

*Yes, Lord,
yet even the dogs eat the crumbs*



St. Paul Lutheran Church (NALC)

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

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Postlude

*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 Nate & Nicole Brown in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Flowers on the organ are given to the congregation as a thank you in appreciation for allowing me to provide altar flowers for many years. *Flowers and Fancies, Steve Auck*

The Hymn “I Need Thee Every Hour” is on page 638 in the Celebration Hymnal.

Today 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!

The Outdoor Service and picnic will be held Sunday, August 23 at 10:30 am at Aumiller Park. Following church service and potluck lunch, we will hold a live and silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will be divided between Beau Forman, who is Bev & Dave Robertson's nephew currently undergoing medical care and rehabilitation along with a local family who is in need of financial assistance. Please show our love and support by providing an item donation for the auction or a monetary donation. Your contribution, big or small, can make a difference. See you all next Sunday.

Youth Group Dinner and Games will be held August 30th, 4-6 pm at the Church Parsonage. Come and enjoy food and fun as we gather and celebrate the end of summer. If you have questions, see Amber Robertson.

Giving for The Lord's Ministry
August 9, 2026

Benevolence	215.00
Current	2,892.00
Feed Crawford County	60.00
Filling Home	160.00
God Squad	20.00
Lutheran Home of Mercy	70.00
Missionary	45.00
NALC Seminary	40.00
NALC Disaster Relief	50.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	55.00
Special Projects	75.00
Women of the Church	40.00
Total	\$3,722.00
Attendance 104	
Noisy Change August 2	\$74.45

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!



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	1/2 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				\$ _____

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday Sunday School 9 AM
 Worship 10 AM
 Coffee Hour/Picture sign up after worship
Sunday Outdoor Worship/Picnic 10:30 at Aumiller Park

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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A Strange Answer

What a strange answer! A Canaanite woman appeals to Jesus to heal her daughter, but for once in His life, "He did not answer her a word" (Matthew 15:23). As she keeps begging, He becomes more and more discouraging, finally calling her and her people "dogs" (v. 26). This isn't the Jesus we know! Or is it?

Sometimes God seems to treat us the same way. Family trouble; a lost job; someone we love is dying. We pray and pray and seem to get nowhere. God is silent. Where is the Jesus we used to know? We are tempted to give up on Him. But this woman didn't give up. She didn't know why He was behaving this way, but she knew the truth about Jesus: He is loving and merciful. She kept after Him (to His delight!) until He showed His true self: "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (v. 28).

Because Jesus died and rose again for us, we know God's true heart toward us: love and mercy. And with the Holy Spirit's help, we will keep trusting Him until we see Him clearly as He really is.

Lord Jesus, we often don't understand You. We do know that You love us and died and rose from the dead for us to make us Your own. Help us trust in You, especially when it is most difficult. Amen.



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About the Cover: As a Gentile, the Canaanite woman knelt from the outside looking in as she begged Jesus to heal her daughter, who was possessed by a demon. Jesus tested the woman to reveal a faith that even crumbs from the Lord would provide for her deepest need. Jesus does not overlook us either. To the world, it may look like crumbs, but just a little word from Jesus works the miracle of faith to receive the salvation and eternal life that He has accomplished for us through His cross and resurrection.

The Word of God



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Prayer of the Day

Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we 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 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed."

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

⁸The LORD God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us,*
show us the light of his countenance and | come to us.

²Let your ways be known | upon earth,*
your saving health a- | mong all nations.

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*,
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations | upon earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*,
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought | forth her increase;*,
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.

⁷May God give | us his blessing,*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ...

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus went away from {Gennesaret} and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

For Perseverance in Faith

Holy God, you are the source of our strength in this life. Grant us strength in the face of trials and help us to fully rely on you as we struggle through the storms of life. Give us courage to let go of that which we cannot control and trust that you have our best interests in mind always, because of your great love for us. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For the Military and Those Who are Public Servants

Father, we ask that you would watch over those who serve in the armed forces or who serve as peace officers in our community. Protect them and bring them home safely to their families. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For the Church of Christ

We pray for the Bride of Christ, dear Lord, the holy catholic and apostolic Church. Empower us to follow Jesus with our whole lives and to make disciples of all nations that your name may be praised and honored in all the earth. Be with church leaders and help them lead with integrity and faith, trusting in the Holy Spirit to guide them. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For the Hospitalized and Home Bound

God of healing, be with all those who are sick or injured and are in the hospital or recuperating at home. Bring strength to their weary bodies and hope to their hearts and minds. We pray for those who are aging and bound to their homes. Give them good friends to visit with and loved ones to care for them. We remember all those who are suffering this day. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

Lessons for Next Week: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138;
Romans 11:33-12:8; Matthew 16:13-20