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Weekly Announcements

July 12, 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

Looking for an inexpensive vehicle

We have someone at St. Paul's who needs an inexpensive vehicle. If you have one or know of someone who does, please contact Heather in the church office.

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.



selves, in all we think, say and do.

Matthew 5:24 – “First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” Our giving to the Lord's work is part of our Christian life. The Lord wants us to walk in His ways in all we do. He wants our hearts united to His. It's not our gift the Lord wants — it is our very



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Oh, how many sins against life occur because the devil has snatched the Word of God from peoples' hearts and because the cares of this earthly life choke out the Word (Matthew 13:19-22)! We are often tempted to withhold preaching the Word to some, thinking that we know which people will believe and bear fruit. However, God calls us to continue casting out His Word onto every type of soil, knowing that His Word never returns to Him empty and will accomplish His purpose (Isaiah 55:11), sometimes in the most unlikely of places.

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)
07/30 – Chapter 5 08/18 – Chapter 6

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: *From Slaves to Sons*

July 12–19, 2026

From Slaves to Sons

As “the rain and the snow come down from heaven” and “water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “indeed bears fruit” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “have received the Spirit of adoption as sons” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “led by the Spirit of God,” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “also be glorified with him” (Rom. 8:17).

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: In Christ, the Father calls you His sons.

Verse: Isaiah 55:10-11 For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

Psalm: Psalm 65:9-13 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

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

<i>The Lord's Prayer (First Petition)</i> Hallowed be Thy name.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.	2 nd Grade +
<i>How is God's name kept holy?</i> God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!	3 rd Grade +

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: *From Slaves to Sons*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	A Blessing for Ruth: Ruth 2-4	Psalm 110, 66, 23	Mt. 13.1-9, 18-23
Mon.	Hannah's Prayer: 1 Samuel 1-2	Psalm 62, 73, 8	Eph 4:1-32
Tue.	God's Promise: 1 Samuel 2	Psalm 13, 36, 5	Eph 5:1-6:24
Wed.	God Calls Samuel: 1 Samuel 3	Psalm 96, 132, 134	Php 1:1-30
Thur.	Saul Becomes King: 1 Samuel 8-11	Psalm 116, 26, 130	Php 2:1-30
Fri.	Samuel Anoints David: 1 Samuel 16	Psalm 85, 25, 40	Php 3:1-4:1
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43	Psalm 61, 138, 98	Php 4:2-23

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

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 – Joanne Abel; 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; 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 Oechsner (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: Failenn O'Donnell–recovering from eye surgery; Consuelo W. (friend of Bill & Kathy Granzin); Laurie–mental and physical health issues; Dennis & Sue Duffy (Erin Eberhardt's parents)–health issues; 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: 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

Anniversaries: Dick & Carol Allen – 60th – July 9th
Eric & Shelley Allen – 10th – July 8th

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week: *My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker*

LSB 820

Looking forward to the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

Hymns: 892, 700 (585, 575, 819) 921

Pastor Matt Thompson

At Bethel, the Lord meets Jacob in his fear and flight. The patriarch brings nothing but sin and deceit, yet God descends, speaks, and binds Himself by promise. Heaven is opened, angels ascend and descend, and the Lord stands beside an unworthy sinner. Grace begins with God—His initiative, His word, His pledge: “I am with you... I will not leave you.” The God of Abraham and Isaac now claims Jacob by sheer mercy.

St. Paul proclaims that same mercy in Romans 8. Those who belong to Christ live by the Spirit, not the flesh. The old Adam still groans, and suffering remains, but none of it can outweigh the glory Christ has secured. Creation groans under the curse, the Church groans in weakness, and even the Spirit groans in intercession. Yet all moves toward the revealing of the children of God and the redemption of our bodies. Hope is not human optimism but the Spirit's gift, grounded in Christ's death and resurrection.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches the parable of the weeds. The kingdom grows in a field where evil still operates, yet the Son of Man is not absent. He sows good seed through His Word, sustains His Church amid opposition, and will bring all things to their appointed end. Judgment is His, not ours; patience is His gift; the harvest is sure. The baptized live by faith, trusting the Lord who governs His Church until the day He gathers His own into His barn.

