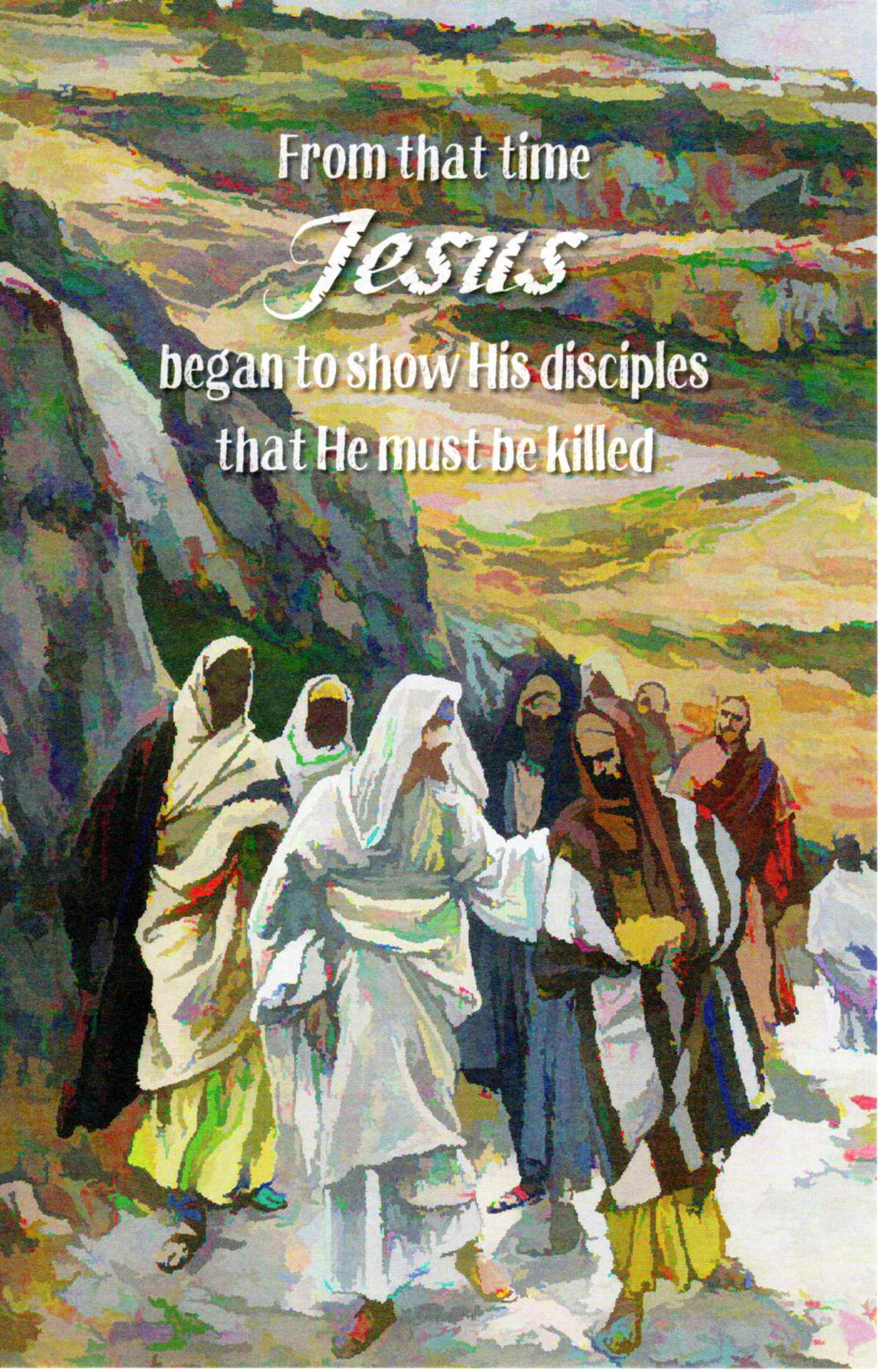


From that time
Jesus
began to show His disciples
that He must be killed



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (NALC)

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

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*Closing Hymn "Lift High the Cross.." **G Hymn #377**

*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

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Steven & Jill Rittenour in honor of their 19th wedding anniversary.

Today is the last day to turn in fall flower order forms. Give them to Mark or Doug Ebbeskotte or Amber or Bev Robertson.

“Thank you to all who attended the outdoor worship service and potluck. It was a beautiful day and we had an amazing turnout with 107 attending. If you were unable to attend but would like to donate to the auction fund, please see Melissa Shade or John Britton. We will keep the donations open until September 6.”

