

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 646, 633, 620, 661, 660, 667

First Reading: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60, Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10, Gospel: John 14:1-14

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 Rochelle Sandvick in remembrance of Eddie's baptism on May 1, 2011.

LCMS Foundation — Today between services Leon Schoenfeld with LCMS Foundation will be giving a presentation in the FLC during fellowship time. LCMS Foundation counsels congregations and individuals in faithful management of God-given wealth.

Summer Liturgy Service — The 7:00pm Wednesday service is changing! Beginning **May 6**

A poster for 'Open Gym' with a dark blue background. At the top, a yellow banner says 'ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS WELCOME!'. The main text 'OPEN GYM' is in large, white and green letters. To the right, a white banner says 'GAMES. FRIENDS. FUN.'. Below that, a blue banner says 'HANG OUT. PLAY HARD. BELONG.'. At the bottom, there are three white boxes with icons: a calendar icon for 'WEDNESDAYS MAY-AUGUST 5:00-7:00 PM', a building icon for 'CHURCH GYM (FLC)', and a group of people icon for 'DROP IN ANYTIME. LEAVE WHEN YOU NEED TO.'. At the very bottom, a green banner says 'LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED! BRING A BAGGED SUPPER IF YOU'D LIKE TO EAT WHILE YOU'RE HERE.'.

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the service will offer communion and be known as Summer Liturgy. During the summer months there will not be a meal served. The regular Wednesday schedule picks back up after Rally Day in September. The Thursday chapel service at 9:30am will continue until May 21 and then take a break for the summer.

LWML — Women of St. Paul mark your calendar for **Tuesday, May 12**, at 6:45pm in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly LWML get-together! We'll have some fellowship time along with a hands-on mission project and discussion on upcoming ways to serve in the church and community. Attend when you can - we'd love to have you - no previous experience necessary!

New Members — Please welcome the newest members of St. Paul. They joined our congregation on April 4. Please introduce yourselves and help them feel at home!

Nathan Boehnke
Caleb Burkey
Rachael Christmann
Jared, Lena and Laurene Fulscher
Keagan Gilbert
Luke Greiner
Erin Jensen
Jason Jorgensen
Caleb Kehrli, Emma Kehrli
Mark, Jessica, Aubri, and Jace Kucik
Trevor and Jess Loeschen
Lucy Mickow
Johannes and Michelle Schrader, Leola and Aurora Saxton
Jeremy, Sara and Landon Schau
Rick, Michelle, Ellie, Jackson, Owen, and Henry Tucker
Jacob, Abbey, Lillian, and Hudson Woelmer

New members please make sure to turn in your membership form to the church office and send Kathy a photo if you haven't already!

Register for VBS — Mark your calendar now for VBS **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!

VBS registration is now open! 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 needed! Sign-up sheets are in the Family Life Center.



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.

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 7 and 21** at 10:00am and then will be on summer break until September.

BASIC Bible Study — They continue the study of Romans, following the Apostle Paul on a course through the context of the doctrine of justification and its joyous outflow in the life of the Christian. They meet for the last time on **Thursday, May 14** at 10:00am and then are 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*.

Homeschool Conference — The homeschool families of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Carlisle are hosting their fifth annual homeschool conference on Saturday, May 9 from 8:30am – 4:15pm. The conference, *We All Believe in One True God: Cultivating Lutheran Unity*, features Rev. Jason Braaten, from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola, Illinois, as the keynote speaker. There is no charge to attend this event, however they will accept donations at the conference or through their website. Lunch and snacks are provided, and limited childcare will be available. Find additional information and complete your registration on their website at holycrosscarlisle.org.

Congratulations High School Seniors — Starting May 17 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, Rylyn Boeding, McKenna Byers, Mia Crawford, Cael Fahrman, Magnus Pottratz, Collin Reddel, Emily Stave, Harrison Teggatz, Sienna Townsend, and Alexandria Wendzel.

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!**

Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service Fellowship Hour/Presentation 10:45am Worship Service 4:30pm Homebuilders End of Year Party @ McGee's
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am Lady Diners
<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 Bible Study

April/May Altar Committee

Dorothy Marvin, Jane Thompson

Altar Flowers

May 3 — Rochelle Sandvick

May 10 — Candy & Jon Jero

Elder

May 3 — Tim Krehbiel

May 10 — Dan Pottratz

Offering Counters

May 3 — Tim Davies, Jon Gerths

May 10 — Tim Davies, Marilyn Sharar

Ushers May 3 & 10

8:00am — Eddie Bell, Dan Hubbard

10:45am — Eric Bradley, Cal Uhlig

Attendance Sunday, April 26

8:00am — 166 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
Savannah, ovarian cancer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen
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
Jim Harvey, recovering from a stroke
Ken Wehmas, in hospice care
Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs
Betty McConnell, radiation treatments
Brittany Fulcer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen, DCE call
Donny Houseman, mental health issues
Conrad Miller, leg amputation, Tony's brother
Madonna Hauge, recovering from a fall
Maxine, Diane Halbur's sister, suffered a stroke
Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedures
Jeff Loeschen, Trevor's father, recovering from
heart & vascular surgery
Ladean, Faylene Kluver's brother, cancer surgery
Chase, Kluver's grandson, hand surgery
David Stephens, Traci Haselhuhn's brother, tumor
radiation and now a blood infection

For those preparing to be married, including Tori
Hilchen and Keagan Gilbert.

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