

**3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JUNE 14, 2026**

The harvest is

*plentiful*



but the laborers are *few*

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**“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”**

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*If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.*



Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*please stand in body or spirit*

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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Greeting

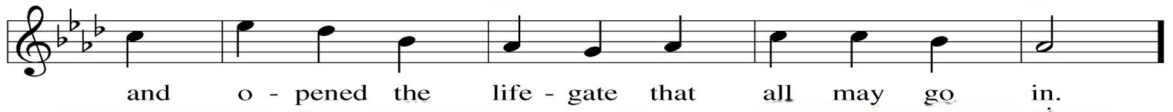
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

"To God Be the Glory"

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# To God Be the Glory



## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*please be seated*

First Reading

Exodus 19: 2-8a

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup> ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.” <sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

<sup>5</sup> **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Second Reading

Romans 5: 1-8

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Paul Fuelling

*please stand in body or spirit*

Gospel Acclamation

"Lord, Let my Heart Be Good Soil"

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But God  
demonstrates  
*his own love*  
for us in this:  
While we were  
still sinners,  
*Christ died*  
FOR US.  
Romans 5:8, NIV

Gospel

Matthew 9:35 - 10:8

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." <sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*please be seated*

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

*please stand in body or spirit*

Hymn of the Day

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

#575

*please be seated*

## **Holy Baptism and Welcoming New Members**

Friends in Christ, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. Jackson will join St. Paul's through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and Lindsey will join St. Paul's through the Affirmation of Baptism.

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

### **Presentation for Baptism**

Sponsors: Michael Decker and Michaela Ives

*We present Jackson Decker for baptism.*

Lindsey, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? *I do*

Jackson, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? *I do.*

As you bring Jackson to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- to live with him among God's faithful people,
- bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
- teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- place in his hands the holy scriptures,
- and nurture him in faith and prayer,
- so that he may learn to trust God,
- proclaim Christ through word and deed,
- care for others and the world God made,
- and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Jackson grow in the Christian faith and life?

*I do.*

Jackson, these promises made on your behalf represent a life of Christian discipleship. Upon your baptism, do you promise to enter into this life of discipleship as you grow in the Christian faith and life? *I do.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Jackson in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *We do.*

### **Presentation for Affirmation of Baptism**

Lindsey is joining this congregation today as she makes public affirmation of her baptism.

Let us pray... Merciful God, we thank you for Lindsey, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

### **Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Affirmation of Baptism**

Lindsey, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support Jackson as he is baptized, and Lindsey in her public affirmation of baptism, and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Baptism**

Jackson Ryan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray... We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Jackson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Jackson Ryan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized and rejoice with those affirming their baptism.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*please be seated*

Offering



*please stand in body or spirit*

Offertory

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

#204

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*please be seated*

## HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

### Communion Hymns

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#661

"This Is My Father's World"

#824

*please stand in body or spirit*

### Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray....Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

### Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**



# “THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH IN US”



**Welcome:** Welcome to worship on this Third Sunday after Pentecost. As a community of faith, we gather to receive God's grace in Word and Sacrament, finding strength in Christ to live as disciples in the world. Whether you are a member or this is your first visit with us, know that you are welcome here, and this community is enriched by your presence

*We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!*

**In Our Prayers:** “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Jill Logan, Ken Holland, Kevin Tatum, Dennis & Claudia Moellman, Jerome Goosen, Nathan Vanderlinden, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Pat Higgins, Tanner Huffman, Jim Kammeyer, Heidi Hopp (grandmother of Nicole Rice), Mike Wingerter (brother of Susan Goosen), Kathy Harms, Deanna Browning, Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eckhoff, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home & Homebound:** Vern Dean Bohling, Shirley Cash and Larry & Judy Schlesselman: *Anew*. Eugene Beckman, Florence VonHolten & Arlene Schlesselman: *GSCC*. Earl Bauer: *Windsor Nursing Home*.

