



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

Come to me,
all who labor
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28



Memory Verse Aid

CTM,
AWL
AAHL,
AIWGYR.
M1128

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “When Morning Gilds the Sky”

Anna L. Page

Please stand.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Confession of Sin

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Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Reflection and self-examination

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor's house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor's.**

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God, and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all. **Amen**

Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

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Greeting

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

Congregation:

Glory be to God on high!

And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy



on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

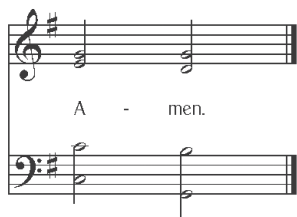
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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

O God, you never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace—through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.



A - men.

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your

prisoners free from the waterless pit.¹² Return to your stronghold,
O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you
double.

The word of the Lord

Psalter: Psalm 145:1–15

(ESV numbered 1–14)

¹I will exalt you, O | God my King,
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

²**Every day | will I bless you
and praise your Name forev- | er and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised;
there is no end | to his greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works | to another
and shall de- | clare your power.**

⁵I will ponder the glorious splendor | of your majesty
and all your mar- | velous works.

⁶**They shall speak of the might of your | wondrous acts,
and I will tell | of your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;
they shall sing of your | righteous deeds.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and | of great kindness.**

⁹The LORD is loving to | everyone
and his compassion is over | all his works.

¹⁰**All your works praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | servants bless you.**

¹¹They make known the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power;

¹²**That the peoples may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.**

¹³Your kingdom is an ever- | lasting kingdom;
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.

¹⁴**The LORD is faithful in | all his words
and merciful in | all his deeds.**

¹⁵The LORD upholds all | those who fall;
he lifts up those who | are bowed down.

Second Lesson: Romans 7:14–25a

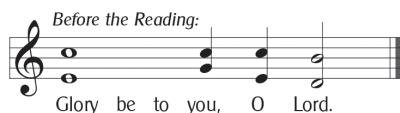
¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*



The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

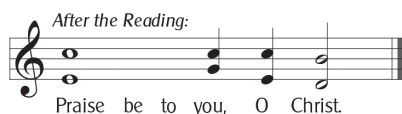


Gospel: Matthew 11:25–30

²⁵Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone

to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of our Lord



Confession of Faith

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Let us profess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Take up Christ's Yoke"

Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy—through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Offering

Anthem: "10,000 Reasons" (Bless the Lord)"

Hila Canup

Exhortation

Preface

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it.

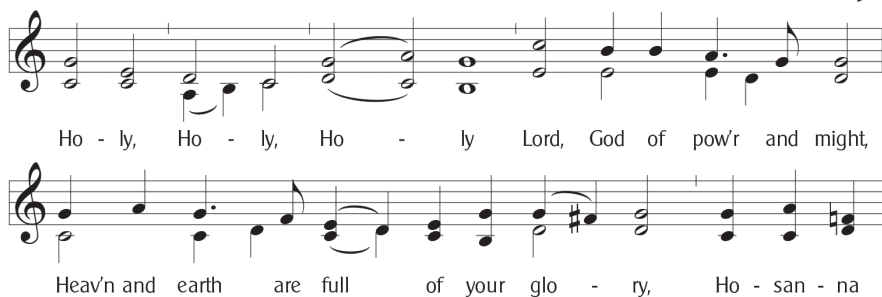


It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Sanctus

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in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

I hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

6and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the altar rail. A pastor will bring communion to the pews for those who are unable to come to the rail. Please raise your hand so he doesn't miss you.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant depart | in | peace,
ac- | cording | to | your | word.
For my eyes have seen | your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face | of | all | people:
A light to lighten | the | Gentiles
and the | glory | of your | people | Israel.
Glory be | to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and | to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it was in | the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world with- | out | end. A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:



Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “God of Our Fathers”

arr. Mark Thewes

*We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



A - men.

Mr. Stanley “Joe” Lynch, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2026.

Joe was the father of Sherry Barringer.

Please keep Mr. Lynch’s family in your prayers.



Mr. George Lee Phelps Jr., “Bud” passed away Monday, June 29, 2026.

Bud was the father of Rex Phelps.

Please keep Mr. Phelps’ family in your prayers.

Today’s altar flowers are given with grateful hearts
as we prepare to begin a new chapter.

While we are moving, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
will always be our church home.

Thank you for your love, prayers, friendship,
and support throughout the years.

We have been truly blessed to be part of
this wonderful church family, and we look forward
to returning for visits whenever we can.

With love and gratitude,
Seth, Tiffany & Peyton Holland

Sybil Athey’s 90th Birthday

Please join us to celebrate

*on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 2pm
in the church fellowship hall.*

— No Gifts Please —

Drop by for some cake and visit for a while.

Any questions—call Cindy Hinson, 704-640-4386.

New Member Classes

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, please contact the church office to let us know. We plan to have new member classes on Sunday, July 12, 19, and 26, following worship service. Each class will be 30 minutes or less. Please plan to attend all three classes.

