed His divinity as the one who "trampled the waves of the sea" (Job 9:8). He also showed His mercy by calling out, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27). Jesus, God in the flesh, was full of mercy toward Peter and the disciples. The Son of God is also full of mercy toward us. He showed it to us through His cross. We need not fear nor be afraid because the same Lord who said, "It is I," is present in His Word.



2026 Fall Flower Sale

Mums & Pansies

Please give orders to Bev or Amber Robertson or
Mark or Doug Ebbeskotte by Sunday, August 30.

Name & Phone _____

Flowers will be delivered Wed. 9/9	8 inch Pots \$7.00	Peck Baskets \$8.00	½ Bushel Baskets \$15.00	Fall Pansy Basket \$8.00
Coral	_____	_____	_____	N/A
Orange/ Bronze	_____	_____	_____	N/A
Pink/ Lavender	_____	_____	_____	N/A
Red	_____	_____	_____	N/A
White	_____	_____	_____	N/A
Yellow	_____	_____	_____	N/A
Pansy Basket	N/A	N/A	N/A	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: St. Paul Helping Hands				\$ _____

The Word of God



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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; 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: Job 38:4-18

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? ¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

Psalm 18:1-6 [7-16*]

¹I love you, O | LORD my strength,*

O LORD my stronghold, my crag, | and my haven.

²**My God, my rock in whom I | put my trust,***

my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge:

You are worth- | y of praise.

³I will call up- | on the LORD,*

and so shall I be saved | from my enemies.

⁴**The breakers of death rolled | over me,***

and the torrents of oblivion made | me afraid.

⁵The cords of hell en- | tangled me,*

and the snares of death were | set for me.

⁶**I called upon the LORD in | my distress***

and cried out to my | God for help.

[⁷He heard my voice from his heav- | enly dwelling,*

my cry of anguish came | to his ears.

⁸**The earth | reeled and rocked;***

the roots of the mountains shook;

they reeled because | of his anger.

⁹Smoke rose from his nostrils

and a consuming fire out | of his mouth;*

hot burning coals blazed | forth from him.

¹⁰**He parted the heavens | and came down***

with a storm cloud un- | der his feet.

¹¹He mounted on cherub- | im and flew;*

he swooped on the wings | of the wind.

¹²**He wrapped dark- | ness about him;***

he made dark waters and thick clouds | his pavilion.

¹³From the brightness of his presence, | through the clouds,*

burst hailstones and | coals of fire.

¹⁴**The LORD thundered | out of heaven;***

the Most High ut- | tered his voice.

¹⁵He loosed his arrows and | scattered them;*

he hurled thunderbolts and | routed them.

¹⁶**The beds of the seas were uncovered,**

and the foundations of the | world laid bare,*

at your battle cry, O LORD,

at the blast of the breath | of your nostrils.

¹⁷He reached down from on high | and grasped me;*

he drew me out | of great waters.]

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately {Jesus} made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Lessons for Next Week: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67;
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Matthew 15:21-28

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* The Book of Common Prayer verse numbers for this psalm are different from the numbering in the ESV.

For Peace in the World

Holy God, there are so many places around the globe where people live in constant turmoil due to fighting and conflict. Bring a lasting peace to war-torn areas. Bring peace to families and communities that struggle for stability. Bring peace to relationships and help us center our lives in you. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For the Glory of the Creation

Loving God, your creation is such a magnificent work of art. Help us to appreciate your handiwork and to stand in awe of all that you have formed. Let us delight in all of the species of plants and animals and marvel at the sight of mountains and seas, as we praise your name in all the earth. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For Those on Vacation

Lord of the Sabbath, we pray that you would refresh and renew those who are away from home on vacation. Grant that they may find rest and recuperation from their daily tasks, spend quality time with family, and have quiet time to hear your voice in their lives. Let them return home with peace-filled hearts. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For the Suffering

Healing God, we ask your tender care to be with those who are suffering this day in mind, body or spirit. You know the needs of each person you have made, even before we do ourselves. Please attend to the needs of all who are in trouble, facing trials, or are struggling with sickness especially....

Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.