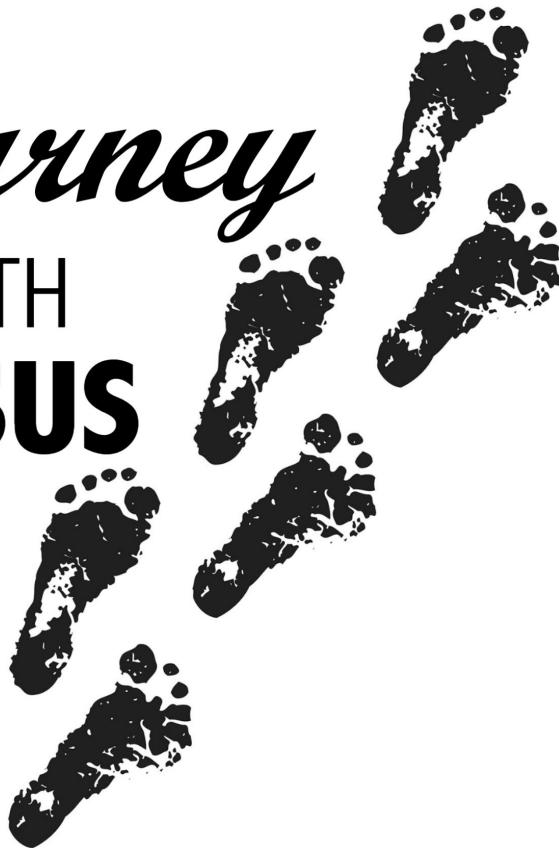


SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ JUNE 1, 2025

Journey WITH **JESUS**



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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.



TRAVELS, TRIPS, AND JOURNEYS: A SERVICE OF WORD AND SONG FOR SUMMER

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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Greeting

The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with us still, be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer

Let us pray.....O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us when we travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Psalmody: Psalm 139:1-12

¹Lord, you have searched me out;

O Lord, you have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

⁷Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"

¹²darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

PLANS AND PREPARATIONS

Reading: *Put on the Armor of God* Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Dialogue and Prayer

What should we pack as we begin our journey?

What should we bring along?

The word of God to illumine our path.

The light of Christ to show us the way.

The gifts of the Spirit to share with those we meet.

The love of God to be our compass and guide.

Let us pray. God of our salvation,

you are the source of all our beginnings.

As we plan for our journeys,

strengthen us through your word.

Orient our lives toward Christ,

the bright Morning Star.

Send your Holy Spirit as our companion along the way.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn:

"O Word of God Incarnate"

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SETTING OUT

Reading: *God calls Abraham and Sends Him Out* Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with

Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD.⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Dialogue and Prayer

God called to Abraham:

“Go! Set out! And I will bless you.”

God calls to us:

“Come! Feel the water on your head!

Hear the promise of new life.

Spread my word through all the world.”

Let us pray. God of beginnings,

you called Abraham and Sarah,

leading them to unknown places.

In the waters of baptism, you claim us

and send us out as your children.

Wash us with your grace

and shower us with your Spirit,

so that we journey into the world

overflowing with your love.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn:

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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ON THE ROAD

Reading: *Jesus Travels and Preaches throughout Galilee* Mark 1:35-39

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Dialogue and Prayer

On the Galilean road, Jesus stopped to reflect and pray.

We, too, long for rest and a balm for our souls.

Seeing those in need, Jesus healed, taught, and fed.

**We are called to live as servants,
loving our neighbors as ourselves**

Holding the children close, Jesus blessed them;

for to such as these the kingdom of heaven belongs.

On the road to Bethlehem, the true light came into the world.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us
and we have seen his glory.**

Let us pray. God of incarnation,

**you entered our world as a tiny baby and you journey with us
through each stage of our lives.**

**Be with our children and youth
who are growing in your love.**

Guide us all as the years and decades pass.

Send us in the light of your grace and truth.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn:

"How Small our Span of Life"

#636

WHEN THE WAY BECOMES HARD

Reading:

Elijah in the Wilderness

1 Kings 19:1-8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and

drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Dialogue and Prayer

We sit like Elijah alone in the wilderness.

"It is enough, O Lord."

The troubles of life overwhelm our spirits.

"It is enough, O Lord."

The way seems too dark; the valleys, too deep.

"It is enough, O Lord."

