

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JUNE 22, 2025



**"Return
to your home,
and declare how
much God has
done for you."**

Luke 8:39

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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.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✚ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

#665

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 65:1 - 9

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine’s flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,” so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 22:19 - 28

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ **Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹ Save me from the lion’s mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²² I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴ For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23 - 29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

#848 vs. 2

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

#843

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 "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

#848 vs. 3

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

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

“One Bread, One Body”

#496

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#886

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

Gracious God, you gathered us to your table and offered signs of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim
your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and
the life of the Holy Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“On Our Way Rejoicing”
(also on next page)

#537

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

“NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE”



Welcome: Family of God, siblings of Christ: Welcome to this time of worship and prayer, listening and singing, confession and forgiveness, giving and receiving. We are glad you're here!

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

In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Nathan Vanderlinden, Diann Holsten, 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).



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Judy Tucker.



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

Ice Cream Social: Get ready for a wonderful social time to enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors while enjoying the goodies that will be served. The Ice Cream Social will be held **today** beginning at 6:00pm. Entertainment will begin at 7:00pm. Proceeds will go to the Little Blessings Day Care and Cole Camp Museum.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will not meet on Monday, **June 23rd**.

Free Yoga Class: Every Monday at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.



**Summer
Bible
Study**



"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 24th** at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Please join us!

Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **June 25th** at 3:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **June 26th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

WELCA: The Women of the ELCA will have their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, **July 2nd** at 7:00pm.



Baptismal Grace: Braxton Lee Balke will be washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, **July 6th**. We welcome him into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Braxton is the son of Chad and Rebecca Balke and was born on June 2nd.

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 has been posted to the church's Facebook page and website. See you there!



Baptismal Grace: Korbett William Dieckman will be washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, **July 27th**. We welcome him into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Korbett is the son of Nicholas and Adrienn Dieckman and was born on May 10th.



Openings: Little Blessings Day Care currently has openings for toddlers (age 2 and above). We have experienced some attrition in our numbers due to a child moving from the area and children who are moving to preschool (R-I School) or kindergarten in the fall. Children will need to have a physical and a current immunization record to enroll. For questions or to enroll, please contact Barbara Metscher (660-668-3537 Ext. 2) or Janice Gerken.

Enrollment: Additionally, "Little Blessings" Preschool is enrolling three-and four-year-olds for preschool in the fall. Children must be three by July 1st. A physical and a current immunization record is also required. Our preschool will be in session each Tuesday and Wednesday morning beginning on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, continuing throughout the 2025-26 school year. For questions or wishing to enroll, please contact Rhonda Schlesselman (660-669-3823) or Janice Gerken.



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!

Membership Directory: I am currently working on the 2025 membership directory. If you have **ANY** changes to your address, phone numbers, email address, anything, please let me know. You can email me at office@stpauls.me or call at 668 - 3537. Thank you, Shirley



Church Directory



Clothing Donations: We will once again open the church building throughout the summer for clothing donations for the Back-to-School Clothing Sale on **August 2nd**. The building will be open during office hours or during other church activities. You can leave your clothing donation in the Fellowship Hall.

~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~



Thank You: THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who worked and attended the Holy Cross Pulled Pork Drive-Thru Dinner on Saturday. We are grateful and blessed to live in such a wonderful, giving and God fearing community. Words can not express our gratitude! Thank you for making this event so successful and for supporting our Children's Ministry.

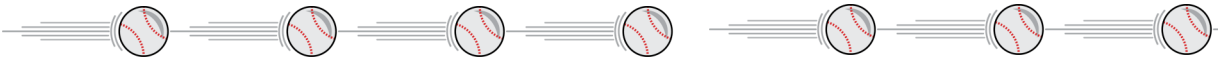
Youth Ice Cream Social: The Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln will host a Ice Cream Social Fundraiser **today** at noon. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, desserts and ice cream. All proceeds will go to help with the expenses at the National Youth Gathering in July!



Support Group: The Care Connection for Aging Services will host a Dementia Caregivers Support Group on Tuesday, **June 24th** from 1:00pm until 2:00pm in the Cole Camp Senior Center.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, June 22:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
	6:00pm	Ice Cream Social
Monday, June 23:	NO	Sewing
	6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, June 24:	7:00pm	Bible Study
Wednesday, June 25:	3:00pm	Sunbeam
Thursday, June 26:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, June 28:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, June 29:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations

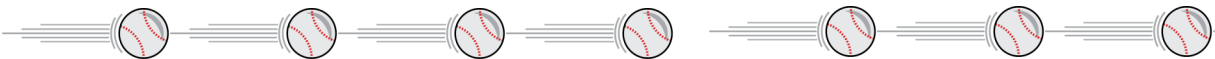


~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

June 22.....	Ice Cream Social
July 2.....	WELCA Quarterly Meeting
July 4.....	Independence Day
July 6.....	Baptism of Braxton Balke
July 7 - 11.....	Vacation Bible School
July 20 - 24	Mid-MO Bible Camp

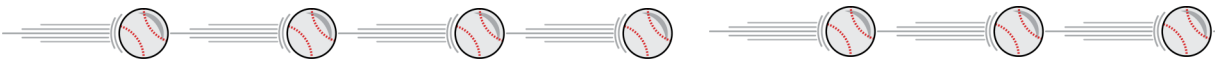
Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers	The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist.....	Lois Viebrock
Pianist.....	Jeannette VonHoltzen
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



Second Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 22, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Melinda Strathman
Communion Assistants.....	Debbie Eckhoff & Krista Poe
Reader.....	Norma Schlesselman
Children's Sermon	Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes.....	Hudson Kullman & Charlotte Zeller
Flowers	Jean Healan



Third Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 29, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants.....	Glenalee Dillon & Erin Oelrichs
Reader.....	Dennis Moellmann
Children's Sermon	Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes.....	Logan Jackson & Kelsey Viebrock
Flowers	Adrienn Dieckman



All the ends
of the earth
shall remember
and turn to
the LORD....

Psalm 22:27