Video Techs Needed

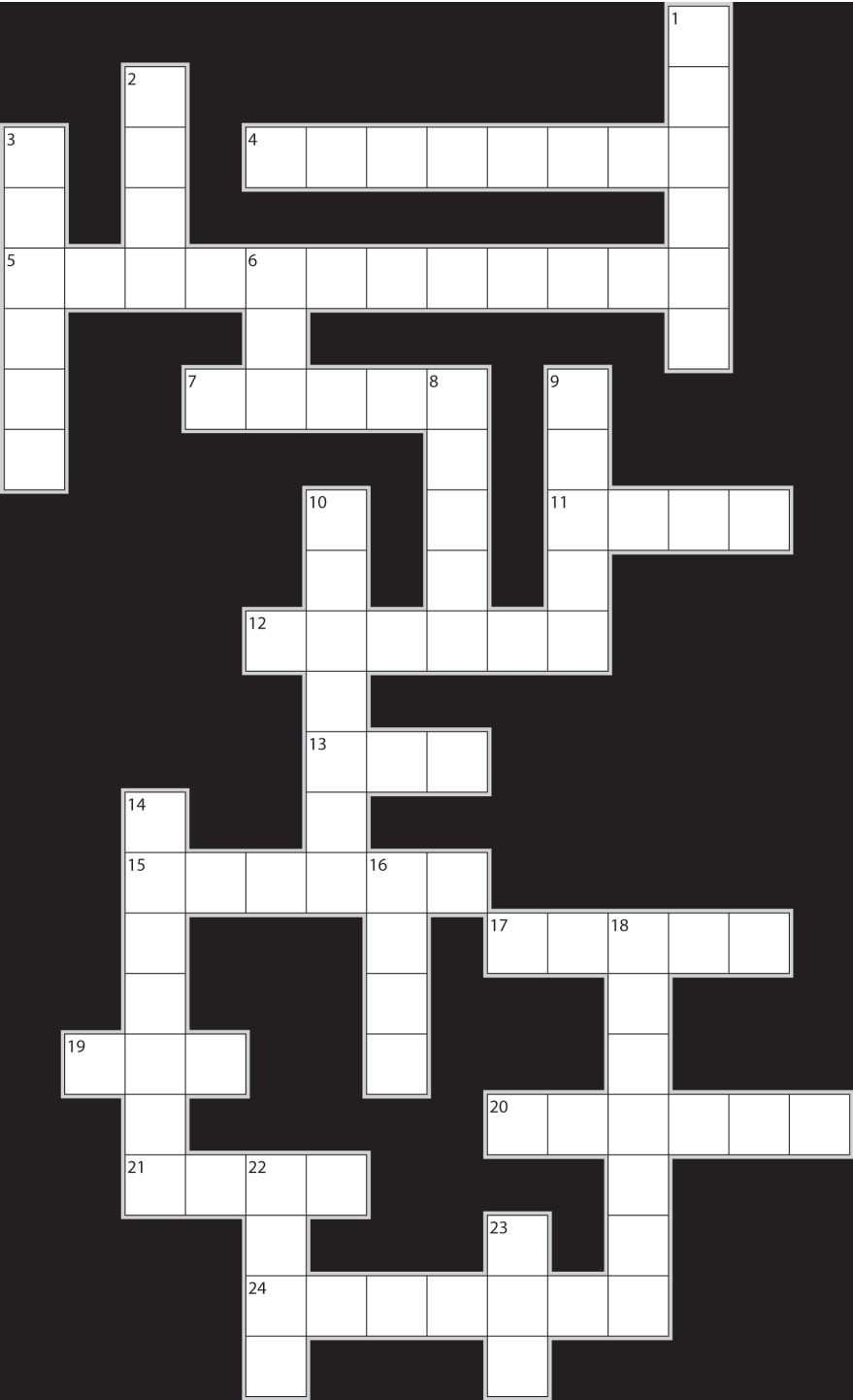
We are looking for two tech savvy people to operate the video live stream on a rotating basis, approximately one Sunday per month. If you would like to learn the process to deliver our services to members who can't attend in person, and others around the world, please contact the church office, or Matt Holland. Training will be provided. We will miss Seth and Peyton, and we are very thankful for their service to St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Men Train Trip July 27th

St. Paul's Men heard a program last year detailing discovery of "The Hitching Post Southerner" miniature train that ran in the early 1950's at the Hitching Post Drive-in Theater, located where Faithful Friends animal shelter is today. The drive-in's owner purchased the train for what would be in today's dollars \$173,000, do draw families to the drive-in movies. The train made its debut on Sunday, August 27th, 1950, but after only a few years was stored away in a shed, not to be seen again for over 40 years.

Learning of the train in the 1990's, William & Judy Deal eventually succeeded in purchasing the train and embarked on what would become a 20-year restoration. They currently have it running at their home in Lexington and have invited our men to come see and ride the results of their incredible dedication and labor of love.

