

Week of July 12

- Sun.: 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 am - Divine Service
- 12:00 pm - Lao Bible Class
- 1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service
- Mon.: 7:00 pm - Elders Meeting
- Tues.: 9:00 am - Christians In Action
- 4:00 pm - Food Pantry
- 5:00 pm - Movie night at the Parsonage
- Wed.: 6:30 pm - Bible Study
- Sun.: 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 am - Divine Service with Communion
- 12:00 pm - Lao Bible Class
- 1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service with Communion

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY: (July 12)

Elders/Ushers: Duane Madoerin, John Vulgamott, Ryan Branning
Greeters: Marsha Royster & Lorilee Seiser
Audio/Visual: Jasmin / Lila Venegas
Screens: Lorilee Seiser
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Nancy Long / Emily Boc

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (July 19)

Elders/Ushers: Richard Rieck, Darryl Pagel, Harrison Hayes
Greeters: Duane & Diane Madoerin
Audio/Visual: Will Breitenkamp
Screens: Arlene Blue
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Nancy Long / Emily Bochmann

Attendance: 48 **Lao:** 16 **Offering:** \$2490.00
Lao Offering: \$100.00

UNABLE TO WORSHIP IN PERSON: Join us via live broadcast over KQWC 95.7 FM or live streaming on St. Paul's Website, Facebook, or Youtube.

WELCOME to St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are here to join us in worship this morning. If you are a guest, we would love to get to know you.

Please take a moment to sign the record of fellowship folder at the end of the pew and introduce yourself to Pastor Pierson. Finally, if there is any way we can be a blessing to you, please let us know!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Tha Saiyasith, Vic Weisberg, Laura Weisberg, Ethel Baker, Jaxin Loughry, all our homebound members, persecuted and endangered Christians throughout the world.
If you have someone you wish to add to or remove from the Prayer List, feel free to call the church office.

JULY FOOD PANTRY REQUEST: cereal, pasta, canned fruits, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Thank you to everyone for your donations and help volunteering!

Please save your used printer cartridges for LWML: You can drop it off at the Church office during business hours. Money received will be used for Iowa West District Missions.

The Board of Education alongside the Board of Evangelism is excited to announce that we will have a booth set up at Market Nights a few times throughout the summer. We would love additional help from the Congregation. If you are interested in helping please reach out to Julie Irvin at 515-835-1305. If you, your family, or a group would like to host the booth on a different Thursday please let me know. Not every week would have to be a children's activity. If you have an idea of something you'd like to do, please reach out. Market nights are every Thursday, through the month of August, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Movie Night: Middle/High School movie night at the Parsonage on Tuesday July 14, 2026 from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Special Voters Meeting: Sunday July 12, 2026 after Sunday Service. This meeting is to discuss the next phase of Kitchen Remodel.

We are scheduled to help with the Summer Lunch Program again on July 13, 15, and 17. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the Church office to Volunteer.

The 2026 LCMS National Convention is this month, July 18-23. Each circuit sends a lay and pastoral delegate to convention to vote on various synod resolutions and on individuals for synod offices. You can read the resolutions and nominations at <https://www.lcms.org/convention/national> Please feel free to contact our two delegates if you have any thoughts or questions about our synod convention. Our pastoral delegate is Pastor Aaron Zimmerman. He can be reached at (952) 797-2307 or at pastorzimmerman2019@gmail.com. Our lay delegate is Richard Rieck and can be reached at (515) 667-0374



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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

Introit

Psalms 103:15-19; antiphon: v. 8



The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
As for man, his days | are like grass;*
he flourishes like a flower | of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*
and its place knows | it no more.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who | fear him,*
and his righteousness to children's | children,
to those who keep his | covenant*
and remember to do his com- | mandments.
The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,*
and his kingdom rules | over all.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.
²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .
¹⁸“Hear then 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 what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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