

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JUNE 16, 2024



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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 and 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,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“God, Whose Form Is All Creation”

#734

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

“Glory to God”

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22 - 24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;
¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6 - 17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

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Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel

Mark 4:26 - 34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

#679



Apostle's Creed

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

**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.**

**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.**

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

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Offertory

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **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 Rain from the Clouds"

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"Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

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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.....Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

"GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS"



Welcome: We pray a special blessing this Father's Day for dads, grandpas and father-figures, and give thanks that our Father in Heaven blesses and loves us all.

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

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Jean Healan, Jon Beckman, Rodger Luetjen, Eugene Oelrichs, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Judy Smith, Paul Kelly, Renee Weller, Gordon Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Dustin Woods, Alexis Harrington, Liz Smart, Josephine Heimsoth, Don Gibbs, Melvin Oelrichs (grandpa of Nicholas Dieckman), Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Averi Kroenke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Ken Jenson (friend of Connie Gerken), Jamie Simon, Dena Sikoutris, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Annie Bright, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Bill Hampton, and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSGt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Cpt. Joseph Strathman.





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

Teachers: The Sunday School is in need of a 4th-6th grade teacher. The lesson materials are planned out and easy to follow with student handouts and a teacher book. This is a fun age with great thoughts and ideas! Contact Anne Goosen if you are feeling called to help support our children's ministry or if you have any questions.



Float Work: Float work will be on a regular schedule of Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will NOT meet on Monday, June 17th.



Circle: The Esther Circle will meet in the home of Rhonda Schlesselman on Monday, **June 17th** at 7:00 pm. Susan Rusk will be the Bible Study leader.

Summer Bible Study: Pastor Stephen wants to invite you to take part in a short summer Bible Study. We will be digging into Luther's Small Catechism, so we're calling this series Confirmation 2.0. Whether you went through a confirmation program recently, or a long time ago, or never at all, this will be an opportunity to explore the foundational pieces of our faith. We will meet on Wednesdays, **June 19, and 26**, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Chapel. We can set up Zoom for these classes if anyone would like to join virtually, just let Pastor Stephen know if you'd like to join that way.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **June 20th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Planning: The Worship and Music committee will meet on Thursday, **June 20th** at 2:30pm.





Ice Cream Social: St. Paul's Ice Cream Social will be held Sunday **June 23rd**. Food serving will begin at 6pm and entertainment will start at 7pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the link if you would like to bring a cake. Otherwise, every household is asked to donate 2 pies. Please bring them to the church by 5pm on June 23.

The committee is looking for entertainment acts to perform during the ice cream social. If you have a special skit, joke, song, or instrumental piece you would like to share, please contact the church or one of the ice cream social committee members: Emily Kullman, Victoria Gerken, and Nicole Rice.

This year our free will offering will be donated to The Happy Feet Project. Thanks to a generous grant, funds raised through the Cole Camp Area Church Alliance for Happy Feet will be matched 50 cents on every dollar, up to \$3000, by the Benton County Community Foundation.

Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **June 26th** at 3:00pm.



Bible Camp: The annual Mid-MO Bible Camp will be held **Sunday, July 14 - Thursday, July 18**, at Camp Rising Sun in the Lake of the Ozarks State Park. It is for youth who have completed 4th - 9th grade this past school year. Registration cost is \$100, but St. Paul's will pay half of that for our youth and a friend. Registration forms are available at the usher's stands and need to be mailed by June 25.

Vacation Bible School: Mark your calendars for an out of this world Vacation Bible School here at St. Paul's, **July 29 - August 2**, 6:00-8:30 pm each night. Our theme is Stellar, where we will learn how to shine Jesus' light into the world. Mark your calendars now, mention it to a friend, and look for registration information to be announced soon!



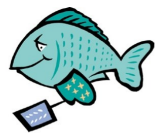
~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~

Pulled Pork Drive-thru Dinner: The Holy Cross Board of Education along with the congregation will be hosting their famous Pulled Pork Drive-Thru Dinner on Saturday, **June 22nd** from 4:30pm-7:30pm. This year the dinner will be drive-thru **ONLY**. Cars will enter the parking area off JJ Hwy from the west by the parsonage, go through the covered area to pay or present tickets and get their choice of dessert, then at the bottom of the ramp pick up their meal and exit onto Lake Creek Ave to the east of the church. The menu will consist of pulled pork, baked beans, cheesy hash brown potatoes, cole slaw, roll, and choice of dessert. All meals are **ADULT** portions at a cost of \$12 per meal. Tickets are available from any member of Holy Cross, at the Citizens-Farmers Main Bank in Cole Camp, or purchase a ticket during the drive-thru. Proceeds from the dinner will be used for Children's Ministry.



