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Weekly Announcements

June 21, 2026



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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

Summer lakeside worship services

Our Lakeside Summer worship services will run on Wednesdays through August 26th, at 6:30pm in our backyard by Fowler Lake. Please bring a chair! The sermon will be that of the weekend prior. If there is inclement weather, the worship service will be moved to the church nave.

Summer office hours

Our summer office hours are 8am to 2pm, Monday through Friday, through August 21st. Please make a note of it.

Lutheran Witness

The Lutheran Witness magazine is available again this year. If you are currently on the list and receiving the magazine, please call the church office at 567-5001, or email Heather at heather@splco.org to let us know if you would like to continue your subscription or cancel it. If you would like to start receiving *The Lutheran Witness*, please call the church office so we can get you on the subscription list. The cost for the magazine is \$23.50 for 11 issues (the June/July issue is combined). The deadline for renewal or new subscriptions is June 26th.

YOUNG ADULT INFORMATION

St. Paul's Young Adults (SPLCO YA)

We provide opportunities at St. Paul's for young adults (18 - 30) to be together in community and build one another up.

Upcoming SPLCO YA Events

- Summer Book Series: Spirituality of the Cross by Gene Veith (6:30pm @ SPLCO)
 07/09 – Chapter 4 – “Vocation: The Spirituality of the Ordinary Life” (pages 91-114)
 07/30 – Chapter 5 08/18 – Chapter 6

Requests from local senior apartments

The Breezewood Apartments in Hartland are requesting the following items for the residents' garden club:

- Perennial flowers (please mark what they are if they are cuttings)
- Garden mix soil and mulch
- Herbs in pots
- 12-inch garden fencing
- 25-50 foot garden hose

Please contact Mary with any questions 414.333.3421 or mary@splco.org

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: *Remember Who Your Master Is*

June 21-28, 2026

Remember Who Your Master Is

Jeremiah speaks from the heart of affliction. Faithfulness to God has brought him mockery and attack, yet he does not abandon the Word. The prophet's strength is not in his resolve but in the Lord who "is with me as a dread warrior." The life of God's people has always been marked by opposition — and upheld by promise.

St. Paul teaches the same reality in Romans 6. Baptized into Christ, we are no longer ruled by sin, yet the battle continues. The old master still calls, but it no longer owns us. We belong to Another. Christ has claimed us, freed us, and made us servants of righteousness. What sin once demanded, Christ now replaces with His gifts — a new obedience born not of fear but of grace.

In Matthew 10, Jesus prepares His apostles for the cost of their calling. Families will divide, persecution will come, and the world will not applaud the Gospel. Yet nothing is hidden from the Father's care. The One who numbers the hairs of our heads also guards the confession of our lips. "Fear not," Jesus says, for the kingdom does not advance by our strength but by His faithfulness.

Christ frees the captive. Christ sustains the persecuted. Christ keeps His own to the end. And the fruit of His mercy — sanctification now and eternal life to come — is the sure promise for all who are baptized into Him.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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.

Apostles' Creed

Christ-Centered Theme: You have been set free from sin and have become slaves of righteousness.

Verse: Matthew 10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Psalm: Psalm 91:1-10 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

Catechism: *The Lord's Prayer – Sixth Petition*

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (Sixth Petition)</i> And lead us not into temptation.</p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.</p>	<p>3rd Grade +</p>

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: *Remember Who Your Master Is*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	The Passover: Exodus 11-13	Psalm 103, 117, 139	Mt. 10.5a, 21-33
Mon.	Crossing the Red Sea: Exodus 14-15	Psalm 5, 84, 29	1 Co 11.1-12.31
Tue.	God Provides Quail and Manna: Exodus 16	Psalm 42, 102, 133	1 Co 13.1-14.40
Wed.	The Ten Commandments: Exodus 19-20	Psalm 89.1-18, 1, 33	1 Co 15.1-58
Thur.	The Ways of God: Exodus 33-34, 40	Psalm 97, 16, 62	1 Co 16.1-24
Fri.	The Twelve Spies in Canaan: Numbers 13-14	Psalm 51, 142, 65	2 Co 1.1-2.17
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:34-42	Psalm 104, 118, 111	2 Co 3.1-4.18

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

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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 – Delaney Heffern–recovering from surgery; Ronna Pagenkopf–injured shoulder; George Menden; Roger Fisher; Art Schuck; John Wickersham; Joyce Anderson; Carol Lenz–hospice; Tammy Frazier–cancer; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin–cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer–cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert–acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel–lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer–cancer; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Sandi Oeschner (Tricia Burlage's mom)–stage 4 lung cancer; Lisa (nee Rhodée) Liarokis–breast cancer; Bob Duchow (Dorothy's son); Sue Malone (Dan & Brenda Maynard's friend)–brain cancer; Janice Mulvaney Krueger–lung cancer; Della–Diana Radtke's sister; Dana; Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)–mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda–breast cancer; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack–COPD; Jeff–stage four colon cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)–breast cancer; Dawn–lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad)

Other: Consuelo W. (friend of Bill & Kathy Granzin); Laurie–mental and physical health issues; Dennis & Sue Duffy (Erin Eberhardt's parents)–health issues; Gary Barborich; Dean Wilcox (Tina Gartzke's brother); Dorothy–Alzheimer's; Patricia Eberhardt (Chad's mom); Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Greu; Madelynn Matthews–Air Force; 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: For God’s continued grace as the Dominican Republic Young Adult Team prepares to leave for their mission trip (June 20-27); Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump and family; Daniel & Marie Lowitz (Dominican Republic); 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; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Anniversary: Dale & Mary Weber – 52nd – June 22nd