Youth Group members (grades 6-12) are invited to the parsonage for food and games this afternoon from 4-7 PM. You are welcome to bring a friend!

Parents’ Fellowship and Dinner will be held Sunday, September 13 from 4-6 PM at the Church 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 can join us.

Sunday School for both youth and adults will begin on September 13. Catechism will also begin September 13.

Sunday, September 20th, please plan to stay after church if you are part of any group. We will quickly be calling people up after worship to take these candid shots for our directory. If you are a participant in: God Squad, choir, bell choir, council, Women of the church, lay person, memorial committee or dartball plan to attend. Thanks!

Giving for The Lord's Ministry
August 23, 2026

Bell Choir	20.00
Benevolence	70.00
Current	1,981.00
Feed Crawford County	80.00
NALC Seminary	30.00
NALC Disaster Relief	250.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	40.00
Special Projects	100.00
Total	\$2,541.00
Attendance Picnic 107	

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 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!

RALLY DAY will be September 13 during Sunday School. Join us for some fun activities for the children. All ages are welcome. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Choir will begin practice on Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 AM.

There will not be any adult Sunday School on September 6.

Chili Cook off for the North Central Ohio Mission District NALC will be held at St. Paul on September 27 at 4:30 pm. Each congregation is asked to bring 6 qt. crockpot of ready to eat chili. Contact June Geiger for more information.

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday Sunday School 9 AM
Worship 10 AM
Youth Gathering at Parsonage 4-6 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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Strength and Patience

Followers of Jesus are blessed with many gifts, including forgiveness, peace with God, and the certainty of heaven.

Most of us would not include bearing a cross on that list. We would rather focus on the pleasant aspects of being a Christian. Yet our Lord tells us that the cross is a vital component of discipleship.

God uses trials in life—illnesses, family tensions, financial struggles—to strengthen our faith and draw us closer to Him. But the cross is what we suffer for the sake of Christ. Most of us have had little experience in that regard, other than snide remarks from unbelieving friends or coworkers about our personal piety. Christians in other lands or eras have not had it so easy. They have suffered discrimination, persecution, and even death. What happened to them may one day happen to us, especially as intolerance grows toward those who confess biblical truth. While we might not welcome such a possibility, we need not fear or flee from it. The strength to bear the cross and the patience to endure the cross come from the One who hung on the cross for our sakes.

Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee (LSB 708:2). Amen.

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About the Cover: Jesus was heading to Jerusalem, where He would suffer, be killed, and rise again. Peter attempted to lead Him in another direction, but Jesus directed him and the other disciples to follow Him and take up their own crosses. However, the cross of Jesus was His alone to bear in order to bring us forgiveness. We follow Him by the gift of faith. Following Jesus means dying to ourselves, confessing our sins, and trusting that death in Him means resurrection life.



Prayer of the Day

O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; 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: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Psalm 26

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;*
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

²Test me, O | LORD, and try me;*
examine my heart | and my mind.

³For your love is be- | fore my eyes;*
I have walked faith- | fully with you.

⁴I have not sat | with the worthless,*
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of | evildoers;*
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,*
that I may go in procession | round your altar,

⁷Singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving*
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell*
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

⁹Do not sweep me a- | way with sinners,*
nor my life with those who | thirst for blood,

¹⁰Whose hands are full of | evil plots,*
and their right hand | full of bribes.

¹¹As for me, I will live | with integrity;*
redeem me, O LORD, and have pit- | y on me.

¹²My foot stands on | level ground;*
in the full assembly I will | bless the LORD.

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.

Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the LORD." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

²¹Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

For Strength Against Evil

Holy God, you protect us from the evil one and give us strength to withstand temptations that come our way. Help us to overcome evil with good and work for the best in the lives of all whom we encounter. Give us your love that we would love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For the Ministry of Music

Almighty God, the angels glorify you with songs of endless praise. Inspire the music of our praise as we raise a joyful noise so our songs and hymns may glorify your name. As you have blessed your church with musicians and composers through the ages, inspire your people to sing your praise until, by your grace in Jesus Christ, we join our voices with the saints and angels in the life to come. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For National Leaders

Almighty God, grant courage and wisdom to our national leaders, to all who serve in government, and to the members of our armed forces. Guide them in the way of justice, truth and peace. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For Those Who Worry

Mighty Healer, you encourage us not to worry about tomorrow, but instead to take up our cross and follow you. Grant us grace in the midst of trials and watch over those who are hurting or ill. Clothe your children in the glory of your loving presence today and always. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

Lessons for Next Week: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 32:1-7;
Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20