

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, June 28, 2026

St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 645, 682, 625, 648, 783, 848, 644

First Reading: Acts 15:1-21, Epistle Reading: Galatians 2:1-10, Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

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 the families of Tori Hilchen and Keagan Gilbert, in celebration of their marriage yesterday at St. Paul.

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 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.



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! Get ready to dance the night away.

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
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Free will offering to support St Paul youth

Flags — If you'd like to help install the flags for the Independence Day holiday they'll begin at 9:00am on **Friday, July 3**.

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.

Camping Weekend Save the Date – The Stewardship Board will sponsor a camping weekend, September 18-20, at Prairie Flower campsite. The cost is \$50 per camper, \$30 per tent (limit of 14 campsites each). The check in time is 2:00pm Friday; the check out time is Noon Sunday. There is a potluck Saturday at 5:00pm. Stewardship will provide burgers and hot dogs as the main course. The potluck is for everyone! Sign-up sheets should be up the first part of August.

Building Healthy Families — Many years ago, our Lutheran ancestors left behind the familiar and came seeking religious freedom in a new land. We celebrate that freedom this week! Join us in praying for our leaders, both in government and in our LCMS church. May God strengthen them to boldly speak and act in ways that secure our freedom not just to have faith and compassion, but to live out that faith in our daily lives. Your prayers for the staff and leadership of Lutheran Family Service as they proclaim, teach, and live out God's good plan for life are also appreciated. Happy 250th birthday, America!
— *Lutheran Family Service*

High Things Conference This Week — Please pray for the youth and adults attending the Higher Things Conference in St. Louis this week. They leave on Monday, June 29 and return on Friday, July 3. Centered on the theme “Dying Church, Rising Hope” and Romans 6:11 — “So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” — this conference will immerse our youth in worship, catechesis, fellowship, and the rich gifts Christ gives through His Word and Sacraments.

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

Higher Things conferences encourage young people to stand firm in Christ in the midst of a culture that often feels uncertain and isolating. Throughout the week, our teens will participate in daily worship, Bible study, and gather alongside other Lutheran youth from across the country who confess the same hope in Christ crucified and risen.

Serving at St. Paul

June Altar Committee

Vicki Sickels, Mary Suhr, Betty Berlau

Altar Flowers

June 28 — Hilchen-Gilbert Wedding

July 5 — Jane & David Thompson

Elder

June 28 — Steve Bradley

July 5 – Gary Hauge

Offering Counters June 28 & July 5

Dewayne McGohan, Rod Silvey

Ushers June 28 & July 5

8:00am — Ray Marvin, Randy Sunderman

10:45am — Mark Lauthen, Cal Uhlig

Ushers July 12

8:00am — Gary Hauge, Mike Hayden

10:45am — Tim Krehbiel, Steve Bradley

Attendance Sunday, June 21

8:00am — 119 10:45am — 147

This Week at St. Paul

Today 8:00am Worship Service

Fellowship Hour

10:45am Worship Service

2:00pm Mill Pond Service

Wednesday 5:00-7:00pm Youth Open Gym

7:00pm Summer Liturgy

Thursday Church offices closed

Friday Church offices closed

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