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Weekly Announcements

July 19, 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

Garden Abundance

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: 7/20, 8/3, 8/17.

Thank you so much for your continued support of this outreach to help our neighbors in need, including our own church and school family, as we can only do this with the donations we receive because we are not in the church budget. You can make a monetary donation to Lord's Cupboard online at splco.org. Scroll down to "Lord's Cupboard" or put a check in an envelope marked Lord's Cupboard and put it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office. Please continue to pray for the dedicated LC volunteers and for the people we are blessed to help because of your generosity.

Upcoming funeral

Our sister in Christ, Joanne Abel, passed away. Her funeral arrangements are as follows:

- ✠ Monday, July 27th, at St. Paul's
 - Visitation: 9-11am, service at 11am, luncheon to follow the committal

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.



Romans 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed,” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

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 - "Living in the Two Kingdoms: The Sacred and the Secular" (pages 117-135)**
 - 08/18 – Chapter 6

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: *Hope for the Groaning*

July 19–27, 2026

Hope for the Groaning

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.

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

Verse: Matthew 13:41-42 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Psalm: Psalm 119:57-64 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

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

<i>The Lord's Prayer (Second Petition)</i> Thy kingdom come.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.	1 st Grade +
<i>How does God's kingdom come?</i> God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, So that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.	2 nd Grade +

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: *Hope for the Groaning*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	David Sees the Army: 1 Samuel 17	Psalm 103, 117, 139	Mt 13.24-30, 36-43
Mon.	David Fights Goliath: 1 Samuel 17	Psalm 5, 84, 29	Col 1:1-29
Tue.	David & Jonathan Become Friends: 1 Samuel 18	Psalm 42, 102, 133	Col 2:1-23
Wed.	God's Great Promise to David: 2 Samuel 7	Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33	Col 3:1-4:18
Thur.	The Wisdom of Solomon: 1 Kings 3; Proverbs 8	Psalm 97, 16, 62	1 Th 1:1-10
Fri.	Solomon Builds the Temple: 1 Kings 5-6	Psalm 51, 142, 65	1 Th 2:1-20
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.44-52	Psalm 104, 118, 111	1 Th 3:1-13

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

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 – George Menden; Jim Abel; 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: Consuelo W. (friend of Bill & Kathy Granzin); Laurie–mental and physical health issues; Dean Wilcox (Tina Gartzke's brother); Dorothy–Alzheimer's; 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; the family of Joanne Abel, who passed away; the family of Bob Buchholtz (Julie Kummrow’s husband), who passed away; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

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

Hymn of the Week: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

LSB 700

Looking forward to the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

Hymns: 656, 573 (646, 732, 654) 818

***God Is for You and You Are More Than Conquerors* (The Rev. Dr. Richard Thompson)**

Romans 8:28-39: These verses of Scripture contain promises that God actively works all things together for our ultimate good (v28) and that absolutely nothing in all creation can separate us (v38, 39) from His unbreakable love. God’s promise is not that every event in life will feel good or be comfortable. His ultimate “good” for you is spiritual maturity molding you into the image of His Son, Jesus (v29). You can trust the process because God’s calling and justification lead directly to ultimate glorification (v30). When you feel condemned or forsaken, this passage reminds you that God has already declared you righteous. The Father did not spare His own Son (v32), proving that He is passionately for you. Furthermore, Jesus is seated at the right hand of God, interceding on your behalf (v34) right now. Through Christ you are more than conquerors (v37).

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY July 20	Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
WEDNESDAY July 22	Summer Lakeside Worship	Backyard	6:30 pm
THURSDAY July 23	Praise Team Rehearsal	Church	6:30 pm
SATURDAY July 25	Journeymen Divine Worship	Maxim's Church	7:30 am 5:00 pm
SUNDAY July 26	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
Parable of the Seeds
Luke 8:4-15
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	Deut 7.6-9	Rom 8.28-39	Mt 13.44-52
Altar Guild	Michelle Wilson	Megan Miller Sue Zastrow	Karen Gotthardt
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Ryan Schneider	Erik Benes
Greeters	Dan Maynard	Dutch & Lynda Holland Dave & Bonnie Schlieve	Josh & Valerie Peters
Live-Stream	N/A	Prockl	N/A
Radio	N/A	Tom Krenzke	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Friedrich	Gary Flanagan	Erik Benes

JULY 26, 2026

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Richard Thompson

Theme: *God Is for You and You Are More Than Conquerors*

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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will
happen.
Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

Epistle: Romans 8:18-27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too

deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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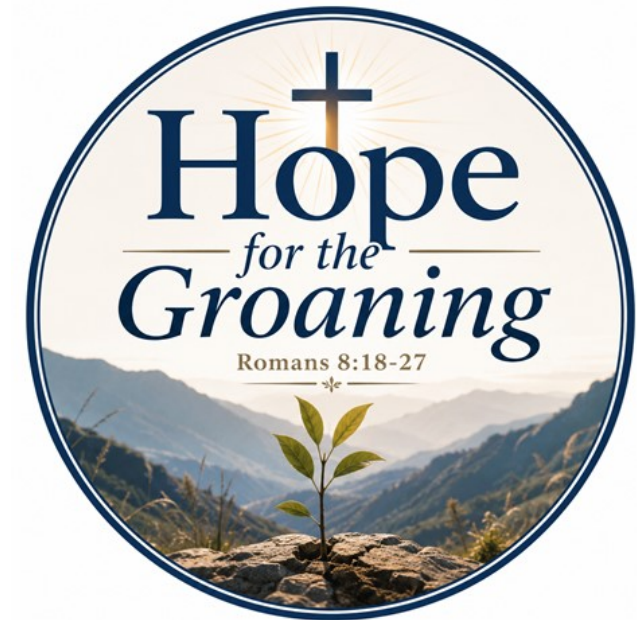


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Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church,
School, & Early Childhood Center

- + 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 – 70Wed – 26

8:00 am – 145Total: 382

10:30 am – 141

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	Rev. Dr. Thompson	Rev. Dr. Thompson	Rev. Dr. Thompson
Preacher	Ps. Matt Thompson	Ps. Matt Thompson	Ps. Matt Thompson
Musicians	Sheri Fleischfresser	Sheri Fleischfresser	Praise Team
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

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored in loving memory of Gail Frosch's father, in honor of his birthday

ST. PAUL’S MEDIA

- + Radio: *LIVE* Sunday at 8am on WTKM (104.9 FM)
- + YouTube: *LIVE* Sundays at 8am (stpaulsev.lutheranchurch7279)
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Announcements

Sermon Outline: *Hope for the Groaning*

by Matthew E. Thompson, Pastor
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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
19 July, A.D. 2026
Is 44.6-8; Rom 8.18-27; Mt 13.24-30, 36-43

What does Paul mean by “the sufferings of this present time”?

How do Isaiah and Jesus confirm this truth telling?

Why are present sufferings “not worth comparing” with future glory?

How do Isaiah and Jesus echo this confidence?

What is creation waiting and groaning for?

How does Luther describe creation’s groaning?

Why do Christians groan inwardly?

How do Isaiah and Jesus illustrate this groaning?

What does Paul mean when he says we “do not know what to pray for”?

What comfort does Paul give when we cannot pray?

Why does the Spirit intercede for us?

Where does Christ meet us with this comfort now?

How does Romans 8 send us into the world?

Key Takeaway

- † Your suffering is real, but it is not ultimate.
- † Your groaning is deep, but Christ’s groaning for you is deeper.
- † Your prayers falter, but the Spirit Himself intercedes.
- † Christ’s finished work guarantees your future glory.