

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 853, 750, 624, 682, 725, 570

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13, Epistle Reading: Romans 6:12-23, Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

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 Charlene and David Shaw in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

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 July 12 the gifts will be delivered to the family.
— *Children and Family Ministry Board*

Bank Update— St. Paul was notified this week that the amount of the fraudulent checks written on our account would be reimbursed (praise God!). The amount was \$4975. If you have any questions regarding this incident, please contact David Reddel, Duane Suhr or Kathy Olson.



VBS Thank You — Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS this year! VBS 2026 was a wonderful example of God’s work through our congregation. From planning and decorating to teaching, music, crafts, games, snacks, registration, and clean up, many members of our church family stepped forward to serve. Your willingness to use your God-given gifts demonstrated the strength of the mission field that exists right here within our own congregation.

The children who attended were engaged, enthusiastic, and eager to learn more about God’s love and promises. Relationships were strengthened, new connections were formed, and seeds of faith were planted and nurtured throughout the week. VBS serves as an important reminder that our mission field is not only in distant places but also within our church walls and community.

We give thanks to all who participated, volunteered, donated supplies, prayed for the program, and supported this ministry in any way. “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace.”—1 Peter 4:10 — *Board of Christian Education*



Wedding Invitation — Congregational members are invited to attend a Vespers service with the marriage ceremony of Tori Hilchen and Keagan Gilbert on **Saturday, June 27** at 2:30pm. — *Hilchen Family*

New Contact Information — Do you have a new phone number, email or address? Please update your information on the attendance card, or you can call and email the church office. Thank you!

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.

Save the Date! — **Saturday, July 18** from 6:00pm-9:00pm, St. Paul will host the High Society Big Band for an evening of music, dancing, and patriotic fun. Admission is free, dance lessons will be offered, and a freewill offering will support St. Paul youth ministry. More details coming soon, but for now, save the date and start thinking about who you want to invite!

SAVE THE DATE

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

A red circle containing silhouettes of a man and a woman dancing. The man is on the right, holding the woman's hand. The woman is on the left, in a dress. There are several stars of different colors (blue, red, white) scattered around the circle.

Building Healthy Families — “A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.” We at Lutheran Family Service affirm this quote from Billy Graham as we recognize the incredibly vital role fathers of all types play in the lives of children and families. On this special day when we celebrate fathers, notice and thank the men you know who are helping to lead families through these challenging days. God bless our fathers, today and always! — *Lutheran Family Service*

Worship Slide & Audio Volunteers Still Needed — We are still in need of additional people to join the tech team to help run worship slides and audio on Sunday mornings. It’s more than just pushing buttons—it’s helping our congregation engage with hymns, scripture and more! Be part of the team that helps make our services run smoothly. No experience needed, we will train you! Contact Jill Juhl or Kathy in the church office if you’d like to be a part of this ministry team.

Thank You — To my St. Paul family I would like to thank you for your cards, flowers, hugs, and prayers during this difficult time. I know God has a great plan and I am so thankful you are all part of it. Thanks again. — *Betty McConnell*

Serving at St. Paul

June Altar Committee

Vicki Sickels, Mary Suhr, Betty Berlau

Altar Flowers

June 21 — Charlene and David Shaw

June 28 — Hilchen-Gilbert Wedding

Elder

June 21 — Peter von Qualen

June 28 — Steve Bradley

Offering Counters

June 21 — Jennifer Dorfler, Marilyn Sharar

June 28 — Dewayne McGohan, Rod Silvey

Ushers June 21

8:00am — Les Stave, Jeff, Cael and Colby Fahrman

10:45am — Dewayne McGohan, Mike Koester, Craig

Ushers June 28 & July 5

8:00am — Ray Marvin, Randy Sunderman

10:45am — Mark Lauthen, Cal Uhlig

Attendance Sunday, June 14

8:00am — 144 10:45am — 135

This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service Fellowship Hour 10:45am Worship Service 2:30pm Sunny View Service
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	5:00-7:00pm Youth Open Gym 5:00-7:00pm HTC Study & Stuff 7:00pm Summer Liturgy
<u>Friday</u>	Church offices closed
<u>Saturday</u>	2:30pm Hilchen-Gilbert Wedding

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.

Offices Closed — The church offices will be closed Thursday, July 2 and Friday, July 3.

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
Jim Harvey, recovering from a stroke
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
Amwell Johnson, friend of Schraders, broken arm
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's brother-in-law, health issues
Ruthie, the Loeschen's daughter, in NICU after premature birth
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

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, Denny Lensch, Terry Moehnke, Doris Olson, Kathryn Witt, Pat Livingston, Mark Mueller, Phil Eshelman