The God who met Jacob, who gives His Spirit, and who rules His kingdom has not abandoned His people. He is with us in His Word and Sacraments. He will not leave us. And the glory He has promised will be revealed.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY July 14	Board of Operations' Meeting Board of Elders' Meeting	Room 201 Patrick Smith's House	5:30 pm 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY July 15	Summer Lakeside Worship	Backyard	6:30 pm
THURSDAY July 16	Praise Team Rehearsal	Church	6:30 pm
SATURDAY July 18	Women of Joy Divine Worship	Whelan's Church	8:00 am 5:00 pm
SUNDAY July 19	Divine Worship Coffee Fellowship Hour Summer Sunday School Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Meet in F.H. Fellowship Hall 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
The Book of Romans

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym
The Wise and Foolish Builders
Luke 6:47-49
Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am

Women of Joy

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

Journeyman

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

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Gen 28.10-19a	Rom 8.12-25	Mt 13.24-30, 36-43
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Wendy Tesch Rachelle Eifert	Barb Star
Elders	Jim Juneau	Chuck Laabs	Tom Showen
Greeters	Mark & Sue Baganz	Matt Wawrzyn Jim & Jody Arndt	John & Marcie Nelson
Live-Stream	N/A	Edwards	N/A
Radio	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Maynard	Joel Tesch	Tom Showen

JULY 19, 2026

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Matt Thompson

5pm & 8am Worship

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 4, pg. 203

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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10-13

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven

and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
"For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

"Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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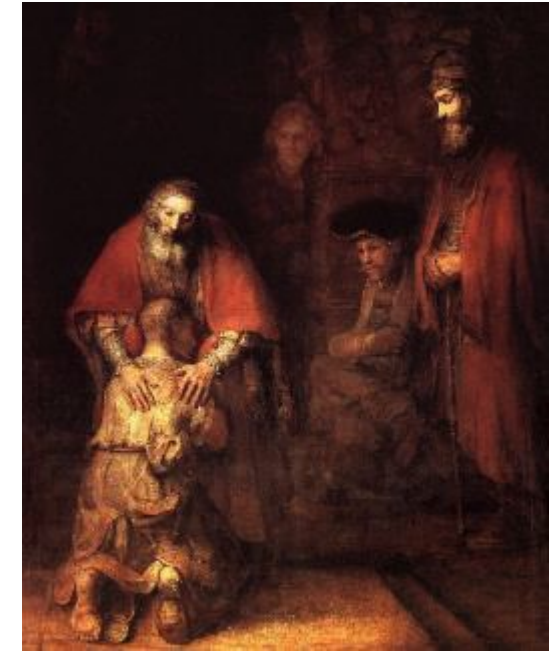


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Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, School, & Early Childhood Center

† 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. 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.

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 32 Wed – 52
8:00 am – 128 **Total: 332**
10:30 am – 120

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Liturgist	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Matt Thompson	Ps. Matt Thompson
Preacher	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Altar Guild	Traci Anderson	Ingrid Kowieski	Karen Dentice
Elders	Neil Anderson	Rick Zastrow Glenn Gartzke	Jerad Luedtke
Greeters	Larry & Bonnie Vasatko	Bruce & Mary Bojko Duane & Sharon Peterson	Mike & Sarah Neff
Live Stream	N/A	Hertneky	N/A
Radio	N/A	Aaron DeWitt	N/A
Ushering Team	Neil Anderson	Rick Zastrow	Jerad Luedtke

Altar Flowers: Sponsored by the O’Donnell family in praise to God for Dick & Carol’s 60th wedding anniversary on July 9th and Eric & Shelley Allen’s 10th wedding anniversary on July 8th

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored in loving memory of Ken Dinnauer

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

DIVINE SERVICE

Lutheran Service Book

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Sermon Outline: *From Slaves to Sons*

by Rev. Jason A. Schockman, Associate Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
12 July, A.D. 2026
Is 55.10-13; Rom 8.12-17; Mt 13.1-9, 18-23

What is the key difference between Rembrandt's 1636 etching and his later painting of the prodigal son?
What moment does the painting freeze?

Why does the son in Rembrandt's painting look more like a slave than a son? What does this say about us as we come before God?

What contrast does Paul draw in Romans 8:15?
What two "spirits" does he set against each other?

According to the sermon, what is actually happening when we pray "Our Father"? Who is bearing witness alongside our spirit?

How does God bring us from slavery to sonship?
What has Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection that makes this possible?

Why is the Lord's Prayer prayed at both baptism and the commendation of the dying? What do these two moments have in common?

What does it mean to be not only children of God but also heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ?

In the painting, the prodigal son has not yet received the robe, the ring, or the shoes. What does he have instead, and why is that enough?

What happened in Rembrandt's own life during the 32 years between the etching and the painting? After losing everything, what "one thing" did he choose to focus on?

When we pray the Lord's Prayer together in the service, what is actually happening according to this sermon? How might that change the way you pray it today?