God rescues us from despair and grants us strength.

"You are beloved, my precious child."

Let us pray. God of our sorrows,

when we grieve a loved one, face an illness, or lose a job, the road seems long, lonely, and treacherous. Comfort us in our despair, guide us through the wilderness, and enfold us in your loving embrace. Grant your mercy and peace. to all those in need this day.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn:

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

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JOYFUL HOMECOMINGS

Reading: *Pressing Toward the Heavenly Goal* Philippians 3:12—4:1

^{3:12}Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. ¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their

god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Dialogue and Prayer

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

We believe in God, we believe in Christ.

“I go to prepare a dwelling place for you.”

You are the way, the truth, and the life.

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.”

Lord, we abide in your love.

“You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus, lead us in the path of your peace.

Let us pray. God of resurrection,

neither death nor life will separate us from your love.

Walk with us when our journeys lead toward home.

Strengthen us to follow the way of the cross

and bring us at last

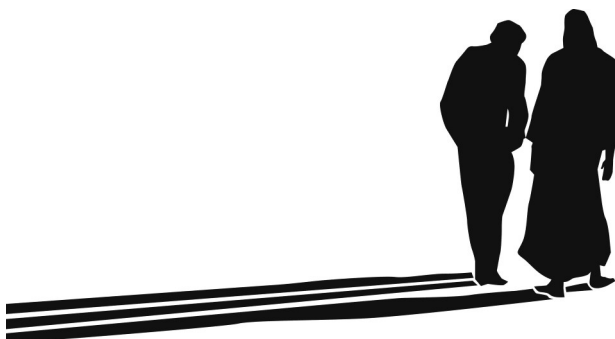
into the joy of your heavenly kingdom.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn:

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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Apostles' 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

Offering

Offering Song

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

756, v. 4

**O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray....O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

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.

Meal Prayer

Blessing

The Lord watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore. In the name of the Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Song

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ goes with you.

Thanks be to God.

"NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



Welcome: Jesus prayed 2,000 years ago that all his followers would be one. Whatever our differences, we are united in him. Let us worship God together.

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

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Diann Holsten, Wanda Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Vern Dean Bohling, Renee Weller, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Kylie Simon, Vanessa Doop & baby, Hazel Karstons, Ashley Campbell, David Woolery (friend of Jerry & Melisa Balke), Susan Canfield, Les Bruns, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Mike Hinkel, Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Stacy Morrison (friend of Teresa Viebrock), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kaleb Mundy, Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Liz Smart, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie 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: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).

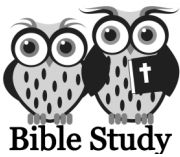


Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



World Hunger Fish Fry: **Today** we will have our annual World Hunger Fish Fry and Turkey dinner from 11:30am until 1:00pm. As you satisfy your hunger please remember those whose hunger is never satisfied.

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **June 2nd** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join the sewing group.



"But I say to you..." Pastor Stephen invites you to join him for a 5-week summer Bible Study. Beginning with the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus builds on, fulfills, and upends many teachings and laws that were familiar to so many of his followers. We'll focus in on this series of teachings in Matthew's gospel, but expand it to other parts of the Bible as well. We will meet on Tuesday, **June 3rd** at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Please join us!

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **June 5th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



Synod Assembly: Synod Assembly is **June 5th - 7th**. Please remember our delegates Greg Bredehoeft, Janice Gerken and Pastor Stephen Zeller in your prayers during those days.

Confirmands: On Sunday, **June 8th** we will share in the joy of the Rite of Confirmation for three of our members. They are Grady Elliott, Ben Goosen and Grant Kullman.



Meeting: The Council will meet on Wednesday, **June 11th** at 6:00pm.

Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, **June 17th** in the Gathering Space to work on banners.



Planning: The Worship & Music committee will meet on Wednesday, **June 18th** at 3:30pm.

Ladies of St. Paul's: The Central States Women of the ELCA will be holding their **Bi-Annual Synodical Convention in Independence, MO at the Hilton Garden Inn on June 20-22, 2025.**



The theme of the convention is Vessels of Grace. The convention will open with an evening meal at 5:00 on Friday, June 20 and conclude with closing worship on Sunday, June 22.

The board has been hard at work to make this an inspiring convention with keynote speaker, worship led by Bishop Candea, informative breakout sessions, Sing-a-longs, Bingo and our Saturday night musical highlight with the "Potter's Wheel". Our own praise band will be part of our worship on Friday evening.