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: Lord of Our Life

LSB 659

Looking forward to the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

Hymns: 688, 579 (685, 683, 865) 851

The Christian’s Freedom from the Law (The Rev. Dr. Richard Thompson)

“But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we may serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.” (7:6) In chapter 6 the apostle Paul urged the Romans, on the strength of their baptismal connection with Christ to consider themselves dead to sin and free from its lordship over them **(6:3-23)**. In chapter 7 the apostle speaks of a similar type of freedom but this time it is the Christians freedom from the lordship of the law, based on **“our having died to the law through the body of Christ”. (7:4a)** In our baptism we have been released from the lordship of sin and the law so that we might be united to **“another”**, that is, **“to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.” (7:4b)** The apostle then discusses the function of the law before and after becoming a believer. **(7:5-13)** Grasping this truth shifts our entire life from a system of compliance to a bunch of rules to a relationship of love for the One who has kept all the rules on our behalf. Thanks be to God!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY June 24	Summer Lakeside Worship W.O.W.: Lutheran Basics	Backyard Room 219	6:30 pm 7:20 pm
THURSDAY June 25	Praise Team Rehearsal	Church	6:30 pm
SATURDAY June 27	Journeymen Divine Worship	Maxim's Church	7:30 am 5:00 pm
SUNDAY June 28	Divine Worship Summer Sunday School Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship	Church Meet in F.H. Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall
The Book of Romans

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym
Psalm 23
Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am

Women of Joy

Saturday (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 am
Whelan's

Journeymen

Saturday (2nd & 4th) - 7:30 am
Maxim's

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Jer 28.5-9	Rom 7.1-13	Mt 10.34-42
Altar Guild	Michelle Wilson	Wendy Tesch Rachelle Eifert	Karen Dentice
Elders	Chuck Laabs	Chuck Laabs	Tom Showen
Greeters	Carole Schmeda Elaine Schmeda	Dave & Bonnie Schlieue Dutch & Lynda Holland	Al Mueller
Live-Stream	N/A	Scheuer	N/A
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Maynard	Joel Tesch	Tom Showen

JUNE 28, 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Richard Thompson

Theme: *The Christian's Freedom from the Law*

5pm & 8am Worship

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10:30am Worship

Special Order

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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Jeremiah 20:7–13

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all the day;
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"

there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,

and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side!
"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

say all my close friends, watching for my fall.
"Perhaps he will be deceived;

then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

Epistle: Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

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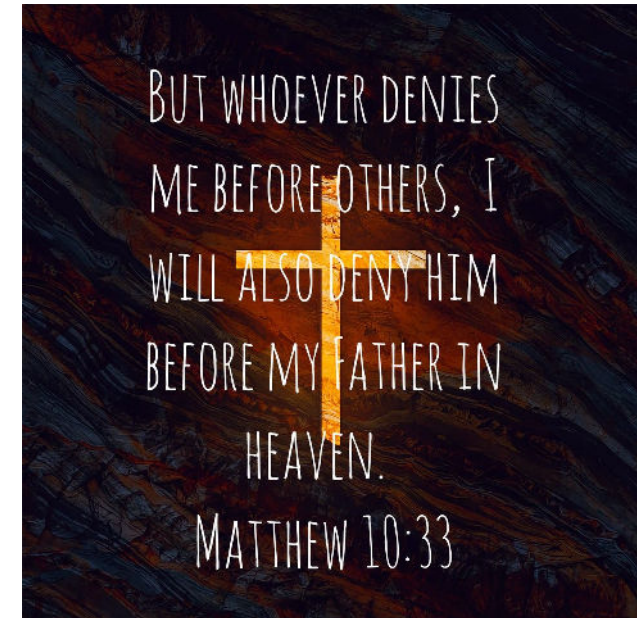


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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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, worshippers 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. The worship service is simulcast downstairs in our Fellowship Hall for your convenience.

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.

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. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Preacher	Ps. Thompson	Ps. Thompson	Ps. Thompson
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Altar Guild	Wendy Tesch Rachelle Eifert	Barb Hentz	Karen Gotthardt
Elders	Rick Zastrow	Neil Anderson	Ryan Schneider
Greeters	Dan Maynard	Jim & Jody Arndt Matt Wawrzyn	Pam Tanner Wyatt Tanner
Live Stream	N/A	Granzin	N/A
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushering Team	Rick Zastrow	Neil Anderson	Jerad Luedtke

Altar Flowers: Sponsored by Stephanie Atwood & Cathy Ekberg in loving memory of Harvey & Gerry Smith's anniversary

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by Dale & Mary Weber in praise to God for their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 22nd

ST. PAUL'S MEDIA

- † **Radio:** *LIVE* Sunday at 8am on WTKM (104.9 FM)
- † **YouTube:** *LIVE* Sundays at 8am (stpaulsev.lutheranchurch7279)
- † **Web:** Anytime at www.splco.org or YouTube

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Announcements

Sermon Outline: *Remember Who Your Master Is*

by Rev. Matthew Thompson
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
21 June, A.D. 2026
Jer 20.7-13; Rom 6.12-23; Mt 10:5a, 21-33

1. Why does Paul warn baptized Christians not to “let sin reign”?
2. How does Jeremiah illustrate this struggle?
3. What does Jesus teach His disciples in the Gospel?
4. What unites all three readings?
5. What does Paul mean by “slavery”?

6. What fruit does sin produce?

7. What does God give instead of wages?

8. How does Luther help us understand this?

9. What is sanctification?

10. Where does Christ meet us with this grace?

Key Takeaway

Sin pays wages. God gives gifts.

To be a slave of sin is bondage and death.

To be a slave of God is freedom and life.

We live in Christ's freedom because we belong to Him.