**Prayers:** If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.





**Military:** Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen), J. Phillips Navy Petty Officer E-4 MMN (nephew of Katy Schlesselman), Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.

**Baptism & New Member: Today** we will welcome Lindsey and Jackson Decker to our congregation through Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism. Please welcome them and continue to pray for them in their new life in Christ.



**One Stitch at a Time:** The Sewing Group will meet **every Monday** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join!

**Float work is underway!** Calling all counters (1-4), pleaters, and fluffers! We will gather in the Sunday School classrooms (Fellowship Hall) on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the present. The Fellowship Hall will be open beginning at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Questions - contact Rhonda Schlesselman or Janice Gerken.



**Circle:** The Esther Circle will meet at Janice Gerken's home on **June 15th** at 7:00 PM.

**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **June 18th**, from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



**Committee:** The Sunbeam Committee will meet on **June 24th** at 2:00 pm.

A "New Look" for our traditional annual Ice Cream Social. The Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, **June 28**, with new hours of 11:00 am -1:00 pm. The social will take in an atmosphere of a "Sunday Picnic", with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs (also chili dogs), chips, drinks (tea, lemonade and water), and the traditional good ole' ice cream, pies, and cakes. Invitations will be extended to area churches and throughout the community. Come and enjoy the picnic atmosphere, good food and fellowship!!



Summer  
CAMP

**Mid-MO Bible Camp:** Mid-MO Bible Camp will take place **July 12-16** at Camp Rising Sun in the Lake of the Ozarks State Park. This is for youth who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration packets are located at the usher stands in the back of the church. Registration packets are due by **June 27th**. Adult volunteers are always needed, whether for specific tasks or a few hours or a few days: kitchen help, swimming supervision (especially trained life guards), final-day cleanup, providing cookies & snacks, etc.

**Vacation Bible School:** Join us for Vacation Bible School **July 20-24!** Youth from Pre-K (potty-trained, please!) through 6th grade are invited to a fun week of VBS for the theme of "Magnified" where we will explore God's awesome creation to discover just how big and powerful God really is! We'll gather each evening from 6:00-8:30 pm here at St. Paul's for fun activities, games, crafts, snacks, stories, songs, and more! Mark your calendars!



**thrivent**® If you are a Thrivent member and haven't yet used one or either of your Action Grants for this year, please let us know and we can put them to use! Contact Pastor Stephen if you have an Action Grant available. Thanks!

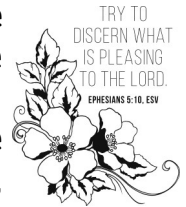
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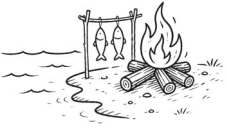
**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to everyone who helped and attended the Holy Cross Pulled Pork Drive-Thru Dinner. We are grateful and blessed to live in such a wonderful, giving and God fearing community. Words can not express our gratitude! Thank you for helping make this event so successful and supporting our Children's Ministry.



**Ice Cream Social:** Trinity Pymont Lutheran Church, located at 2831 Pymont Rd. in Stover, MO, invites everyone to attend their ice cream social **Today** at 5:00 pm. This year's menu will include hot dogs, chili dogs, sandwiches, and sides plus pie, cake and ice cream. There will be a freewill offering and the proceeds will go to the Stover Food Collective and Cole Camp Food Pantry. Music and entertainment will be provided by Out on a Limb, a bluegrass and gospel band out of Eldon, MO. They play a lively mix of bluegrass and fiddle tunes with a goal to provide toe-tapping fun & Christian fellowship. All are welcome to attend.

