



# The Voice

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

September 2025



## The Unfailing Love of God

The love of God is a steadfast anchor—unshakable and eternal—as revealed in Psalm 136 and Rom. 8:37–39. Together, these passages weave together a profound truth: God's love endures forever, and in Christ, nothing can separate us from it.

Psalm 136 is a resounding hymn of gratitude, repeating the refrain, "his steadfast love endures forever," 26 times. Each verse recounts God's mighty acts—creating the heavens, delivering Israel from Egypt, and providing for His people—paired with this unchanging declaration. This repetition is more than a poetic structure; it's a bold reminder that God's love is the heartbeat of history. From the vastness of creation to the intimate care for His people, His love never falters. It is a love that sustains through trials, triumphs, and time itself—always present, always faithful.

In Rom. 8:37–39, Paul amplifies this truth: "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us," (v. 37, ESV). No force—neither death, life, angels, demons, nor any power—can sever us from God's love in Christ Jesus. Our assurance rests not in our own strength but in Christ's victory. The trials of life, whether hardship, persecution, or fear, are no match for the love that holds us fast. In Christ, we are not merely survivors but conquerors, wrapped in a love that transcends every threat.

Together, these scriptures reveal a God whose love is both eternal and personal. Psalm 136 shows His love sustaining the world through every age, while Romans 8 assures us that this same love embraces us individually in Christ. No sin, no suffering, no force in creation can break this bond. It is a love that pursues, redeems, and secures us forever.

As we reflect on these truths, we stand in awe of a God whose love is relentless. In Christ, we are anchored in this love, confident that nothing can tear us away. Let us rest in this promise, giving thanks for His steadfast love that endures forever.

*Prayer – Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

In Christ's service,  
Rev. Brian K. Thieme  
Former Second Vice President  
Missouri District

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39



## Serving This Month

### September 7<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Gary Stolle  
Lay Reader: Sherrelynn Martin  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

### September 14<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Wayne Persich  
Lay Reader: Fred Reifsteck  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

### September 21<sup>st</sup>

Pastor Wayne Persich  
Layer Reader: Ruby Shinn  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

### September 28<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Gary Stolle  
Lay Reader: Kirsten Englund  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

**Altar Guild for September 2025**  
**Hillary Brown & Barbara Gumm**

**September Birthdays:** 15-Jo Walls; 17-Tom Fitzgerald; 20-Lonnie Causey; 26-Joshua Hart; 26-Brock Oetting; 28-April Causey.

**September Wedding Anniversaries:** 8-[Don] & Joyce Sherer; 21-Cory & Hillary Brown; 26-Kyle & Lisa Fonseca

If anyone has been missed let the office know.

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

### **Property Taxes & Other Issues from a Missouri State Viewpoint**

Missouri State Senator Joe Nicola, District 11, will discuss the latest information pertaining to State of Missouri issues, **on** will talk to us on **Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 12:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall**, about what happens next, since only one of the 3 bond issues passed on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The Congregation is invited. Eric Bahl, President Chapter 1164, Independence NARFE



The **Lutheran Urban Mission Agency Auxiliary** will meet on Wednesday, September 17 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 310 Johnston Parkway, Raymore, MO. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the opening service at 9:30 a.m. The program speaker will be Isabelle Miller from Kanbes Market in Kansas City, MO. The Mission of the Month collection is family-sized hygiene products and cleaning supplies. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP by September 14 to Shari Keilig, 816-550-7987. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend and all donations for the Mission of the Month collection are appreciated. Thank you!

**Circuit Forum** to elect delegates to the 2026 Synod convention will take place Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 2pm at St. Paul's. If there is someone in your church who wants to represent our circuit at the Synodical Convention, July 18-23, 2026, in Phoenix, Arizona, please let Pastor Stolle know before the Circuit Forum on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>.

1 1 Chronicles 29:10-13  
Job 31-33

2 Psalm 86  
Job 34-36

3 Psalm 87  
Job 37-39

4 Psalm 88  
Job 40-42

5 Psalm 89  
Proverbs 1-3

6 Psalm 90  
Proverbs 4-7

7 Psalm 91  
Proverbs 8-10

8 Psalm 92  
Proverbs 11-13

9 Psalm 93  
Proverbs 14-16

10 Psalm 94  
Proverbs 17-19

11 Psalm 95  
Proverbs 20-22

12 Psalm 96  
Proverbs 23-25

13 Psalm 97  
Proverbs 26-28

14 Psalm 98  
Proverbs 29-31

15 Psalm 99  
Ecclesiastes 1-3

16 Psalm 100  
Ecclesiastes 4-6



17 Psalm 101  
Ecclesiastes 7-9

18 Psalm 102  
Ecclesiastes 10-12

19 Psalm 103  
Song of Solomon 1-4

20 Psalm 104  
Song of Solomon 5-8

21 Psalm 105  
Jeremiah 1-3

22 Psalm 106  
Jeremiah 4-6

23 Psalm 107  
Jeremiah 7-9

24 Psalm 108  
Jeremiah 10-12

25 Psalm 109  
Jeremiah 13-15

26 Psalm 110  
Jeremiah 16-18

27 Psalm 111  
Jeremiah 19-22

28 Psalm 112  
Jeremiah 23-25

29 Psalm 113  
Jeremiah 26-28

30 Psalm 114  
Jeremiah 29-31

# SEPTEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Labor Day Office Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bible Study 10am at Ascension	<b>6</b> Board of Directors 11:30 am
<b>7</b> Worship Service Circuit Forum 2pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Church Council 7pm	<b>12</b> Bible Study 10am at Ascension	<b>13</b> LWML 9am
<b>14</b> Worship Service w/communion	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bible Study 10am at Ascension	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> NARFE 12:30pm	<b>26</b> Bible Study 10am at Ascension	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Worship Service w/communion	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b><u>Worship Service:</u></b> Sunday 9AM <b><u>Adult Bible Class:</u></b> Sunday 10:15 AM			



And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Isaiah 12:4

