

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

*"Proclaiming and Serving CHRIST
In the Heartland and Beyond"*

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Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 09, 2025

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

*To aid in your worship at St. Paul's, the following
services are available. Just contact an usher.*

Large Print Music.

Children's Busy Bags.

**Listening devices for the
hearing impaired.**

**The Fellowship Hall serves
as our nursery**

*St. Paul's celebrates Holy Communion at each Worship Service.
All who stand in need of God's forgiveness, grace and love are
invited to receive this great gift of the Sacrament.*

You have a place at this Lord's Table!

(Gluten free wafers available.)

(at this table red is wine, white is grape juice)

Our Contemporary Order of Worship was written by Pastor John Monson.

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A synopsis of this Contemporary Service is printed inside this leaflet. We have listed the location of the Bible readings and song pages for easy reference.

TODAY'S Hymn Selection comes from the ELW (Red) Hymnal

Contemporary Worship Monson

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!” Vs 1,4,6 **#835**

“Song of Confession”

Litany of Absolution

“Forgiven”

Litany of Praise

Song of Praise “Dance with Creation”

Reading *Job 19:23-27a*

Psalmody *Ps 17:1-9*

Hymn “O Savior, Precious Savior” **#820**

Reading *2 Thess 2:1-5,13-17*

“Gospel Acclamation”

Gospel *Luke 20:27-38*

“Gospel Response”

Sermon *Pastor Leif Espeland*

Hymn of the Day “For the Beauty of the Earth” Vs1-4 **#879**

Affirmation of Faith

Offering “There Is Joy”

Prayers of People

Sharing of the Peace/ Words of Institution/Lord’s Prayer

The Invitation “Come, Sons and Daughters”

Communion

Communion Hymns “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” **#494**

“Jerusalem My Happy Home” **#628**

Blessing

Sending Song “Let All Things Now Living” **#881**

Dismissal

St Paul's Calendar for the Week

(also on website calendar)

Monday	11/10	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting Adult Study Zoom
Tuesday	11/11	11:30 a.m.	Veterans Day Staff Meeting
Wednesday	11/12	10:45 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	11/13	9:30 a.m.	WELCA BSL/ Diane Z. H/ Loralee T.
Friday	11/14		
Saturday	11/15		
Sunday	11/16	9:00 a.m.	23rd Sunday after Pentecost Setting: Now the Feast and Celebration

This Week's Texts: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (also on web calendar)

Job 19: 23-27a Ps 17:1-9 2 Thess 2:1-5,13-17 Luke 20:27-38

Lay Reader: Cookie L.

Next Week's Texts: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost (also on web calendar)

Mal 4:1-2a Ps 98 2 Thess 36-13 Luke 21:5-19

Lay Reader: Richard J.

We need Help!

In the Tech Room to help stream our Sunday services.

If you would like to give it a try please see Chuck or Tammy.

Christmas Families 2025

Once again, St. Paul's will be getting names from Family Safety Network of several local families that can use our help. Last year, through your generosity, we were able to provide some joy to make Christmas special for several families.

Thank you!

If you would like to make a contribution for this year's families please mark your donation Christmas Families. Donations will be taken until the first week in December. If you would like to shop for a family please contact Laura R.



**Hanging
of the
Greens**

November 25th 9:00 a.m.

Please come Help



***Wreath Sales
Deadline for
Ordering
November 13***

Hi Everyone,

Attached is a letter from 'Our Family in Africa'. They have settled into life in their new land as well as can be expected. There continues to be highs, lows and unexpected occurrences that daily remind them why they are there.

The Trust Fund will be again supporting their work through a \$1000 donation. If you are interested in financially supporting their work you can donate directly through the link below or through our regular offering, noting that your gift is for 'Our Family in Africa'. All donations will be greatly appreciated. We will collect donations through the end of December.

For more regular updates, see Tammy in the office or reach out to Deen.