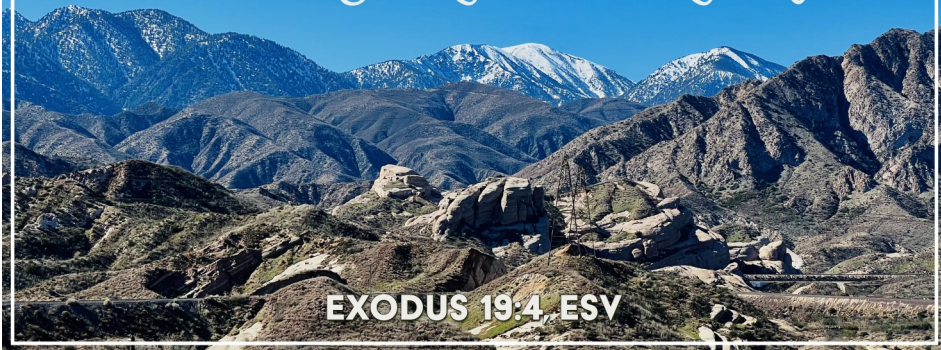
**Discernment Event:** Have you ever felt a nudge to explore ways that God might be calling you to serve the church? Maybe through lay ministry, ordained ministry, or anywhere in between. Do you know someone who has gifts to serve the church whom you could encourage? Pastor Chad Langdon, Bishop's Associate with the Central States Synod, will be hosting a casual Discernment Event at different locations throughout Missouri and Kansas. Our local event will be from **7:00 pm on Friday, June 19**, through **4:00 pm on Saturday, June 20**, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 442 W US Hwy 54, in Camdenton. There is no cost, breakfast and lunch on Saturday are provided, and a hotel room can be provided if needed. You can register online at [www.css-elca.org/discernment](http://www.css-elca.org/discernment) by **Today**. Other dates and locations are available if you cannot make that weekend. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the Link or talk to Pastor Stephen with any questions.





**Fish Fry:** The Cole Camp Area Church Alliance is hosting their annual **Community Fish Fry** on Saturday, July 11, at First Baptist Church, 1110 W Butterfield Trail. Serving will be from 5:00-7:00 pm. The menu includes fried fish, sides, hot dogs, homemade desserts, and more. A free-will offering will be collected to support the work of the Church Alliance, in particular their Happy Feet project that strives to provide a new pair of shoes to local children for each school year. Local musicians will provide bluegrass music for entertainment during the meal. Please join us!

**YOU YOURSELVES HAVE SEEN...  
HOW I BORE YOU  
ON EAGLES' WINGS**  
*and brought you to myself.*



**EXODUS 19:4, ESV**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, June 14:</b>	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
<b>Monday, June 15 :</b>	9:00am	Sewing Group
	7:00 pm	Esther Circle
<b>Thursday, June 18:</b>	8:00am	BCHD
<b>Saturday, June 20:</b>		<b>NO</b> Worship Service
<b>Sunday, June 21:</b>	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations



**~ \* ~ Coming Events ~ \* ~**

June 15	Esther Circle
June 21	Father's Day
June 24	Sunbeam Committee
June 28	Ice Cream Social
July 1	WELCA Quarterly Meeting
July 4	Independence Day
July 12-16	Mid-MO Bible Camp
July 20-24	Vacation Bible School

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Ministers** ..... The Whole Congregation  
**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller  
**Organist** ..... Sandy Schlesselman  
**Pianist** ..... Jeannette VonHolten  
**AV Technicians** ..... Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk  
**Altar Guild** ..... Tiffinay Nash & Norma Schlesselman  
**Ushers** ..... Melisa Balke, Assistant Head Usher  
..... Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Mike Schlesselman



## 3rd Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 14, 2026

**Assisting Minister** ..... Anne Goosen  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Trisha Goosen & Stephanie Randall  
**Reader** ..... Logan & Lauren Jackson  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Paul Fuelling  
**Acolytes** ..... Gannon Elliott & Miranda Gerken  
**Flowers** ..... Lesa Warden



## 4th Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 21, 2026

**Assisting Minister** ..... Tom Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Luther League  
**Reader** ..... Bill Viebrock  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Joyce Schlesselmann  
**Acolytes** ..... Charlotte Zeller & Lauren Jackson  
**Flowers** ..... Luther League