



St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 12, 2026
Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost



What Makes Christians *Different*

Welcome to honored guests and St. Paul's family alike!

In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to be strengthened through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service.

Our worship is designed for your whole family. Find children's busy bags, a book that teaches young children about worship, children's bulletins, and children's worship note sheets on the **worship materials for children cart** near the central sanctuary doors.

God loves the sound of children in worship, and so do we! If you need to step out of worship for a moment, we have a **family room** located through the door in the back of the fellowship hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to talk with you about how we can serve you with the Gospel and make here your home!

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Our Pentecost season worship series | **What makes Christians different?**

The Bible says Christians are different. Christians are people who believe in Jesus as their Savior. But they often look the same as those who do not believe in Jesus. How are Christians different? The answer is often something internal, attitudes or perspectives that come only from the work of the Holy Spirit in Word and sacrament. Ultimately, Christians are people who run to Christ for forgiveness because they have failed to live perfect lives. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to do all the things that Jesus says Christians do, things that make Christians different.

Today's worship theme | **Christians are planted by the Word**

Planting seeds by hand can be extraordinary. In your hand, the seed looks lifeless and insignificant. You put the seed into the soil, and suddenly, all by itself, the seed germinates and sprouts and reaches to the sun. Except when it doesn't! Plant multiple seeds and often only some of them will grow.

The Bible describes Christians as planted by the Word. Why do some people grow in faith, and not others? What makes Christians different? The Bible describes the supernatural process by which God calls people to faith through the Gospel. He promises that his Word always accomplishes his purpose. It is powerful all on its own, without our help. As we grow in faith, we give God thanks for the miracle of his work in our lives.

Our prayer before worship | **for growth through the Word of Christ**

Lord God, all things we have come from you and belong to you. Guide us, therefore, to use all we have to the glory of your name and for the good of your kingdom. Give us the rest that comes alone from you; take our hearts and fill them with your love; take our lips and move them to speak Jesus' name; take our lives and use them to serve in your Church. Move us, by the Spirit of Jesus, to do what is needed to spread the gospel of Jesus worldwide for his name's sake. Amen.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: He says I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: ***"Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."***

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

CW 914

Christ gives both foundation and direction as the cornerstone of our faith, and is worthy of joyful praise!

1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, on him a - lone we
2 Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we im -
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hal - lowed courts shall

build; with his true saints a - lone the courts of
plore, and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us
ring; our voic - es we will raise the Three in

heav'n are filled. On his great love our hopes we
ev - er - more un - til that day when all the
One to sing and thus pro - claim in joy - ful

place of pres - ent grace and joys a - bove.
blest to end - less rest are called a - way.
song, both loud and long, that glo - rious name.

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P(residing minister) | In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C(ongregation) | Amen.

Confession

P | If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C | If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P | Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C | Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P | Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C | Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P | In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C | Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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Prayer of the Day

P | The Lord be with you.

C | **And also with you.**

P | Let us pray: Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6–11

God's Word produces the fruit that God desires.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found! Call on him while he is near!

⁷Let the wicked man abandon his way. Let an evil man abandon his thoughts.

Let him turn to the LORD, and he will show him mercy.

Let him turn to our God, because he will abundantly pardon.

⁸Certainly my plans are not your plans,

and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans.

¹⁰Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there

unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout,

so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty.

Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please,

and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day | The Seed That Falls

Psalm 65

The Psalm will be read responsively by the half-verse.

P | Praise awaits you, our God;

C | **you call forth songs of joy.**

P | You care for the land and water it;

C | **you soften it with showers and bless its crops.**

P | The streams of God are filled with water

C | **to provide the people with grain.**

P | You crown the year with your bounty,

C | **and your carts overflow with abundance.**

P | The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders.

C | **The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:5–11

We sow the seed of God's Word, but only he can make it grow.

⁵What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? They are ministers through whom you believed, and each served as the Lord gave him his role. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. ⁷So then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but it is God who causes the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters are united, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹For God is the one whom we serve as coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰In keeping with the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. But let each person be careful how he builds on it. ¹¹In fact, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 55:11

P | Alleluia! My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Jesus pictures ministry as a planter scattering seed.

¹That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. ²A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. ³He told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen, a sower went out to sow. ⁴As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. ⁶But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. ⁸But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some

sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”

¹⁸“So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path. ²⁰The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. ²²The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. ²³But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown.”

P | The Gospel of the Lord.

C | **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

CW 644

Like spreading seed, so God sends his Word to destroy the works of evil and grow his gifts on earth.



- 1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
- 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
- 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
- 4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and right - eous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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Pastor What's-His-Name

Thoughts to ponder following the sermon:

- In what way do pastors matter?
- How can I communicate to others that the power is in God's Word, not God's pastors?

Nicene Creed

C | We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen!

Offering

To our honored guests: We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul's funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.

*If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in **the offering plate** in our gathering space as you leave worship today, **mail an offering** to our church anytime, or go to **stpauls.edu** or **scan this QR** code to give an offering online.*



The Rite of Confirmation

Eric Brito

The Sacrament

Preface

P | The Lord be with you.

C | **And also with you.**

P | Lift up your hearts.

C | **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C | **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P | It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est!' The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P | Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

P | Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C | Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C | 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.

Words of Institution

P | Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C | Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple and repetitive, using a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.
A - men. A - men.

