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Weekly Announcements

July 5, 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.

Upcoming funeral

Our brother in Christ, Don Schmitt, passed away. His funeral arrangements are as follows:

- ✠ Monday, July 6th, at St. Paul's
 - Visitation: 9-11am, service at 11am, luncheon to follow

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.

LWML Convention News Update

There were 161 voting members attending the 80th Anniversary SWD LWML Convention with a total attendance of 262. We had an overage of \$3519.11 for our 2024-2026 mite goal and it was voted to put it towards the last grant which was partially funded (\$548.28) for Camp LuWiSoMo. They will now receive \$4067.39. The 2026-2028 SWD Mite Goal adopted at Convention is \$220,000. Watch the August Epistle for the NEW Mission Grants. Keep your Mite Boxes full!

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

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: *Savior of the Nations*
July 5 – 12, 2026

Savior of the Nations

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find *“another law waging war”* in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we *“desire to do what is right,”* but we are not able to do so because *“nothing good”* dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). *“Thanks be to God,”* therefore, *“through Jesus Christ our Lord,”* who delivers us from *“this body of death”* (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes *“righteous and having salvation”* (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us *“free from the waterless pit,”* and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we *“labor and are heavy laden,”* He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are *“wise and understanding,”* but by the *“gracious will”* of God the Father, whom *“the Son chooses to reveal”* in love (Matt. 11:25–27).

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: Jesus Christ, our Savior, is our true peace and Sabbath rest.

Verse: Matthew 10:38-39 He who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

Psalm: Psalm 119:153-160 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

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

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer (Seventh Petition)</i> But deliver us from evil</p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.</p>	<p>2nd Grade +</p>

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: *Savior of the Nations*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	The Lord Stops the Enemies: Judges 4-5	Psalm 67, 46, 93	Mt. 11.25-30
Mon.	Gideon: Judges 6	Psalm 51, 85, 47	Gal 3.1-29
Tue.	A Sword for the Lord: Judges 7-8	Psalm 54, 28, 99	Gal 4.1-31
Wed.	Samson: Judges 14-15	Psalm 65, 125, 91	Gal 5.1-6.18
Thur.	The Lord Makes Samson Strong: Judges 15-16	Psalm 143, 81, 116	Eph 1.1-23
Fri.	Ruth Goes Home with Naomi: Ruth 1-2	Psalm 86, 6, 19	Eph 2.1-22
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.1-9, 78-23	Psalm 122, 141, 91	Eph 3.1-21

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

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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; 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 Rhodee) 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: 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: Duane & Sharon Peterson – 48th – July 8th

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

Hymn of the Week: *Come unto Me, Ye Weary*

LSB 684

Looking forward to the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

Hymns: 901, 820 (725, 594, 643) 923

From Slaves to Sons (Pastor Schockman)

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).

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY July 6	Don Schmitt Visitation Don Schmitt Funeral Don Schmitt Luncheon Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru	Church Church Fellowship Hall Parking Lot	9:00 am 11:00 am 11:45 am 5:30 pm
WEDNESDAY July 8	Summer Lakeside Worship Lutheran Basics	Backyard Room 219	6:30 pm 7:20 pm
THURSDAY July 9	SPLCO YA Bible Study Praise Team Rehearsal	Room 219 Church	6:30 pm 6:30 pm
FRIDAY July 10	Leah Flolo/James Pape Rehearsal	Church	5:00 pm
SATURDAY July 11	Journeymen Leah Flolo/James Pape Wedding Divine Worship	Maxim's Church Church	7:30 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm
SUNDAY July 12	Divine Worship Blood Pressure Screening Summer Sunday School Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship	Church Church Office 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
Jonah and the Very Big Fish
The Book of Jonah
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	Is 55.10-13	Rom 8.12-17	Mt 13.1-9, 18-23
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	Hertnkey	N/A
Radio	N/A	Aaron DeWitt	N/A
Ushering Team	Neil Anderson	Rick Zastrow	Jerad Luedtke

JULY 12, 2026

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Jason A. Schockman

Theme: *From Slaves to Sons*

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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless
pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Epistle: Romans 7:14-25a

We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of
the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my
own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do
the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not
want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now
it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within
me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me,
that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do
what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For
I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not
want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do
not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that
dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do
right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law
of God, in my inner being, but I see in my
members another law waging war against the law
of my mind and making me captive to the law of
sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that
I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you,
Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have
hidden these things from the wise and
understanding and revealed them to little children;
yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All
things have been handed over to me by my Father,
and no one knows the Son except the Father, and
no one knows the Father except the Son and
anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in
heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my
yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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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 – 65 Wed – 45
8:00 am – 162 **Total: 372**
10:30 am – 100

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	Rev. Dr. Thompson	Rev. Dr. Thompson
Preacher	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Musicians	Sheri Fleischfresser	Sheri Fleischfresser	Praise Team
Altar Guild	Traci Anderson	Cindy Fredrickson	Stacey Balistreri
Elders	Rick Zastrow Glenn Gartzke	Arno Kirchenwitz	John Nelson
Greeters	Margie Hertneky Char Binney	Dona Thurow Judy Mueller Chris & Pam Kroupa	Frieda Antoniak Marty Antoniak
Live Stream	N/A	Granzin	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushering Team	Gary Flanagan	Dan Friedrich	Mike Neff

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by Duane & Sharon Peterson in praise to God for their 48th wedding anniversary on July 8th

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: *Savior of the Nations*

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

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
05 July, A.D. 2026
Zech 9.9-12; Rom 7.14-25a; Mt 11.25-30

Paul knows the good he wants to do, but finds himself unable to do it. Where do you recognize this same struggle in your own life?

The sermon speaks of a "smaller story" and a "greater story." What is each story, and why does Paul want to shift our attention from one story to the other?

How does Genesis 3:15—God's words to the serpent in the Garden— connect to Paul's cry, "Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

God's story is one of "his faithfulness," not ours. Why is this distinction so important for a person burdened by sin?

Paul answers his own cry with, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" What has Christ done that makes this answer sufficient?

In the painting "Christ and the Four Evangelists," Jesus holds a scepter in one hand and raises the other in blessing. How do these two gestures capture the fullness of Christ's rule?

How does Christ choose to rule through his people? What role do the Evangelists play in His rule in our life today?

The sermon describes the host covering the small window on the world in the painting. What does this teach us?

How does the Lord's Supper connect your "smaller, private story" of sin and struggle to God's "greater story" of salvation?

Jesus says, "Take eat. Take drink. This is my body. This is my blood. Given for you. For the forgiveness of sin." What comfort do these words offer to someone who, like Paul, struggles with doing the evil they do not want to do?