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# Weekly Announcements

July 27, 2025



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## Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Hey St. Paul's Youth!

**Calling all high schoolers** on July 31<sup>st</sup>, help out at the Milk House for the opening day of the State Fair. You'll get FREE admission, a t-shirt, and time to explore the fair after your shift. Spots are limited, so sign up soon!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AEA923A2F5C70-57529769-july#/>

### Seeking donations of water bottles for Kids Fest

Please drop off cases of water to the office by Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. The School Team will be distributing bottles of water to guests from our booth at Fowler Park on Tuesday, August 5, 9 am - 1 pm.

### Now Hiring: Lunch Program Director

St. Paul's Lutheran School is seeking a dedicated and experienced individual to lead our lunch program during the academic school year. The ideal candidate will be responsible for the preparation and distribution of daily lunch meals for both students and staff, ensuring meals are nutritious, appealing, and served in a timely manner. Questions? Contact Jill George 262/347-6557 or [principal@splco.org](mailto:principal@splco.org).



**Luke 11:11 – “What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?”** A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His

generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the church and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas — home, church and society — the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.



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### Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses involve more than just political controversies or worldly concerns. Human lives embody spiritual matters because they arrive as the work, purpose, and property of God's hands (Psalm 138:8). Who needs abortion or assisted suicide when the Heavenly Father urges us to ask for, expect, and await miracles (Luke 11:9-10)?

# Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: *Bold by Invitation*

July 27 – August 3, 2025

## **Bold by Invitation**

We have confidence in Christ because He is God-in-the-flesh. (Col 2.9) In our Baptism we are buried and raised with Him. (Col 2.12) Thus, like Abraham, we are chosen and may be bold in prayer, (Gen 18.17-33) as Jesus taught us to be. (Lk 11.1-13) Indeed, when He teaches us to pray to God as “Our Father,” “God is tenderly inviting us to believe that he is our true Father, and that we are his true children, so that—with all boldness and confidence—we may ask him as dear children ask their dear father.” (Small Catechism)

## ***Order Meditation and Prayer***

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

## **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Christ-Centered Theme:** In Christ, the crucified and risen Son of God, we pray with boldness and confidence.

## **Apostles’ Creed**

**Verse:** Romans 3:21-22a But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God which is through faith in Jesus Christ to all and on all who believe.

**Psalm:** Psalm 28 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

## Catechism: *The Creed—Second Article and Explanation*

<i>The Second Article</i> <b>And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,          who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,          born of the Virgin Mary,          suffered under Pontius Pilate          Was crucified, died and was buried.          He descended into hell.          The third day He rose again from the dead.          He ascended into heaven          and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.          From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.</b>	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +

## The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: *Bold by Invitation*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
<b>Sun.</b>	Joseph Feeds Egypt: Genesis 40-41	Psalm 67, 46, 93	Lk 11:1-13
<b>Mon.</b>	Joseph Forgives: Genesis 42-45	Psalm 51, 85, 47	Jb 15:1-17:16
<b>Tue.</b>	Jacob Blesses His Children: Genesis 48-49	Psalm 54, 28, 99	Jb. 18:1-19:29
<b>Wed.</b>	The Birth of Moses: Exodus 1-2	Psalm 65, 125, 91	Jb 20:1-1:34
<b>Thur.</b>	Moses and the Burning Bush: Exodus 2-4	Psalm 143, 81, 116	Jb 22:11-25:25
<b>Fri.</b>	Moses and the Plagues: Exodus 5-10	Psalm 86, 6, 19	Jb. 25:128:28
<b>Sat.</b>	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 2:13-21	Psalm 122, 141, 90	Jb 29:1-31:40

## Prayers: *Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's*

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# *Save the Date*

Join us in celebrating a remarkable milestone at our 160th Anniversary Fall Gala! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 25, 2025, as we wrap up our year of celebrations with an unforgettable evening. Stay tuned for more details, including exciting announcements about the venue, entertainment, and how you can be involved. We can't wait to share this momentous occasion with you and make it a night to remember. Save the date and get ready to celebrate in style!

