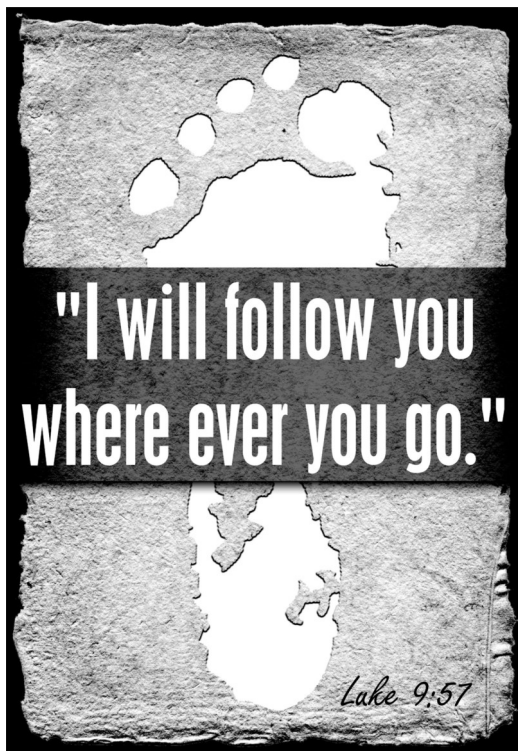


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JUNE 29, 2025



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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

"Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

#404

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

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

#786 vs. 1

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

1 Kings 19:15 - 16, 19 - 21

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.” ¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13 - 25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

#786 vs. 2

Gospel

Luke 9:51 - 62

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked

them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

#810

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

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

#786 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

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

#798

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#812

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

"Lead On, O King Eternal"
(also on next page)

#805

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Lead On, O King Eternal!



- 1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
- 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
- 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

"NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



Welcome: We rejoice in the presence of all who have come to worship the Lord. May God's grace rest upon us and prepare us for the week ahead. Welcome!

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 Eickhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eickhoff), 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.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **June 30th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Come join us!

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. They will not meet on July 7th.



Summer Bible Study



"But I say to you..." Pastor Stephen invites you to join him for the final Bible Study class. 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, **July 1st** at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Please join us!

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



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **July 3rd** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Closed: The St. Paul's offices will be closed on Friday, **July 4th**.



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!



Meeting: Council will meet on Wednesday, **July 9th** at 6:00pm.



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.

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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!



Church Directory

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

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 ~ * ~



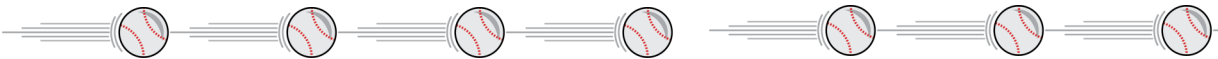
Support Group: The Care Connection for Aging Services will host a Dementia Caregivers Support Group on Tuesday, **July 8th** from 1:00pm until 2:00pm in the Cole Camp Senior Center.

Community Fish Fry: The Church Alliance will once again hold their Community Fish Fry on Saturday, **July 12th**, 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 or serve? Could you provide a homemade dessert? (We only need four!) Please let Pastor Stephen or Joyce Schlesselmann know if you are available to help with the event. Also, ***mark your calendar*** to come attend this great event. Thank you!



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, June 29:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, June 30:	9:00am	Sewing
	6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, July 1:	7:00pm	Bible Study
Wednesday, July 2:	7:00pm	WELCA Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, July 3:	8:00am	BCHD
Friday, July 4:		Independence Day / Offices Closed
Saturday, July 5:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, July 6:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion at the Altar Baptism of Braxton Balke



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

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
July 27	Baptism of Korbett Dieckman

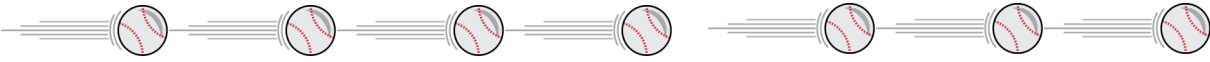
Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

- 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



Third Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 29, 2025

- Assisting MinisterJanice Gerken
- Communion Assistants Glenalee Dillon & Erin Oelrichs
- Reader..... Dennis Moellmann
- Children’s SermonJoyce Schlesselmann
- Acolytes..... Logan Jackson & Kelsey Viebrock
- Flowers Adrienn Dieckman



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 6, 2025

- Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
- Communion AssistantsAt the Altar
- Reader.....Bill Viebrock
- Children’s SermonPastor Stephen Zeller
- Acolytes.....Miranda Gerken & Mason Randall
- FlowersAmy Brown