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Distribution of Holy Communion

To our honored guests: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and in all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. If you are not a member of St. Paul's, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to learn what we teach and can express that unity at your confirmation before you commune with us. If you are interested in taking a class to learn more about our teachings, or if you have any questions, please speak with our pastors.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675

Receiving the Gospel in Word and Sacrament gives us a glimpse of the feast awaiting us in heaven's halls.



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 4th–10th cent., alt. 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.

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I Know My Faith Is Founded

CW 797

Faith's sure foundation, its treasured growth, and its patient perseverance come from Christ alone.

1 I know my faith is found - ed on Je - sus Christ, my
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, for Sa - tan seeks by
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; though per - se - cu - tion,

God and Lord; and this my faith con - fess - ing, un -
night and day to rob me of this trea - sure and
grief, and pain should seek to o - ver - whelm me, let

moved I stand up - on his Word. Our rea - son can - not
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with you be -
me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And then at my de -

fath - om the truth of God pro - found; who trusts in world - ly
side me I shall be un - dis - mayed; and led by your good
par - ture, at home with you I'll be, and there will I in -

wis - dom re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
her - it all you have prom - ised me. In life and

all - suf - fi - cient, it makes di - vine - ly sure, and,
me, O Sav - ior, a firm - er faith be - stow; then
death, Lord, keep me un - til your heav'n I gain, where

trust - ing in its wis - dom, my faith shall rest se - cure.
I shall bid de - fi - ance to ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
I by your great mer - cy the end of faith at - tain.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Cententus novi, Augsburg, 1540, ed. Johann Kugelmann Text and tune: Public domain

P | Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C | **his mercy endures forever.**

P | Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C | **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P | We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | **Amen.**

Blessing

P | The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C | **Amen.**

On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925

We ask that the Lord take the gifts he's given and enable them to grow and flourish throughout our lives.

1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you

stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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Setting Four from Christian Worship

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+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. During the month of July, we have a 19-Minute Bible Study that will follow the service. Sunday School for the children will pause for the summer.

Confirmation Congratulations!

Congratulations to Eric Brito on his confirmation today! We pray that your faith in Christ continues to grow and flourish throughout your life by God's Word and Sacraments.

Summer Volunteer Cleaning Opportunities

Miss Dorothy emailed out a list of cleaning opportunities including (organizing art supplies, cleaning windows, walls, and whiteboards, moving furniture, touching up paint, and helping to replace various ceiling tiles and lightbulbs). The work has already begun, but if you'd like to participate, please check with Miss Dorothy to see what is needed next!

Youth Rally This Week

We pray for safe travels for all the young people who will be going to Bowling Green, OH this week for the WELS International Youth Rally. We hope that all have a safe and enjoyable time and are refreshed and encouraged by time spent together with so many other Christians who share their faith and experiences.

It's time to say goodbye

For many years, years longer than we expected, we've enjoyed spending time with...our church grill. But it's time to bid it farewell, as it heads into retirement to live on a farm in the country, and it's time to welcome a new grill! Starting next week, we'll be taking a freewill collection for a new, right-size-for-us grill (about \$1,500). And as soon as we reach our goal, we'll purchase the grill, and a few grill masters will immediately inaugurate it by grilling up some delicious treats for after worship on the first Sunday we have the grill.

Forward In Christ | July 2026

This month's issue of Forward in Christ features an article about congregational use of digital tools in their ministries, biblical guidance about taxes, an examination of online worship, and much more! Pick up your free copy of the newest Forward in Christ magazine from the gathering area today.

Our Christian service and stewardship of God's gifts

today's preacher and presiding minister | **Pastor James Saatkamp**

accompanist | **Justin Siegler**

worship streaming tech | **Bill Hartman**

ushers | **Rick Freihofer and Tom Leinberger**

sanctuary flowers | **Marilyn Frank (40th anniversary)**

last Sunday's in-person worship attendance | 75

last Sunday's General Fund freewill offering | \$3,252

Let's pray this week!

birthdays | **James Saatkamp (7-12), Michael Young (7-12), Sandy Banker (7-14),**

Rick Freihofer (7-14), J. T. Gayo (7-18)

anniversaries | **Ralph & Marilyn Frank (12th | 40 years!), Mike & Brenda Rivers (12th | 38 years!)**

comfort for the family and friends of | **Tom Colwell**

homebound members | **Dave Brandt, Sharon Cummons, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan**

Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo

health | **Sharon Cummons** (recovering in assisted living); **Kay-Lynn Johnston** (recovering from surgery); **Rick Robinson** (recovering); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovery)

Serving in worship next week

Streaming | Josh Plum

Ushers | Newton & Rochelle Trimmer

This Week | July 12th – 18th

TODAY | Confirmation of Eric Brito

THIS WEEK | WELS International Youth Rally

MON | Kingsway birthday celebration 1 PM

SAT | Christian Funeral of Tom Colwell (Visitation 11 AM | Service 12 PM | Committal & meal after)

Upcoming Events

July 21 | Christian funeral service and committal (John Hambel)

August 3-4 | Faculty Inservice

August 5 & 6 | K-8 Parent Orientation 6 PM

August 7 | Preschool Parent Orientation 9 AM, 2 PM, 6 PM

Our congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. As a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them.

We gather for worship Sundays at 9:30 am and for children's and adult Bible study about ten minutes after worship.

If you would like to learn more about our church family or our church, school, and preschool can serve you, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.



Our Synod

St. Paul's belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), congregations united in faith and in desire to serve everyone we can with the truth of God's saving Word. To learn more, visit wels.net or ask a pastor.





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