### **School supplies for Lord's Cupboard guests**

We would like to help the families that come to Lord's Cupboard and have school supplies available for their kids. We are requesting monetary donations and/or gift cards (\$10-\$25 increments) to Dollar Tree, Target or Walmart. If you prefer to purchase the actual supplies, please drop them off prior to Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. A list of items to purchase is on the Lord's Cupboard bulletin board across from the elevator outside of the Fellowship Hall which is also where the school supplies purchased can be put. You can make a monetary donation to Lord's Cupboard online <https://splco.org> Scroll down to "Lord's Cupboard" or put a check or purchased gift cards also in an envelope marked Lord's Cupboard and put it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office. Thanks so much, it will be very appreciated!

### **Garden abundance and Lord's Cupboard**

Donations of your surplus garden vegetables will be welcomed by our LC guests when they are ready! Please drop off any of your extra vegetables in the kitchen for our distribution days and mark them for the Lord's Cupboard. Upcoming dates: 7/21, 8/2 (Senior apartments food delivery at 9am), 8/4, 8/25. Thank you for your prayers for the families that we serve and for our dedicated volunteers.

### **Apartment available to rent**

A church member has a 1+ bedroom apartment in Oconomowoc available for August 1<sup>st</sup> to rent for \$1200/month. Please contact Mary Hickenbottom at 414.333.3421 with any questions.



To commemorate our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be creating a new pictorial directory which will also include a history of the congregation, making this a wonderful keepsake. The dates have been set for photo sessions with Mortensen Photography as follows:

Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm

These will all be held at St. Paul's in Room 202.

To get your preferred time slot, book now by registering through this link:  
<http://mortensenphotocart.com/booking-calendar/st-pauls-church-directory-2664/>

If you cannot register online, please contact Cheryl Tesch at 920-285-3628 to assist with scheduling.

The directory will be a full-color 8x10 (roughly), and we will also have the directory available to view on St. Paul's website.

Packages of your family pictures will be available for purchase, but you are under no obligation to buy, and there will not be any pressure to do so during your photo session.

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To help offset the cost of printing, if you are a business owner and would like to place an ad in the directory, the following ad sizes are available:

Full Page - \$400      8x10"  
½ Page - \$250      8x5"  
¼ Page - \$175      4x5"  
1/8 Page - \$125      4x2.5"

Files submitted must be in a high-resolution format:  
pdf, jpeg, png, or tiff.

You may also contribute in memory of a loved one, which will be listed on a page in the directory.

**Please return this form to Cheryl Tesch by August 31, 2025 along with your payment to St. Paul's Pictorial Directory.**

Company/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please direct them to [Cheryl.tesch@splco.org](mailto:Cheryl.tesch@splco.org), or by texting or calling 920-285-3628.

## Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

## In Our Prayers this Week

**Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS** – Phyllis Schuck–fractured foot; Carol Lenz; Lynn Pelnar; Catherine Weidler-Loney–cancer; Tammy Frazier–cancer; Bob Bratz; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin–cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; Gary Flanagan; Virginia Meintz; Belle Rombach; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer–cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Marilyn Marohn; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert–acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel–lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer–cancer; Diane Gartzke; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Della–Diana Radtke's sister; Lauri; Steve Latino (Bruce & Mary Bojko's son-in-law)–pancreatic cancer; Dana–recent cancer diagnosis; Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)–mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda–breast cancer; Hailey–13 year-old w/ brain tumor; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack–COPD; Jeff–stage four colon cancer; Dick Watt; Betty Dow (Linda Uttech's cousin)–Leukemia; Jeff–non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Jayne Roberts' husband–lymphoma; Cheech Counsell (Dona Thurow's son-in-law); Tyler; Christopher–cancer; Tanner–2 year-old with cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)–breast cancer; Dawn–lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad); Jim (Laura Grubba's brother-in-law); Phyllis; Mike; Elizabeth–breast cancer; Kayla–thyroid cancer; Erin (Mileager)–Rayborn–Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mary Sprague–breast cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)–breast cancer; Ron Rafalski–throat cancer; Nancy–breast cancer