Those going should **meet at the church at 6:00pm on Monday July 27th**. We'll have dinner at Speedy's Barbecue in Lexington at 6:30pm, then travel to the Deal's home for what promises to be a unique experience. Men of all ages are invited and encouraged to join us.



Fifth Sunday of Pentecost, Year A

Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:1-14; Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30.

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle .

Solve online: <https://tinyurl.com/pentecost6A-crossword>

ACROSS

4. The Father has hidden things from the wise but revealed them to whom?
5. The Lord's greatness is...
7. Freedom was delivered at this price.
11. Paul said that this did not dwell in him.
12. The one who knows the Son
13. Paul said that he was sold under this.
15. Jesus said it is light.
17. Jesus is gentle and lowly in what?
19. God would release the prisoners from this waterless place.
20. All of them bless the Lord.
21. Jesus said it is easy.
24. The king will speak peace to them.

DOWN

1. The king is humble and mounted on this animal.
2. One generation will declare God's mighty _____ to the next generation?
3. God would restore to the prisoners this quantity.
6. The Lord is good to them.
8. Who will deliver me from this body of...?
9. The Lord is slow to this emotion.
10. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be...
14. When it came to doing right, Paul had the desire but not the what?
16. It lies close at hand.
18. Paul said he did not understand his own what?
22. He is coming to you.
23. The one who knows the Father

Recent Prayer Needs

Please notify the church office when a prayer request should be removed from this list or updated.

- Shiela Barringer – cancer
- Perry Bernhardt – upcoming surgery
- Larry Clark – upcoming surgery
- W. A. Cline – health concerns (*Wayne Cline's brother*)
- Jean Deal – recovering at home
- Dan Dolan – recovering from surgery
- James Earnhardt – health concerns (*nephew of Ruth Julian*)
- Sonya Eller – health concerns
- Frank Giambastiani – health concerns (*Lisa Lord's father*)
- Windy Heilig – recovering from injury
- Autumn Hill – recovering from injury
- Doris Hilliard – health concerns
- Jerry Hilliard – health concerns
- Tiffany Holland – recovering from surgery
- Judi Honbarger – recovering from surgery
- Randy Johnson – recovering from surgery
- Sally Kruchkow – health concerns (*Tiffany Holland's grandmother*)
- Alesia Lewis – recovering from surgery
- Alan Lyerly – recovering at home
- Dennis Martinez – cancer (*friend of Lisa Lord*)
- Kay Moody – upcoming surgery
- Craig Parks – health concerns
- Kensley Phipps – upcoming surgery (*granddaughter of Gail & George Reese*)
- Will Poplin – health concerns (*Ann Poplin's son*)
- Mita Powlas – recovering from surgery
- Melinda Redding – recovering at home
- Carol Reese – health concerns (*George Reese's brother*)
- Mary Stewart – cancer (*former member*)
- Robin Wastler – recovering from surgery (*daughter of George & Gail Reese*)
- Scott Watson – health concerns (*son of Larry & Leilani Watson*)
- Kenny Willis – health concerns (*brother of Gina Wilhelm*)

For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 5

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, pulpit side transept after worship
- Autumn Care worship, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Vespers at the parsonage, 6pm

Monday–Friday

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am in the counting room
Look for “Daily Lectionary” under “Resources” on our website.

Monday, July 6

- Facility Accessibility Committee, 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 7

- Bible Study 10am and 6pm

Wednesday, July 8

- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, July 9

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Saturday, July 11

- Birthday celebration for Sybil Athey, 2pm in the fellowship hall

Sunday, July 12

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am
- New member class #1, Noon in the chapel
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 3pm
- Lutheran Women's quarterly meeting, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage, 6pm



Previous Sunday's Stats

General Fund offering 6/28.....	\$8,119
Other offering 6/28.....	\$2,020
Worship attendance 6/28	201
Sunday School attendance reported 6/28.....	52

Children's Change Collection

Last week's total: 183.00—The total collected for Marion Medical Mission last quarter was \$2,229.00.

Children's change collections this quarter will support St. Paul Lutheran Seminary.

In the last two+ years, the children have collected \$27,733.62 for missions.

Total during the first quarter of 2026 to benefit the Small Catechism Project: \$2,213.00

The total collected for Lutheran Military Veterans and Families during the fourth quarter of 2025 was \$2,396.

The total collected for Friends of Madagascar Mission during the third quarter of 2025 was \$2,248.50.

The total collected for The Table Ministry during the second quarter of 2025 was \$2,022.

The total collected for Lutherans for Life during the first quarter of 2025 was \$1,951.00.

More information about St. Paul's Missions may be found at StPaulsLutheran.Church/Missionaries

Reminders: Information for **weekly bulletins** should be turned in to the church office by Wednesday morning before Noon. Information for **monthly newsletters** needs to be submitted during the 3rd week of each month or earlier. You may email, call, or bring information. Also, please be sure your name and your family member's names are written in the **friendship register each Sunday**.



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Next week's lessons: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-14; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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