90th Birthday: There will be a 90th birthday celebration for Gene Beckman on Sunday, **June 23rd** from 2:00pm until 5:00pm at St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. There will be family, friends, fellowship, food and fun. There will be entertainment by the Cole Camp German Singers. Gene requests no gifts -- **ONLY** your attendance.

90th Birthday: Friends and family of Edna Heisterberg are invited to a reception for her 90th birthday at Trinity Church basement on Saturday, **June 29th** from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.



CCACA Fish Fry: The Church Alliance will once again hold their Community Fish Fry on Saturday, **July 13th**, from 5:00-7:00 pm. It will again 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 or serve? Could you provide a homemade dessert? Please let Pastor Stephen or Joyce Schlesselmann know if you are available to help. Thank you

VBS 2024 Is Here!: The churches of the Cole Camp Regional Ministry invite you to join us for five fun-filled nights where we will travel back in time to learn about Jesus and His teachings. Our Vacation Bible School will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, beginning on Sunday, **July 21st**, and ending on Thursday, **July 25th**. The fun will begin at 6:00 each evening and we will dismiss at 8:00 p.m. We welcome children entering Pre-Kindergarten to 4th Grades (Grades 5 and up will be helpers if they want to join!) Our "helping the community" project this year will be donations of toys to benefit "**Birthday Blessing**" which is a non-profit organization who partners with churches and small groups to share the message of the Gospel and celebrate the lives of low income children ages 5-12 through birthday parties. Donations can be dropped off in the church basement in the marked boxes. Any help is greatly appreciated! Please come to Trinity, and "Travel Back in Time...Back to Jerusalem" with us on July 21 through July 25! Questions? Please email Caitlyn Weaver at cjweaver287@gmail.com.



THOUGHTS FOR FATHERS DAY

A careful man I ought to be;
A little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes;
Whate'er he sees me do, he tries —
Like me, he says, he's going to be,
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine:
The base in me he must not see,
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be,
For a little fellow follows me.

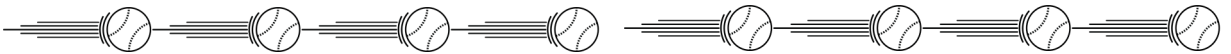
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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, June 16:	9:00am	Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
		Father's Day
Monday, June 17:	No	Sewing
	7:00pm	Esther Circle
Tuesday, June 18:	5:30pm	Float Work
Wednesday, June 19:	5:30pm	Float Work
	7:00pm	Pastor's Bible Study
Thursday, June 20:	8:00am	BCHD
	2:30pm	Worship & Music
	5:30pm	Float Work
Saturday, June 22:	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, June 23:	9:00am	Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	6:00pm	Ice Cream Social

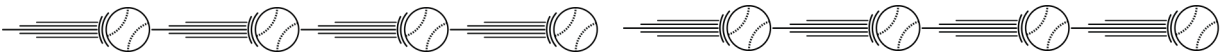


~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

June 19 & 26	Pastor's Bible Study
June 23	Ice Cream Social
July 4	Independence Day
July 13	CCACA Fish Fry
July 14-18	Mid-MO Bible Camp
July 16-20	ELCA Youth Gathering

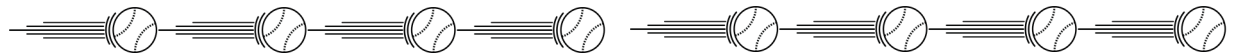
Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Shirley Cash & Norma Schlesselman
Ushers Justin Tinney, Head Usher
Victoria Fox, John Oelrichs, Braden Poe & Ryan Schlesselman.



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 16, 2024

Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Susan Goosen
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Mason Randall & Lane Smith
Flowers Luther League (Father's Day)



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 23, 2024

Assisting Minister Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants Tara Anderson & Ruth Ann Kreisel
Reader Bill Viebrock
Children's Sermon Paul Fuelling
Acolytes Miranda Gerken & Tristan Fox
Flowers Jean Healan