

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 578, 586, 641, *I Am Forever Who I Am* (screens only), 577, 923

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:10–13, Epistle Reading: Romans 8:12–17

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Welcome to St. Paul, a people walking together in the life of Jesus. We're glad you're here! Today, Jesus meets us in Word and Sacrament. His gifts are for you and for your children! If you are caring for little ones, don't worry about noises and squirming; we rejoice in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

This morning we joyfully receive Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a great blessing: His true body and blood in, with, and under ordinary bread and wine. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who has been instructed and has confessed this reality, we invite you to participate in the Holy Supper. Other guests interested in joining our confession and life are asked to meet with Pastor Newton in the weeks before communing for the first time. We encourage you still to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Altar Flowers — Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sherri and Rod Silvey in honor of their wedding anniversary on July 11.

Baptism — This morning we celebrate the baptism of Ruthie Lynn Loeschen at the 10:45am service. Ruthie was born on May 16 to Jess and Trevor Loeschen. Her sponsors are Emily and Tate Storbeck. ***Children are invited to join in the baptismal procession.*** Gather in the narthex before the service starts. Children will process in with the family, sit in the first pew during the baptism and then return to their seats following the baptism.



Baby Shower in a Basket — Jenna and Justin Hopp have welcomed Josie Jane! Let's shower them with gifts and cards! Items can be placed in the basket located in the Narthex. After today the gifts will be delivered to the family.
— *Children and Family Ministry Board*

Golf Outing Registration — Registration is now open for the annual Christ Lutheran-St. Paul Golf Outing at Woodland Hills Golf Course on **Saturday, August 1**. It's a four-person best shot with lunch and prizes! Forms are available in the Narthex. Place payment and registration form in the black box. Contact Greg Stokke if you have questions. **Last day to register is July 19.**

Usher — We are looking for an usher at the 8am services to replace a member who can no longer serve. If you are able to step into this vacancy, please contact Kathy.

**St Paul
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communicate on **BAND!**
Band is THE app for groups and communities!

Moms, dads, tweens, and teens, you are going to love the Band App! It's the perfect way to stay in the loop with all the awesome youth group activities, Swimmy Summer Sundays, and tons of other fun events. Don't miss out on any of the excitement. Sign up now and stay connected with the St. Paul youth community! Scan the QR code below and follow the prompts.



JUNIOR YOUTH



SENIOR YOUTH

Celebrate America!
a musical trip across the country
with the
High Society Big Band
Saturday, July 18

come to dance or just listen!

free dance lessons @5:30

free admission

6-9 pm
St Paul Lutheran Church
1100 SE Sharon Dr, Ankeny
Free will offering to support St Paul youth

Donate SCHOOL SUPPLIES

NOW TAKING DONATIONS

- Lysol Cleaning Wipes
- Expo Markers (black skinny)
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Crayola Markers
- Pencils (#2)
- Post-it Notes
- Cardstock Paper

Place donations in the basket by the LWML table.



School supplies benefit Capitol View Elementary School in Des Moines. Last day to drop off is August 12.

Serving at St. Paul

July Altar Committee

Sandy & Steve Townsend, Betty Berlau

Altar Flowers

July 12 — Sherri & Rod Silvey

July 19 — Eileen Anderson

Elder

July 12 — Jon Jero

July 19 — Steve Bradley

Offering Counters July 12 & 19

Betty Berlau, Jon Gerths

Ushers July 12

8:00am — Gary Hauge, Mike Hayden

10:45am — Jordan Buls, Steve Bradley

Ushers July 19

8:00am — Gary Hauge, Dan Hubbard

10:45am — Tim Krehbiel, Steve Bradley

Attendance Sunday, July 5

8:00am — 133 10:45am — 120

This Week at St. Paul

Today

8:00am Worship Service

Fellowship Hour

10:45am Worship Service

1:00pm-4:00pm Youth Swimmy

Summer Sunday

Monday

9:00am Staff Meeting

Tuesday

6:30pm Elders Meeting

Wednesday

5:00-7:00pm Youth Open Gym

7:00pm Summer Liturgy

Thursday

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

and Fellowship

Friday

Church offices closed

Saturday

6:00pm-9:00pm High Society Big

Band Youth Fundraiser

Summer Office Hours — Summer office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm. However, it's always a good idea to call ahead if you need to stop by church.

Thank You — As I get ready to return to Iowa, I want to say thank you to the church and to the congregation for keeping me in their prayers and thinking of me time to time. I especially want to say THANK YOU to the Lutheran Women Missionary League. For always sending me inspirational cards every month. There were times when those cards just came at the perfect time when I was low and needed some motivation. They always had perfect bible verse/or quote inside them! — *Chris Madsen, US Navy*

Chris was stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Station for the past three years.

Thank You — I wish to thank our dear congregation for remembering my family in your prayers. I have no family here in America except for my beloved children and grandchildren. My brother-in-law, John Hopkins, has a broken vertebra. He can't walk or stand. Also please pray for my great -niece, Amelia, who is five years old. She will have more surgeries to straighten her leg. Thank you so much. God bless each of you. — *Viviane Kottlowski*

Meal Train — If you'd like to provide a meal to the Loeschen family or Woelmer family please check out our FB page for the links to sign up. Both families have recently welcomed new babies!

St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father
Nicole, Aaron and Sarah, grandchildren of Ken and Betty McConnell
Joel Ausan, health issues
Kathy and Cindy, Char Shaw's sisters, lung cancer
Bill, brother-in-law of Char Shaw, cancer
Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson
Gabrielle, Tori Hilchen's friend, breast cancer surgery
Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula W. and Jeremy S.
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Ken Wehmas, in hospice care
Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs
Betty McConnell, completed radiation treatments
Donny Houseman, mental health issues
Conrad Miller, leg amputation, Tony's brother
Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedures
Jeff, Trevor Loeschen's father, recovery from stroke
David Stephens, Traci Haselhuhn's brother, in hospice care
Jarrett Adams, brain tumor, relative of the Hilchens
Layne, friend of Haase family, spinal injury
Renee, friend of Newtons, diagnosed with cancer
John Hopkins, Viviane Kottowski's brother-in-law
Avery, friend of Emma Thompson, recovering from knee surgery
Cordell Wabeke, former member, cancer diagnosis
Cecilianna, Newton's niece, heart surgery
Mark Mueller, recovering from infection
Madonna Hauge, recovering from neck surgery
Greta, niece of the Grevs, cochlear implant surgery and recovery
Jeff Heflebower, Chad's father, skin cancer diagnosis

For those in active military
Chris Madsen, Tim Fairchild

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry
Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For our shut-in members
Cookie (Arlene) Brown, Phil Eshelman,
Marvela (Vel) Hans, Denny Lensch, Pat
Livingston, Terry Moehnke, Mark Mueller,
Doris Olson, Kathryn Witt