Address for Direct Donation [https://
partnergiving.net/donate/157380](https://partnergiving.net/donate/157380)

Hello Hackensack Family,

It's been over a year since we came to visit you. First off, thank you! Your prayers for our family have definitely been heard, and we have experienced an immense amount of favor in the local community. Our medical work has been a big adjustment, but it gives us daily opportunities to show mercy and hope. We have many local friends who provide us companionship. We even have locals who desire to read our Book with us, which is remarkable considering many have never met a Christian.

The kids are settling in well. One big, answered prayer has been their schooling. Right after we arrived, a new school was opened which had small class sizes and two English-speaking teachers. The boys attend half-time with supplemental education at home. School gives them the opportunity to learn the local language and have friends, which they enjoy.

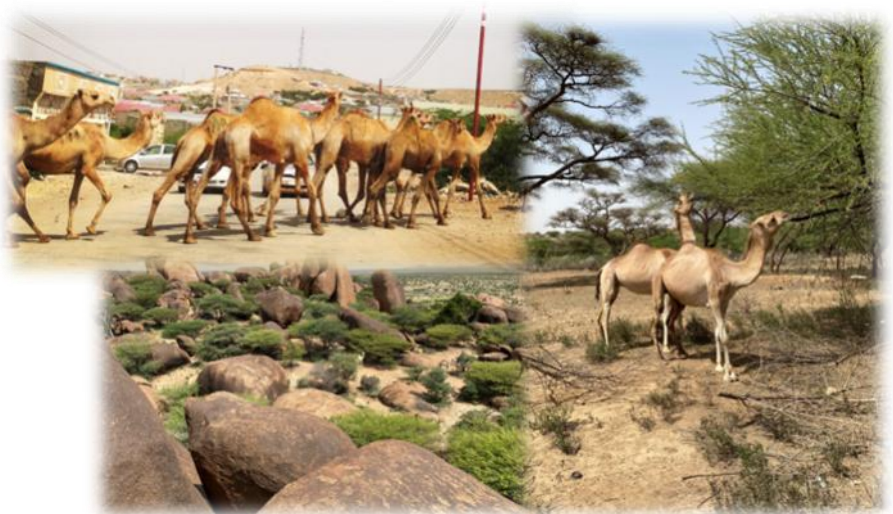
Another answered prayer has been our health and safety. Praise God, other than the ubiquitous GI bugs, we have all been surprisingly healthy and had no major security incidents. Continue to lift this area up in your prayers.

We continue putting in many hours learning the local language. This dominates much of our free time. We have seen improvements, but it feels like there is still an awfully long way to go. Pray for our stamina in this process, as well as for good language teachers.

One thing we have been learning is that love is displayed in sacrifice (John 15:13). The locals continue to be confused why we, seemingly affluent and educated individuals from the USA, would move their whole lives to this tiny town. Even small things, like the unity and sacrifice we display for each other in our marriage, or in our relationships with our children, are completely counter cultural. The local religion's God has "99 names"... do you know which is missing? Love. Continue to pray for the locals to desire to know real, loving, Truth.

Bless you All!

Your Family in Africa



Upcoming Church Council Elections – 2025 Annual Meeting (Feb 15, 2026)

At this year's Annual Meeting, we will be electing several key leadership positions: President, Vice-President, and two Council Members at Large.

President (2-year term)

- Presides over congregation and council meetings
- Ensure resolutions and duties are carried out
- Signs official documents and provides leadership to all committees and the Pastor
- Conducts meetings according to Christian principles and parliamentary procedure

Vice-President (2-year term)

- Acts in place of the President when needed
- Becomes President if the position becomes vacant

Council Members at Large (3-year term)

- Provide general oversight of the congregation's life, worship, mission, finances, property, and staff
- Help guide long-term planning and annual budgeting
- Meet monthly (or as needed), including via remote options
- Limited to two consecutive terms

If you're interested in serving or nominating someone, please speak with a member of the St Paul's Council