

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 6, 2025

The harvest is
plentiful,



but the laborers are *few...*
Luke 10:2, NRSV

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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

"Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word"

#663

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 God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

Service Of Holy Baptism

Braxton Lee Balke

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors:

We present Braxton Lee Balke for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Braxton baptized into Christ? *I do.*

As you bring Braxton to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Braxton grow in the Christian faith and life? *I do.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Braxton in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *I do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Braxton and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the powers of this world that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Braxton Lee Balke, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.....We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Braxton with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Braxton, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10 - 14

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— ¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. ¹² For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 66:1 - 9

¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

² **Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ **All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

⁵ Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

⁸ **Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:7 - 16

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a

good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#840 vs. 1

Gospel

Luke 10:1 - 11, 16 - 20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "

¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

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Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit
Hymn of the Day

“O Zion, Haste”

#668

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.**

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Offering

please stand in body or spirit
Offertory

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#840 vs. 2

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

At the Altar

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.

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do
not wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.

Communion Hymns

"In Christ Called to Baptize" #575

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #656

"This Is My Song" #887

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

#547

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

"NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



Welcome: On this Sunday after Independence Day we thank God for the freedom to worship. God bless us as we gather 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 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.



Thank You: Thank you for your very generous donations to the Della Lamb Service Agency. Those many bags of items donated filled four large boxes, which were delivered to the Women of the ELCA Convention last week. The agency picked all the donated items on Friday, June 20. Della Lamb is a local refugee resettlement agency in the Kansas City community. It has been in operation for the past 10 years. The donated items of hygiene products and household cleaning supplies will be put to good use throughout the community. Thank you!!!

Baptismal Grace: Braxton Lee Balke will be washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism **today**. 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. His sponsors are Ryan and Amanda Haas.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **July 7th** 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**.



VBS: Vacation Bible School will begin tomorrow evening, Monday, **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. See you there!

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



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



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!



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** ~ * ~



Birthday Blessings: Birthday Blessings is a not-for-profit organization that supports foster children in Benton and Pettis Counties. They provide birthday and Christmas gifts for foster youth among other support. From **July 1-31**, they are collecting new gifts for this Christmas for foster children to get ahead of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. A collection box has been set up in the link area. The gifts will benefit foster children in Missouri, and specifically Benton and Pettis Counties. Please consider purchasing a gift for a foster child and leaving it in the box. There is a QR code on the box with a link to Birthday Blessings for more information on this group and suggested gift ideas.

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 Fish Fry 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, July 6:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion at the Altar Baptism of Braxton Balke
Monday, July 7:	9:00am	Sewing
	6:00pm	VBS
	NO	Yoga
Tuesday, July 8:	6:00pm	VBS
Wednesday, July 9:	6:00pm	VBS
	6:00pm	Council
Thursday, July 10:	8:00am	BCHD
	6:00pm	VBS
Friday, July 11:	6:00pm	VBS
Saturday, July 12:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, July 13:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

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
August 2.....	Back-to-School Clothing Sale

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	Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann
Ushers.....	Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
.....	Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 6, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	At the Altar
Reader.....	Bill Viebrock
Children's Sermon	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes.....	Miranda Gerken & Mason Randall
Flowers	Amy Brown



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 13, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	Trisha Goosen & Stephanie Randall
Reader.....	VBS
Children's Sermon	Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes.....	Lexi Goyette & Kelsey Viebrock
Flowers	Ruth Ann Kreisel