

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JUNE 28, 2026

**“WHOEVER WELCOMES YOU
WELCOMES ME,**



**AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ME
WELCOMES THE ONE
WHO SENT ME.”**

MATTHEW 10:40, NRSV

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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

"All Are Welcome"

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Greeting

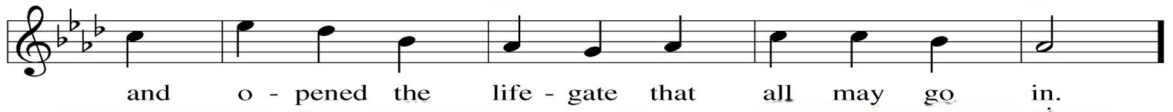
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

"To God Be the Glory"

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To God Be the Glory



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 28: 5-9

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



And if **anyone**
gives even a cup
of cold **water** to
one of these
little ones...
he will **certainly**
not lose his
reward.

Matthew 10:42

Responsive Reading

Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18

¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³ “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴ **‘I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”**

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**



Second Reading

Romans 6: 12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Jennifer Rehmer

please stand in body or spirit

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

#512

Gospel

Matthew 10: 40-42

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” #719 vs. 1, 4-6

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

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#522

"Just As I Am"

#592

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

#686

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“ “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

#676

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.



“THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH IN US”



belong here."

Welcome: "Welcome! We are so blessed to gather on the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. In a world that can often feel chaotic, may today's worship offer you a quiet refuge and a reminder of God's steadfast grace. Please take a moment to greet your neighbors, and know that you

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

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Mary Haluptzok, Judie VonHolten, Jill Logan, Ken Holland, Kevin Tatum, Jerome Goosen, Nathan Vanderlinden, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.



Dan (Friend of Dan & Julie Cronin), Betty Harms, Pam Bruns (Cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel), Pat Higgins, 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.



Prayers for those who died: Family and friends of Forrest Brockman (father of Pam Luetjen)



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.

A "New Look" for our traditional annual Ice Cream Social. The Ice Cream Social will be held **Today** from 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. Come and enjoy the picnic atmosphere, good food and fellowship!!



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

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **July 2nd**, from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



Council: The Church Council will meet on **July 8th** at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room.

Committee: The Worship & Music Committee will meet on July 22nd at 2:30 pm in the Meeting Room.



Sunbeam: The Sunbeam Committee will meet on **July 29th** at 2:00 pm in the Gathering Space.



Mid-MO Bible Camp: This year's Mid-MO Bible Camp will be **Sunday, July 12th - Thursday, July 16th**, at the usual location, Camp Rising Sun in Lake of the Ozarks State Park. It's for youth who this summer have completed 4th - 9th grades. Friends are invited! Cost is \$100 per camper, and St. Paul's will pay for half of the fee for our members and friends. Registration forms are on the usher's stands at church.

The deadline to register and receive a t-shirt has passed, but you can still submit your registration ASAP to attend. The campers always enjoy homemade cookies and desserts as a snack during the week, so if you can contribute those please bring them to church by Sunday, July 12th. Let Pastor Stephen know if you have any questions!

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! Registration for participants AND volunteers is live online at: <https://www.myvbs.org/stpaulsvbs2026-magnified>. Anyone in 7th grade and up is invited and welcome to volunteer at VBS, but please register to do so online. Contact Emily Kullman with any questions. 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!

BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE & SALE: The Cole Camp Area Church Alliance is holding the annual Back to School Clothing Sale on Saturday, **August 1st**, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, here at St. Paul's. You can help in many ways:



Clothing Donations

Drop off gently used clothing here at church for the Back to School Clothing Sale. All clothing is accepted, but clothing for children and youth is always needed. It is greatly appreciated if you can sort and label the donations by gender and size. Donations can be dropped off in trailer behind the church or in the Fellowship Hall during office hours or other activities. (There are signs behind the church directing where to drop off.)

Undies Sundays

In addition to clothing available for purchase, families with young children will be given new undergarments at the Clothing Sale. We are again requesting **financial contributions** instead of in-kind donations. We will purchase bulk clothing items and repackage them into smaller packs to provide for a more equitable distribution of undergarments to local families. Those contributions can be made at any time, but our Undies Sunday will be the weekend of July 19 & 26. (We will still accept packages of underwear if you have already purchased those items.)

Happy Feet

We will once again offer vouchers for children (until they run out) that will allow them to purchase a new pair of shoes at JCPenny in Sedalia on August 8th. Financial contributions for that can be made to “Happy Feet” and dropped in the offering plate or shoeboxes at the back of the church.

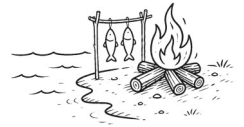
Volunteering

This year we will be sorting and arranging clothing all week, Monday through Friday, July 27 – 31, in preparation for the Clothing Sale on Aug 1. Volunteers are welcome to stop by any day, starting at 9 am, to offer some time sorting. We will also need volunteers the day of the sale to assist shoppers and straighten up the clothing tables, and clean up starting at 1:00 pm.

~In Our Community~

Community Fish Fry with the Cole Camp Area Church

Alliance: The Church Alliance will once again hold their Community Fish Fry on Saturday, July 11th, from 5:00-7:00 pm. It will be held at the First Baptist Church of Cole Camp. As this is a community effort with all the area churches participating, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Could you volunteer some time that day to help set up (at 3:00 pm) or serve (starting a little before 5:00 pm)? Please let Pastor Stephen or Joyce Schlesselmann know if you are available to help with the event. Also, most importantly... **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** to come attend this great event. Thank you!



Salvation Army Kids Meals: For the past few years, the Salvation Army of Benton County has been providing weekly kids meals to families with children to help supplement their food needs. Last year they provided over 41,000 meals to hundreds of families across our county during the summer months!! They expect that number to grow even bigger this year, and with the rising grocery costs they will need our help. If you would like to financially contribute to this effort, you can include that in your offering at church (designated for Kids Meals) or mail it directly to: Salvation Army, PO Box 1432, Warsaw, MO 65355 (be sure to mark your donation as "Kids Meals.")

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, June 28:	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
	11:00 am	Ice Cream Social
Monday, June 29 :	9:00 am	Sewing Group
Tuesday, June 30:	5:00 pm	Float Work
Wednesday, July 1:	7:00 pm	WELCA Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, July 2:	8:00 am	BCHD
	5:00 pm	Float Work
Saturday, July 4:		NO Casual Worship Service
Sunday, July 5:	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion at the Altar



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

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
July 29.....	Sunbeam 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



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



6th Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 5, 2026

Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants At the Altar
Reader Lynn Schear
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Tristan Fox & Evan Randall
Flowers Amy Brown