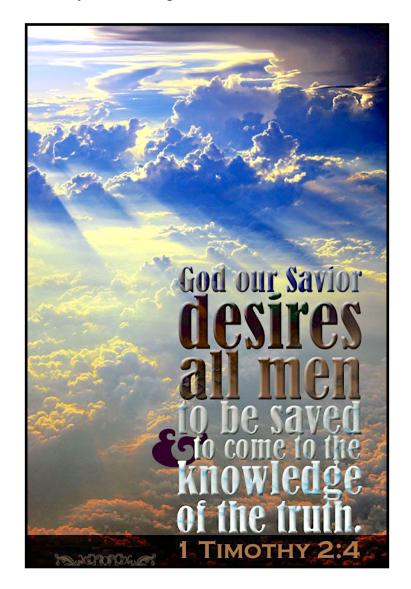
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18th Sunday after Pentecost – October 12, 2025

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests! The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 2" as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. This service is based on pages 5-14 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes, or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.

Serving Us Today

Organist: Suzannah Miller Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Don Claeys

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 29 (pew bible, page 494)
- → Today's Hymns: 506, 685, 850, 692
- ◆ Responsive Reading: Psalm 38
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 1:1-13

Sermon



Text – Amos 8:4-7, 11-12

Theme – "Carry Your Christian Faith with You"

- 1. In your attitude toward the needy.
 - 2. In your worship of your Lord.
- 3. As you fulfill your calling in the marketplace.
- 4. As you look ahead to facing your holy Lord.

The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.

Today's Scriptures

Responsive Reading from Psalm 38

(read responsively after the Confession of Sins and Words of Absolution)

- P O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath:
- C Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!
- P For Your arrows pierce me deeply:
- C And Your hand presses me down.
- P For my iniquities have gone over my head:
- C Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
- P Lord, all my desire is before You:
- C And my sighing is not hidden from You.
- P For in You, O LORD, I hope:
- C You will hear, O Lord my God.
- P Make haste to help me:
- C O Lord, my salvation!

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♦ First Lesson − 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Pray for All People

1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,-for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 7 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a

teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; 9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

Second Lesson – Luke 1:1-13

The Parable of the Unjust Steward

1 He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. 2 So he called him and said to him, "What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' 3 "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' 5 "So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 And he said, "A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7 Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?' So he said, "A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8 So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. 9 "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. 10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? 13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Sermon Text – Amos 8:4-7, 11-12

The Coming Day of Bitter Mourning

4 Hear this, you who swallow up the needy, and make the poor of the land fail, 5 saying: "When will the New Moon be past, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may trade wheat? Making the ephah small and the shekel large, falsifying the scales by deceit, 6 that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals— even sell the bad wheat?" The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their works. | 10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, and baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning for an only son, and its end like a bitter day. 11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "that I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but shall not find it.

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/12)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting
	11:45 am	Choir Practice
Sun (10/19)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting

Choir Rehearsal Schedule: Today, 11:45 am (after the ladies meeting)

Sunday, October 19, 8:30 am Sunday, October 26, 8:30 am Sunday, November 2, 9:30 am

In Our Prayers: Jerry Wamboldt who was hospitalized last week at Lutheran Hospital in Golden. He is being treated for kidney and heart ailments.

Front Range Reformation Festival

- When: Sunday, November 2
- Where: St. Paul is hosting this year's Celebration!
- Schedule of Events: Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 am; Bible Class & Sunday School, 10:00 am; Worship Service with Holy Communion, 11:00 am; Fellowship Meal, 12:15 pm



Synod News & Notes

The first Des Moines, Iowa, area CLC worship service will be conducted on Sunday, November 9, at 10:30 am in the meeting room of the Hampton Inn in Ankeny. The service will be held under the auspices of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, Paul Krause, pastor. Your prayers are much appreciated for God's blessings on the growth of His Word in the Des Moines area.

Zion Lutheran Church (formerly of Ipswich, SD) will dedicate their new church building (1223 4th Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD) on Sunday, October 26, at 5:00 pm.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions October 13-18

Mon Matthew 13:44-46 Jesus encourages disciples who have given up much to follow Him. They have a treasure that is far greater than anything they have given up. The kingdom of heaven is theirs in Him!

Tues Acts 17:15-18 Paul leaves persecution behind when he is brought to Athens, home of some famous philosophers. But neither persecution nor the worldly wise can stop him from preaching about Jesus!

Wed Acts 17:19-31 When brought before the leading philosophers, Paul tells of the God who made the world, gives all people life, and who will judge the world by the One who was raised from the dead!

Thurs Acts 17:32-34 The resurrection from the dead proved to be a dividing point among the Athenians gathered, but some became followers of Paul and believed the message of the kingdom of Christ.

Fri 2 Chronicles 13:3-18 The army of the rebels under Jeroboam is twice as large as the army led by Abijah. But God plus one of His own is a majority and the rebels' superior numbers and strategy are defeated!

Sat Leviticus 19:9-18 The gift of God's kingdom brings forgiveness from the selfish acts that humans do to one another. The fruit of the Spirit is love, which reveals itself in helping rather than exploiting our neighbor.