**Other:** Baby Quinn, born prematurely; Todd (Sandy Raben-Roger’s cousin) – blood clots; Jason Johnson–UTV accident; Jim Krueger (Lynn Pelnar’s brother)–pneumonia; Irish Spring–eye tumor; Jenn–pregnant mother with health problems; Brett Jaeger; Tom (Jamie Stache’s boyfriend)–stroke; Dorothy–Alzheimer’s; Trish Lederer–vision issues; Patricia Eberhardt (Chad’s mom); Brent (Barb Allwardt’s brother)–Alzheimer’s; Cindy Counsell (Dona Thurow’s daughter)–massive stroke; Paul; Bob; George; Paul; Liz Peronto (Barb Allwardt’s sister); Doug–CCL; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)–MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Trevor Thiel–Alaska (Fort JBER); Joe; Sam Duggan; Justin Michener; Zach Howard; Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke; Jacob; Brian; Randy; Kyle; Jake; Jeff; Matt; Brad; Ben; Mike & Rob

**Those serving God as missionaries:** Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump & family; Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess, Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; the family of Vernon Schilling, who passed away; Sam–a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

**Birthdays:** Florence Kroll – 98<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>  
Brianna Kroll – 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>

*Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism*  
*Hymn of the Week: Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord*

LSB 771

**Looking forward to the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Hymns: 782, 732 (861, 618, 730) 850**

**August 3, 2025**

***Your Eternal Life (Pastor O’Donnell)***

“Covetousness is idolatry.” (Col 3.5) That is to say, craving and scheming for things you have not been given is actually false worship. You are a “new man” in Christ (Col 3.10), one of “his people,” (Ps 100.3) called to “put away” such things, (Col 3.8) to repent of them as the “vanities” (Eccl 2) they are and receive the fruit of your labors with contentment, rejoicing in all God’s gifts, but knowing there is more, that a faithful and true life is “rich toward God,” (Lk 12.21) “for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:3, ESV)



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>MONDAY</b> July 28	Lord's Lambs Giveaway	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> July 30	Summer Lakeside Worship	Backyard	6:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> July 31	Praise Team Rehearsal	Church	6:30 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b> August 2	Women of Joy Divine Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> August 3	Divine Worship Blood Pressure Screening Life Application Bible Study Summer Sunday School Divine Worship	Church Office Fellowship Hall Meet in Gym Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Life Application Bible Study

**Sunday: 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall**

262-567-5001

### Sunday School

**Sunday: 9:15 am – Meet in Gym**

July 27, 2025

**Mission Wonders: Jesus Sends the 72**

Bible Truth: God calls us to share His Word.

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

### Women of Joy

**Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 am**

**Whelan's**

### Journeymen

**Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) - 7:30 am**

**Maxim's**

## NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Ecc 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-26	Col 3.1-11	Lk 2.13-21
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Traci Anderson	Cindy Fredrickson	Marcie Nelson
<b>Elders</b>	Rick Zastrow	Neil Anderson	Erik Anderson
<b>Greeters</b>	Dan Maynard	Chris & Pam Kroupa Judy Braatz	Gary & Leah Johnson
<b>Live-Stream</b>	N/A	Bill & Kathy Granzin	N/A
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Rick Zastrow	Neil Anderson	Erik Benes

**AUGUST 3, 2025**

**THE 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** *Your Eternal Life*

**5pm & 8am Worship**

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 4, pg. 203

**10:30am Worship**

Special Order

# ATTENDANCE COST

Costs include room fees, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday. Register by September 30<sup>th</sup> for early bird pricing!

