

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 834, 700, 575, *I Am Forever Who I Am* (screens only), 633, 525

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8, Epistle Reading: Romans 8:18-27

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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 Eileen Anderson in memory of Ray.

VBS Photos — The VBS photo display in the FLC hallway has officially been retired. Please feel free to take any photos that feature you or your kiddos! They are located in the Narthex on the cabinet, next to the Portals of Prayer.

Hymnals on Sale — Hymnals are on sale at Concordia Publishing House! They're a helpful tool for household and individual devotions, containing the hymns, psalms, church services, devotional prayer services for the home, prayers, Luther's Small Catechism, and even a schedule of daily readings. Consider purchasing a couple for use in your home! St. Paul Board of Evangelism is putting in a bulk order for hymnals with a set of ribbon bookmarks at \$25 each. The Board of Evangelism will cover tax and shipping costs. Place an order by July 26 using the QR code or get in touch with Kathy.



Golf Outing Registration — Registration is still 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. **Today is the last day to register.**

Usher Needed — We are in need of an usher for the 8:00am services to replace a member who can no longer serve. If you are able to step into this vacancy, please contact Kathy.

July 26 Fellowship — The family of Mary Ellen Twedt will be serving cake during fellowship time on **Sunday, July 26** to honor Mary Ellen's 90th birthday on July 29. Please plan to attend, enjoy cake and wish her a happy birthday!



- 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.

Ordination Anniversary August 2 — We thank God for Pastor Kottlowski! **Sunday, August 2** we'll celebrate the 30th anniversary of Christ's ordaining him into the Holy Ministry! Divine Service will be at **3:00pm** (after the normal Sunday schedule), with dinner following. Pastor was ordained on August 4, 1996, and we rejoice that Jesus has blessed His people through him for three decades!

This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service Fellowship Hour 10:45am Worship Service 2:30pm Sunny View Service
<u>Tuesday</u>	2:00pm Rock Creek Service 6:30pm Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	5:00-7:00pm Youth Open Gym 7:00pm Summer Liturgy
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm Men's Bible Study and Fellowship
<u>Friday</u>	Church offices closed

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



Thank You St. Paul!

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and generous support of our Higher Things Conference trip to St. Louis. Because of your partnership, 15 youth and adults joined more than 800 fellow Christians from across the United States and one Canadian province for a week centered on Christ and His gifts.

Throughout the week, our youth gathered for daily worship, heard faithful preaching of Christ crucified and risen, participated in breakout sessions, enjoyed fellowship, and grew together in faith. One student shared, *“I learned a lot through the worship services, breakout sessions, and even the little things like meals and time in our dorms. I’m very grateful for this experience and glad I had Higher Things as an opportunity to grow my faith.”* Another reflected, *“I am realizing how much of a blessing it was to learn more about my faith and build relationships with the leaders and other students. I would not trade this group of people for anything.”*

Our leaders echoed that same gratitude. One wrote, *“Gathering with hundreds of fellow LCMSers from across the country was a powerful reminder that we are not alone in the faith. Through everything Higher Things offered from Arch and About to our final Divine Service—and in all the worship, learning, and fellowship in between—we were strengthened by God’s Word and His gifts. Thank you for investing in the faith and growth of our youth—and our leaders!”*

Thank you for making this week possible. Your support helped us gather where Jesus promises to be—in His Word and Sacraments—where He continues to give forgiveness, life, salvation, and the sure hope that is ours in Him. We are deeply grateful!



Attendees: Astrid P., Calla F., Quinn W., Hannah H., Lars P., Cael F., Colby F., McKenna B., Jaydee H., and Emma T. Adult leaders: Jeff Fahrmann, Zack Nelson, Laura Nelson, Sarah Newton, and Pastor Newton.



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

Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula W. and Jeremy S.

Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family

Ken Wehmas, in hospice care

Jim Harvey, health issues

Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs

Donny Houseman, mental health issues

Conrad Miller, leg amputation, Tony's brother

Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedures

Jeff, Trevor Loeschen's father, recovering from a 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 K.'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

Connie Hilchen, relative of Hilchens, heart issues

Serving at St. Paul

July Altar Committee

Sandy & Steve Townsend, Betty Berlau

Altar Flowers

July 19 — Eileen Anderson

July 26 — JoAnn & Terry Adamson (altar)
Mary Ellen Twedt (lectern)

Elder

July 19 — Peter von Qualen

July 26 — Dan Pottratz

Offering Counters July 19

Betty Berlau, Tim Davies

Ushers July 19

8:00am — Gary Hauge, Dan Hubbard

10:45am — Tim Krehbiel, Steve Bradley

Ushers July 26

8:00am — Dan Hubbard, Jon Gerths

10:45am — Jeff & Kristin Strothcamp

Attendance Sunday, July 12

8:00am — 160 10:45am — 131

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 Brown, Phil Eshelman, Vel Hans,

Denny Lensch, Pat Livingston, Terry

Moehnke, Mark Mueller, Doris Olson,

Kathryn Witt