Registration forms can be found at each usher's stand. See Janice for questions. **ALL women are invited to relax, shop, be inspired/informed, and worship with other Lutheran women from Kansas and Missouri!**



Worship: There will be no Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **June 21st.**

Ice Cream Social: The Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, **June 22nd** beginning at 6:00pm. Entertainment will begin at 7:00pm.



VBS: Mark your calendars for this year's VBS, **July 7th – 11th!** We'll gather around the "campfire" and explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. A link for online registration will be posted to the church's Facebook page and website in early June. See you there! See you there!



Mid-MO Bible Camp: This year's Mid-MO Bible Camp will be Sunday, **July 20th** - Thursday, **July 24th**, at the usual place, 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, but St. Paul's will pay for half of the fee for our members and a friend. Registration forms are on the usher's stands at church and are due by June 27th. Adult volunteers during the week - for a couple hours or a couple days - are always welcomed and needed! Talk to Pastor Stephen if you have any questions!

~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~

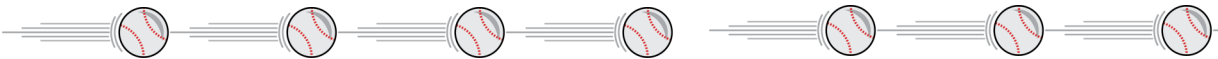
Ice Cream Social: Trinity Pymont Lutheran Church will host their annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, **June 8th** beginning at 5:00pm. They will serve hot dogs, chili dogs, sandwiches, sides, pie, cake and ice cream. The entertainment is from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. Out on a Limb bluegrass and gospel band will play a lively mix of bluegrass and fiddle tunes with a goal to provide toe-tapping fun and Christian fellowship. This a free will offering with the money going to the Show Me Christian Youth Home.



Support Group: The Care Connection for Aging Services will host a Dementia Caregivers Support Group on Tuesday, **June 11th** from 1:00pm until 2:00pm in the Cole Camp Senior Center.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, June 1:	9:00am	Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:30am	World Hunger Fish Fry
Monday, June 2:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, June 3:	7:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday, June 5:	8:00am	BCHD
		Synod Assembly
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Friday, June 6:		
Saturday, June 7:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
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Sunday, June 8:	9:00am	Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
		Confirmation Sunday

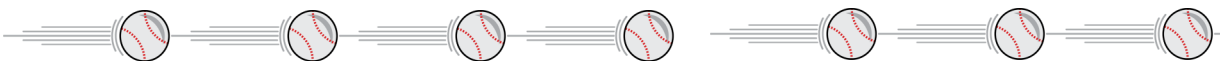


~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

June 1	World Hunger Fish Fry
June 5-7	Synod Assembly
June 8	Confirmation Sunday
June 15	Father's Day
June 21	First Day of Summer
June 22	Ice Cream Social

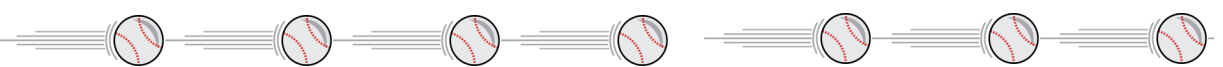
Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

- MinistersThe Whole Congregation
- Presiding MinisterPastor Stephen Zeller
- Organist..... Lois Viebrock
- Pianist..... Jeannette VonHolten
- AV Technicians..... Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
- Altar Guild Shirley Cash & Norma Schlesselman
- Ushers.....Victoria Fox, Assistant Head Usher
.....Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Braden Poe



Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ June 1, 2025

- Assisting Minister..... Tom Oelrichs
- Communion Assistants No Communion
- Reader.....Shirley Cash, Glenalee Dillon, Susan Goosen,
..... Kaylan Poe & Brian Randall
- Children’s SermonNone
- Acolytes..... Lexi Goyette & Logan Jackson
- FlowersNorene Ives



Day of Pentecost ~ June 8, 2025

- Assisting Minister..... Darin Oelrichs
- Communion AssistantsRuth Ann Kreisel & Sharel Wienberg
- Reader..... Ben & Fred Goosen
- Children’s SermonPastor Stephen Zeller
- Acolytes..... Miranda Gerken & Kale Kruep
- Flowers Lesa Warden