Standard Room: \$440/ couple

*Early Bird: \$415/couple*

Suite: \$480/couple

*Early Bird: \$455/couple*

# REGISTRATION

To register, please notify Heather Scheuer at [heather@splco.org](mailto:heather@splco.org) or by stopping in the office. Payment can be made online through the donation portal (use the "Marriage Retreat" line to submit your payment) or by paying in the office.

*Registration is not finalized without both notifying Heather or registering online AND submitting payment.*

SCAN TO REGISTER ONLINE



# THE OSTHOFF RESORT



St. Paul's Marriage Retreat has been held at the Osthoff Resort for the last decade, and we are happy to be returning again this November for fellowship, enrichment, and fun!

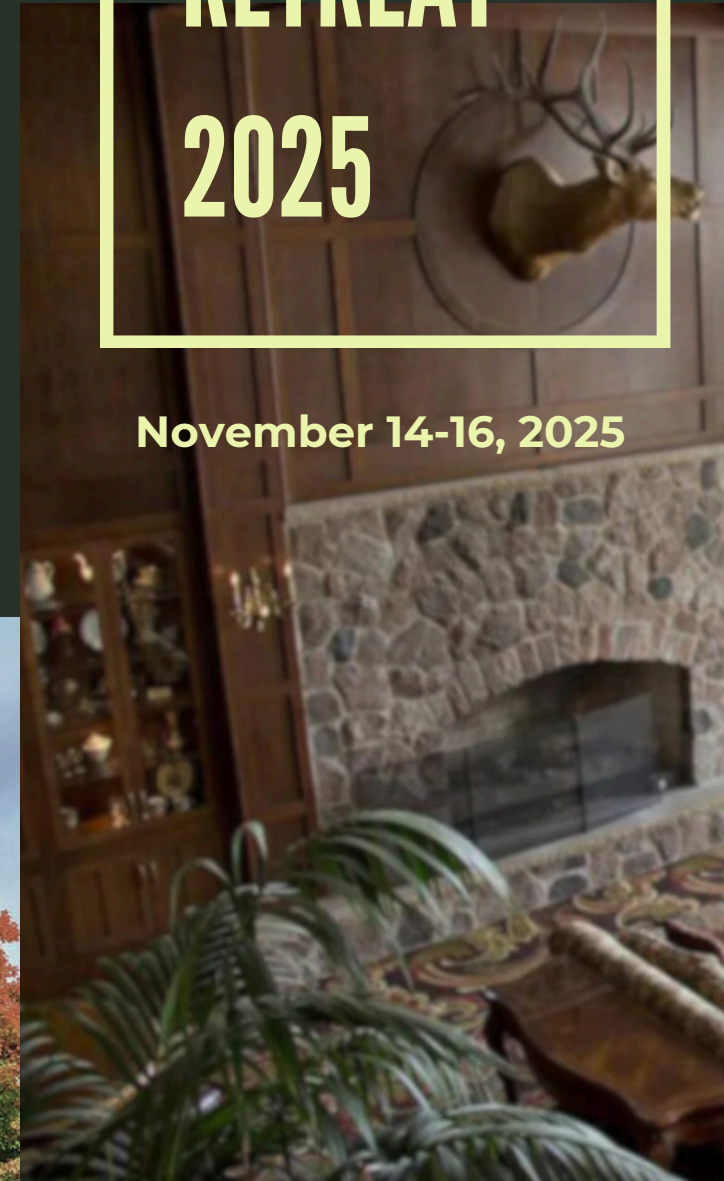
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# MARRIAGE RETREAT 2025

November 14-16, 2025





# COME TO THE DANCE:

## FOLLOWING CHRIST'S LEAD IN MARRIAGE AND IN LIFE

"... a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

Ecclesiastes 3:4 ESV



# WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Back and forth, giving and receiving, helping and being helped. In many ways, married life is one long dance. What are the steps? How do I learn to trust my partner? When are the slow parts and the fast parts? How can I get ready for what comes next? In this retreat, Dr. Todd and Kathryn Peperkorn will take us through the Scriptures, through the lives of some famous couples, and will use the story of dance to teach us about what it means to be husband and wife on the dance floor.

## ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Todd and Kathryn Peperkorn have been married for thirty years, and have four (mostly) adult children. Todd serves as a professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he teaches classes in preaching, pastoral counseling, and pastoral theology. He has also served as a pastor in northern California and in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Kathryn has been a teacher for thirty-two years, ranging from preschool up through college and adult students. She currently teaches music at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School in Fort Wayne. She also plays the title role in the one-woman opera, Katie Luther.





## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music  
Jill George, Principal

Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor  
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Summer Office Hours: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

### ***The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***

#### **Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:17-33**

The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

#### **Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15**

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

#### **Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

July 27, 2025



# St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



### Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church,  
School, & Early Childhood Center

- + Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate.
- + As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! We’re delighted that you’ve joined us for worship.

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul’s, a greeter, elder, or pastor will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

We welcome young children to the service. Try sitting closer to the front by a side aisle. There are activity bags located behind the back pews, and a simulcast downstairs if necessary.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord’s Supper is not a private meal, but a body-and-soul communion with Christ and His body, the Church. In keeping with the Lord’s instruction (cf. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34) and with the common historical practice of the church, St. Paul’s welcomes only those who are in full confessional agreement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you hold a confession differing from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or are not yet confirmed in our confession of faith, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing (Please indicate by folding your hands over your heart.). If you are physically unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion. Those communing should mark this on the attendance card. If you have questions, our pastors will be pleased to speak with you.

Distribution and Communion Wine

Please place open hands out to receive the Body of Christ and also to indicate whether you are receiving the Blood of Christ from the common cup or the individual cup. The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are dark in color.

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 74

8:00 am – 128

10:30 am – 119

Wed. – 42

Total: 363

Scan the QR code and give electronically. This is a safe and easy way to offer your gifts to God.



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Liturgist	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell
Preacher	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Altar Guild	Bernita Krenzke	Pam Kroupa	Barb Star
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Chuck Laabs	Tom Showen
Greeters	Mark & Sue Baganz	Dutch & Lynda Holland Dave & Bonnie Schlieuwe	Tom Miller
Live Stream	N/A	Grace Schockman Brenainn O’Donnell	N/A
Radio	N/A	Tom Krenzke	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Friedrich	Gary Flanagan	Jerad Luedkte

**Altar Flowers:** John & Margie Hertneky in praise to God for their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 25<sup>th</sup>

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# **Bold by Invitation**

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Gen 18.17-33; Col 2.6-15; Lk 11.1-13

## **Introduction: Abraham the Intercessor**

What promise had God made Abraham in Genesis 12? How long had it been since that promise when The LORD appeared to him in Genesis 18? How did the promise become more “concrete” in Gen 18?

When The LORD told Abraham he was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, what did Abraham do? How did The LORD respond? (Gen 18.17-33)

Why did Abraham have that kind of confidence to stand before The LORD of the Universe and intercede for others? (See Gal 3.6)

In Genesis 22, The LORD commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac. How and why did he proceed? (See Heb 11.19; Gen 18.19)

## **Christ Is Our Confidence**

How was Abraham's hope fulfilled? (See Col 2.13-15, Luther's explanation to 2<sup>nd</sup> Art. of Apostles' Creed)

How does that apply to you?

## **Conclusion: Learning to Pray with Confidence**

'Maturity' in Christ means that [CCT:] In Christ, the crucified and risen Son of God, we pray with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Evaluative questions:

- Do you pray humbly, yet confidently, like Abraham?
- Or do you pray like the cowardly lion in the Wizard of Oz?
- Do you ask God humbly, yet confidently in Jesus' Name, knowing God's goodness in Christ, and trusting his will to be done?
- Or are you really filled with shame and unbelief, so that you "hedge your bets" and pray to God generically, even though he has given you the Name of Jesus?

Remember who \_\_\_\_\_ is and who \_\_\_\_\_ are *in Him*. (See Col 2.8-10)