

St. Paul Lutheran Church

“Let’s Make a Difference Together”



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Worship Services: Sunday at 11:00 A.M.

Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month & Festivals

Christian Education: Sunday’s at 10:15 A.M. for children

9:30 A.M. for adults

Air Conditioned & Handicapped Accessible

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.



Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family??

Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Mon – Fri 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish Administrator, Sherry Gallagher, who will be happy to guide you through the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

SILENT MEDITATION. . . Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

Please rise in body or in spirit means, For those who do not wish to stand (parents with small children sleeping on their laps, people who have had a long week, people who are not able to stand), you need not feel any obligation because God knows you are standing in spirit.

Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

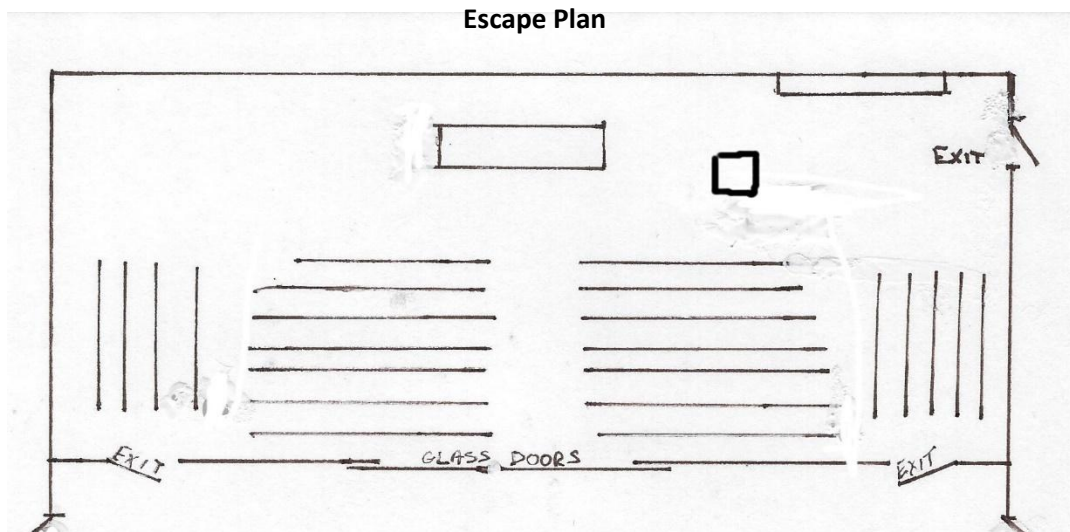
Pastor: Vicar Roger Ruggles
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Parish Administrator: Mrs. Sherry L. Gallagher
Choir Director/Organist: Mr. Robert Jones
Mrs. Kelly Scheer

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Worship Service

Second Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day, we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Words in bold print denote congregational response.

****Please stand, if you are able***

Chimes

Announcements

Prelude

***Confession**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

***Absolution**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Let us confess our sin to God.

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.

***Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen

****Opening Hymn***

SOUL ON FIRE

Chorus 1

God I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire
Lord I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
('Til I am a soul on fire)

Verse

Lord restore the joy I had
I have wandered bring me back
In this darkness lead me through
Until all I see is You yeah

Bridge

Lord let me burn for You again
Let me return to You again
And Lord let me burn for You again
And let me return to You again

Chorus 2

God I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire
'Til I am a soul on fire
'Til I am a soul on fire

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day (Licensed Lay Minister Candidate)**

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 50: 7-15

⁷ "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

Second Reading: Romans 4: 13-25

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us,

- ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.
- ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.”
- ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.
- ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,
- ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.
- ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”
- ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone
- ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
- ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the Gospel (Lector).

***Gospel Acclamation**

Red Book Page #188

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew the 9th chapter.

Thanks be to God.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.

¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."

¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,

²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well."

²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment.

²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,

²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Red Book #798

Will You Come and Follow Me

*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

*Prayers of the People (Licensed Lay Minister Candidate)

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Amen.

At this time, you are invited to offer your joys and concerns, either out loud or silently. *Pause.* We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

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.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*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.

*Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ, the true paschal lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy

Red Book #190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is for the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*Post Communion Canticle

Red Book #204

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion minister says

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

***Prayer After Communion**

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.

***Closing Hymn**

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come, set Your rule and reign / in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray / Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit, come invade us now
We are Your Church / we need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first / We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives / for You're our joy, our prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your Church / we pray, revive this earth

Chorus

**Build Your Kingdom here / Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand / Heal our streets and land
Set Your Church on fire / Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere / Build Your Kingdom here, we pray**

Unleash Your Kingdom's power / Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop / Your beauty, changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the Kingdom's seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your Church / we are the hope on earth

Chorus instrumental **Chorus**

*Go Now and Pass It On

May the Lord _____ walk be - side us _____ as we

6
leave _____ this qui - et place, _____ for the Lord _____ will al - ways

12
guide us _____ if we walk in the light of His grace. _____

17
_____ May we feel God's love a - round us _____ as it

22
keeps us faith - ful and strong, _____ for the peace _____

27
_____ of God sur rounds us, _____ and now we must pass it

32
on. _____ Go now and pass it on. _____

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with blank lines indicating where the words should be placed. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*Charge to the People

Heaven has come near, come share in the feast!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Prayer Requests

Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...

Needing God's help... Sr. M.Sgt. William F. Allen; Travis Bird; Judi Carman; John Drury; Fred Gerstlauer Jr.; the family of Charlie Hemple at his passing; Ed Kenderdine; the family of Jim Hinton; Kris Kent; Robbie Kinsley; Chris Kinsley, Sr ; Doris Kinsley ; Eleanor Kreuger; James Mecke ; Norm Rinker; Claudette Segear ;The family of Diane Scarpone at her passing; Tom Shaw; Phyllis Sherwood; Tina Smilek; Greg Theadford; George Uathavikul; the family of Jim Werkheiser at his passing; Ruth & Eric Ziedonis; for the people of Ukraine; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the families and victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic. Please pray for healing for all people struggling in addiction and their families.



Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.

Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Strunk Food Pantry!

Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong. ***Items of particular need are peanut butter, cereal, pasta/spaghetti, pasta sauce, mac***

& cheese, soup, canned veggies (potatoes, peas, green beans, corn, carrots, kidney beans), canned fruit, and tuna.

Grocery Tapes

If you shop at Kinsley's Shoprite or Weis markets we get a percentage of your purchase. Just bring your receipts in and put them in the box on the table in the Narthex. In order for us to receive credit, the receipts must include the date and store number. Please don't tear off the bottom of the receipts.

Youth Video Game Night

This event takes place the third Friday of the month from 5 to 7 pm. The next meeting will be June 19. Come join us for video games as well as board games. Parents are welcome! We hope to see you there! Snacks and beverages are available for all to enjoy.

CHRIST'S CAFÉ

Our Christ's Café community dinner will be on Wednesday, June 17 from 4:30 PM until 6:00 PM. Come and enjoy Baked Ziti, green salad, garlic bread and our wonderful desserts.

Guideposts and Christ In Our Home are available in the Narthex. These are free to you. Please take one and enjoy it!

Prayer Requests

The prayer requests will be reviewed periodically. Some names will be dropped if they have been on the prayer request for an extended period of time. If you have a prayer request, please let me know and I will gladly add the name.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 14 following worship.

Attendance on Sunday, May 31 was 27.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistants	Counters	Altar Guild
7-Jun	Deb Storman	Donna Warner Bev Otten	Bill Below	Linda Carrasquillo Dawn Bartron	Donna Warner Deb Storman	Donna Warner Linda Carrasquillo
14-Jun	Dawn Weiss	Beth Werkheiser Dawn Bartron	Dawn Weiss		Donna Warner Beth Werkheiser	
21-Jun	Linda Below	Beth Reindl Carl Reindl	Bev Otten	Dawn Weiss Linda Below	Barb Allen Deb Storman	Donna Warner Linda Carrasquillo
28-Jun	Barb Allen	Linda Below Beth Werkheiser	Joan Rinker		Beth Werkheiser Barb Allen	

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