

**4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JUNE 21, 2026**

*"Do not think that  
I have come to bring  
peace to the earth;  
I have not come to  
bring peace but a sword"*



Matthew 10: 34

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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.**

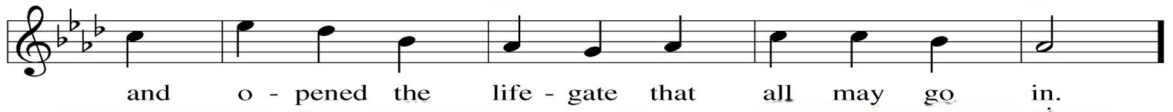
Opening Hymn      "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven"      #771

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"      (See Next Page)

# To God Be the Glory



## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*please be seated*

First Reading

Jeremiah 20: 7-13

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup> **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD: "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

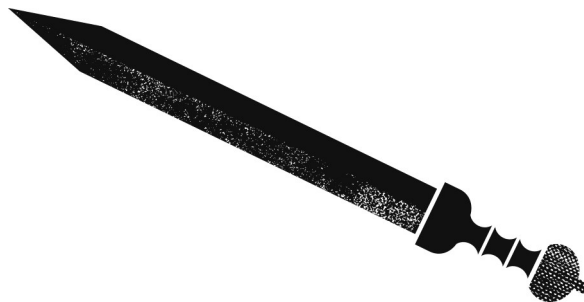
<sup>14</sup> **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**



## Second Reading

Romans 6: 1b-11

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

*please stand in body or spirit*

Gospel Acclamation "Lord, Let my Heart Be Good Soil"

#512



Gospel

Matthew 10: 24-39

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

#667

*(to the tune of Maryton)*

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

“How Firm a Foundation”

#796

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

#798

*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.**

Sending Hymn

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

#848

### Dismissal

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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# “THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH IN US”



**Welcome:** Welcome to worship on this Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. We gather to receive the unconditional gift of God's grace, be nourished by Word and Sacrament, and be sent out to share Christ's love with the world. Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, a seeker checking out church for the first time, or a guest passing through, you are fully welcome here just as you are.

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

**In Our Prayers:** “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Robert Weinberg, Jill Logan, Ken Holland, Kevin Tatum, Jerome Goosen, Nathan Vanderlinden, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Judie VonHolten, and Kyle Luetjen.



Betty Harms, Pam Bruns (Cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel), 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: *Anew*. Eugene Beckman, Florence VonHolten, Arlene Schlesselman & Larry & Judy 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.

**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.



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



**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **June 25th**, from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



**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. A free-will offering will support the Cole Camp Swimming Pool and the Kreisel family. Come and enjoy the picnic atmosphere, good food and fellowship!!



**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.

Summer  
CAMP



**Vacation Bible School:** Join us for Vacation Bible School **July 20-24!** Registration for both participants and volunteers can be completed using the QR code or through this link: <https://www.myvbs.org/stpaulsvbs2026-magnified>. 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!

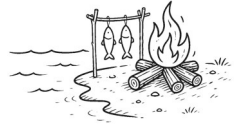
**Back-to-School Clothing Sale:** We will collect donations of gently used clothing this summer for the Back-to-School Clothing Sale on **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. There is an enclosed trailer parked behind the church building where donations can be dropped off at any time. Once that trailer is filled, donations can be left inside the building, which will be opened during office hours or other church activities. There will be signs pointing to those drop-off locations. Thank you for your support!



**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!

~In Our Community~

**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!





I love my dad because...

My favorite thing to do with my dad is...

I love it when he...

His favorite sport is...

Draw a picture of your dad and you!

MY DAD + ME

love,



My dad's favorite food is:

My dad's favorite color is:



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

<b>Sunday, June 21:</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
<b>Monday, June 22 :</b>	9:00 am	Sewing Group
<b>Tuesday, June 23:</b>	5:00 pm	Float Work
<b>Wednesday, June 24:</b>	2:00 pm	Sunbeam Committee
<b>Thursday, June 25:</b>	8:00 am	BCHD
	5:00 pm	Float Work
<b>Saturday, June 27:</b>	5:30 pm	Casual Worship Service
<b>Sunday, June 28:</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
	11:00 am	Ice Cream Social



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

June 21.....	Father's Day
June 24.....	Sunbeam Committee
June 28.....	Ice Cream Social
July 1.....	WELCA Quarterly Meeting
July 4.....	Independence Day
July 8.....	Church Council Meeting
July 12-16.....	Mid-MO Bible Camp
July 20-24.....	Vacation Bible School
July 22.....	Worship & Music Committee
August 1.....	Back-to-School Clothing Sale

# 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



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

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



## 5th Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 28, 2026

**Assisting Minister** ..... Darin Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Debbie Eckhoff & Krista Poe  
**Reader** ..... Adrienn Dieckman  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Jennifer Rehmer  
**Acolytes** ..... Lexi Goyette & Kale Kruep  
**Flowers** ..... Jean Healan