

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 13, 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

Call to Worship

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

We gather to worship God who is in our midst. Just as God came to Jacob in a dream to remind him he would never be alone, we too can know that we are blessed with a God who offers us constant presence. That's why we can **Trust God to Go with Us!**

We worship the one who did not leave Naomi and Ruth on their own. As Ruth declared that Naomi's God would be her God, Naomi's God provided guidance. We too have access to that guidance. That's why we can **Trust God to Lead the Way!**

We worship the one who came to Earth as a baby to show us how to live. As a young boy in the temple, Jesus sought God and God's wisdom by listening to the wise teachers. We can hear from God and gain God's wisdom as we spend time seeking. That's why we can **Trust God to Share Wisdom!**

We worship the one who can calm a raging storm with just a word. As Jesus brought stillness to the chaos that the disciples were facing, he showed us that we are not alone in life's storms. That's why we can **Trust God to Give Us Peace!**

We worship the one who gave us good news to share! As Philip was traveling, he was excited to tell an Ethiopian man about Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. This man's life was changed by this amazing news and ours can be, too. When we claim the good news in our lives, we are filled with lasting contentment and hope that we want others to experience. That's why we can **Trust God to Spark Joy!**

Opening Hymn

“How Firm A Foundation”

#796

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

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

#657 vs. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Thank you that you are with us. Thank you for knowing us and showing us the way. Help us to place our trust in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

Vacation Bible School - Camp Firelight

Day 1: God Goes with Jacob

Genesis 28:10-22

Trust God to Go with Us!

Day 2: Ruth Chooses to Go

Ruth 1

Trust God to Lead the Way!

Day 3: Young Jesus Shares Wisdom

Luke 2:41-52

Trust God to Share Wisdom!

Day 4: Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

Trust God to Give Us Peace!

Day 5: The Good News Sparks Joy

Acts 8:26-40

Trust God to Spark Joy!

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Hymn of the Day

“I’ve got Peace Like a River”

(see next page)

I've Got Peace Like a River

Spiritual

Spiritual, arr. Roger Nachtwey

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got

peace like a riv - er in my soul. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got

peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.

2. I've got love like an ocean, etc.

3. I've got joy like a fountain, etc.

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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

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

#673 vs. 1

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

“Earth and All Stars!”

#731

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

#767

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.....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

May you go in peace, trusting that whenever you are afraid or uncertain, your God will go with you and lead you, granting you the wisdom, peace, and joy that you need to share your light in the world.

Sending Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me”

#595

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

"NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



Welcome: Brothers and sisters, thank you for your presence at worship today. Our praise is stronger and our prayers are deeper because of each precious individual enriching the whole. 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 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.



Float Work: Float work to start...let's "hit the ground running" as the time is short!! Calling on all pleaters, fluffers, stuffers, and frame builders! For the present time, we will meet on **Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays** at 5:00 p.m. in the in the Gathering Space. Dennis is constructing the "little blue truck" at his home. However, guys (builders) will need to help with work on the frame. Many hands will make the project run smoothly. Thanks!!

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.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **July 14th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Come join us!

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **July 17th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



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. 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!

Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **July 21st** at 7:00pm at the home of Rhonda Schlesselman.



Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **July 23rd** at 3:00pm.

Planning: Worship & Music committee will meet on Thursday, **July 24th** at 1:30pm.



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.

Undies Sunday: On the weekends of **July 20th and 27th**, we are seeking financial donations that will go towards the purchase of new undergarments for children who come to the Back-to-School Clothing Sale on August 2nd. This new practice of purchasing bulk underwear allows for a more equitable distribution to those attending. Thank you for your support!



Clothing Donations: We will once again open the church building throughout the summer for gently used 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.

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.

~ * ~ **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.

Ice Cream Social: Please come join us for some food, fun, fellowship, and fireworks at Mt. Hulda Lutheran Church. Mt. Hulda will be hosting an ice cream social **today** from 5:30 pm - dark. Food and fellowship will open at 5:30 pm, the menu will include hotdogs, chips, cake & ice cream, and drinks. Entertainment will begin at approximately 6:30 pm and will include singing, instrumentalists, and a pie auction on behalf of the Benton County Cancer Fund. At dusk -weather permitting- we will be having a fireworks display! Any donations collected will be used to help our fellow community members in need. We look forward to seeing everyone, so please make plans to attend! It will be a great social gathering for neighbors, friends, and all of God's people!



Support Group: The Care Connection for Aging Services will host a Dementia Caregivers Support Group on Tuesday, **July 22nd** from 1:00pm until 2:00pm in the Cole Camp Senior Center.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, July 13:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, July 14:	9:00am	Sewing
	5:00pm	Float Work
	6:30pm	Yoga
Wednesday, July 16:	5:00pm	Float Work
Thursday, July 17:	8:00am	BCHD
	5:00pm	Float Work
Saturday, July 19:	NO	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, July 20:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations Bible Camp Begins



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

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

MinistersThe Whole Congregation
Presiding MinisterPastor Stephen Zeller
Organist..... Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians..... Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar GuildMelisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann
Ushers..... Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
.....Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



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



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 20, 2025

Assisting Minister..... Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader..... Luke Goosen
Children’s SermonJennifer Rehmer
Acolytes..... Ben Goosen & Jace Tinney
FlowersCarolyn Eickhoff