

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 646, 764, 619, 730, 513, 728

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26, Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19, Gospel: John 17:1-11

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 Beth, Emrie, Ayla, and Leah Hubbard in honor of their May birthdays.

Baptisms — This morning at the 8:00am service we celebrate the baptism of Emma B Schaeffer. Emma was born March 1, 2026, and is the daughter of Katie and Hans Schaeffer. Sponsors are Thomas Lashier and Jamie Lashier.

At the 10:45am service we joyfully witness the baptism of Finnley Lyle Bangert. Finnley was born May 19, 2025, and his parents are Angel and Nathan Bangert. Sponsors are Jenna Bennett and Matthew Meyers.

Congratulations High School Seniors — Beginning today there will be a table in the Family Life Center for our graduating high school seniors. You can place any gifts and cards into the labeled gift bags. Graduates are welcome to take home their gift bags after May 31. Seniors are Eddie Bell, Ryllyn Boeding, McKenna Byers, Mia Crawford, Cael Fahrman, Magnus Pottratz, Collin Reddel, Emily Stave, Harrison Tegatz, Sienna Townsend, and Alexandria Wendzel.

Worship Slide Volunteers Needed — We are looking for people to join the tech team to help run worship slides 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.

Cancer Support Group meets on **Monday, May 18** at 5:00pm at Perkins. Contact Mary Stratmann for more information at 515-720-3181.

Memorial Day Flags — Flags will be installed on **Saturday, May 23** at 9:00am. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join!

We thank God for Kathy Olson! — This year (June 1) marks her tenth anniversary of serving the Lord among His people St. Paul. We'll celebrate with a lunch for the whole congregation on May 31 at 12:30pm in the FLC. Join with us to rejoice in Jesus' work through Kathy!
—*The Board of Stewardship*

Summer Nanny Needed — A St. Paul family is looking for a summer nanny to watch their two-year-old daughter three mornings a week from 8:00am to 12:30pm. The ideal person would be female, 16 years old, have a vehicle and prior babysitting experience. Contact Laura Nelson if you are interested and she will put you in touch with the family.

Bank Account Changes — If you automatically deposit your offerings into the St. Paul bank account, please contact the church office for new deposit information. We recently had to make changes due to fraudulent activity.

Voters Meeting — Please plan to attend the voters meeting on Monday, June 1 at 6:30pm.



Swimmy SUMMER SUNDAYS

STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADE

1:00-4:00 PM | CASCADE FALLS AQUATIC CENTER

- MAY 31
- JUNE 14
- JULY 12
- AUG 9
- AUG 30

Join us for relaxed Sunday afternoons at the pool! Swim, hang out, and enjoy time together in a safe, supervised environment.

Parents are welcome to drop off students knowing that the Nelsons (along with lifeguards) will be present as a consistent adult presence.

A great opportunity for students to build friendships while parents get a little time to themselves.

SWIM. HANG OUT. MAKE MEMORIES.

YOUR BASE CAMP for anything you need while you enjoy your afternoon!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!



BIKES, TRIKES, & TYKES

Our last mom's group at St Paul for this school year will be **May 20th**

Then, we will begin our summer park meetups in June.

Bring along your child's favorite bike, scooter, etc., to ride outside on the pavement. feel free to pack a picnic lunch to enjoy afterward.

PLEASE PARK ALONG THE ORANGE CONES TO MARK OFF OUR SAFE PLACE FOR THE KIDS TO RIDE.

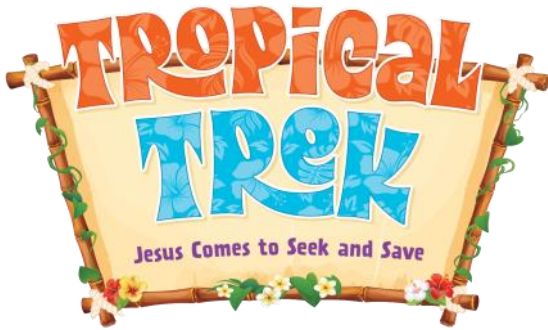
Mom's Group 10 AM

VBS Registration Closes May 22 — 2026 VBS is **June 7-11**. During the week kids will go on a Tropical Trek and along the way be guided by our Savior Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life!

Don't miss out on this Christ-centered, fun week. Scan the QR code or go to the church website and click on the 2026 VBS tab.



Volunteers still needed!
Sign-up sheets are in the Family Life Center.



Building Healthy Families — Would your mom or dad make it into a “Perfect Parent Hall of Fame”? Probably not—because let’s be honest, there’s no such thing as a perfect earthly parent. But imperfect, amazing Christian parents for whom we’re eternally thankful? Absolutely! Open your hymn book today and revisit Luther’s explanation of the fourth commandment. How are you doing with this one? Where does it challenge you—or gently nudge you to do something different? Prayerfully consider how you might better apply this instruction. In doing so, may you discover a deeper joy in following God’s path – honoring, loving, respecting, and appreciating the imperfect parents who are part of your story.
— *Lutheran Family Service*



Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study — Pastor Kottlowski leads, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God’s Assurance for Times of Change*. They meet on **Thursday, May 21** at 10:00am and then will be on summer break until September.

Thursday Night Men’s Fellowship and Bible Study — Men of all ages are invited to join in fellowship time and a Bible study Thursdays at 7:00pm. They are studying *The Augsburg Confession*.

Save the Date — The Stewardship Board is hosting a camping weekend September 18-20 at Prairie Flower campgrounds. There will be a potluck Saturday night. Stewardship will provide burgers and hot dogs. Save the weekend for camping and fellowship. More details coming soon!

Church offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Happening This Week at St. Paul

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| <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 5:30pm Cancer Support Group |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | 2:00pm Rock Creek Service 6:30pm Council Meeting |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | 10:00am Moms Group 5:00-7:00pm Youth Open Gym 7:00pm Summer Liturgy |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 9:30am Chapel 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship & Bible Study |

May Altar Committee

Dorothy Marvin, Jane Thompson

Altar Flowers

May 17 — Beth, Emrie, Ayla, & Leah Hubbard

May 24 — Ashley & Joel Ott

Elder

May 17 — Kaleb Grev

May 24 — Shawn Thomas

Offering Counters May 17 & 24

May 17 — Tim Krehbiel, David Reddel

Ushers May 17 & 24

8:00am — Tim Davies, Eric Forde

10:45am — Matt Hayden, Rod Silvey

Attendance Sunday, May 10

10:00am — 182 10:45am — 118

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

Zayden Cornick, car accident, friend of Behrens

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, radiation treatments

Donny Houseman, mental health issues

Conrad Miller, leg amputation, Tony's brother

Madonna Hauge, recovering from a fall

Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedures

Jeff, Trevor Loeschen's father, recovery from stroke

David Stephens, Traci Haselhuhn's brother, tumor
radiation and now a blood infection

Amwell Johnson, friend of Schraders, broken arm

Jarrett Adams, brain tumor, relative of the Hilchens

Layne, friend of Haase family, spinal injury

Willers, coworker of Becky H., healthy pregnancy

Savannah, friend of Stephanie H., in remission

For those deployed & active military

Chris Madsen, Drake Johnson, TJ Krehbiel, Joshua
Krehbiel, William Krehbiel, Jayden Krehbiel, Tim
Fairchild

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For our shut-in members

Cookie Brown, Denny Lensch, Terry Moehnke,
Doris Olson, Kathy Witt, Pat Livingston, Mark
Mueller, Phil Eshelman