

Week of July 19

- 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
- Mon.: 1:30 pm - LWML
- Tues.: 9:00 am - Christians In Action
- 4:00 pm - Mobile Food Pantry
- Wed.: 6:30 pm - Bible Study
- Sun.: 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 am - Divine Service
- 12:00 pm - Lao Bible Class
- 1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY: (July 19)

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

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (July 26)

Elders/Ushers: Dale Blue, Ryan Irvin, John Vulgamott
Greeters: Dale & Arlene Blue
Audio/Visual: Renate Venegas
Screens: Beth Brandt
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Nancy Long / Emily Bochmann

Attendance: 72 **Lao:** 21 **Offering:**\$7256.33

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!

English Handbells: The Joy Ringers have positions open for this fall. Please consider ringing with us. More information to come. Pray about it. Any questions, please contact Jo @ 515-835-1308.

PRAYER CONCERNS: 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.

Congratulations to Delaney & Ryan Branning on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Jo Branning. Amelia will be baptized at the 10 o’clock service on August 2.

Congratulations to Ross and Danika Enslin, who were married July 11. Ross is being confirmed today as a communicant member of St. Paul’s.

Peaches: We have been given the opportunity to partner with Trinity Lutheran, Farnhamville to sell boxes of peaches to raise money for our youth programs. Prices are \$25 for 1/2 box, \$40 for a full box (roughly 20lbs). Delivery around Aug 12.

LFS presentation: Join us Saturday, **August 8 from 9-12** as Rev. Jonathan Conner presents: **Wisdom to Flourish: Taming Our Screens and Cultivating Godly Habits.** This seminar is especially helpful for families with young children, and anyone looking to make best use of the time given to us by God (Eph. 5:16). See flyer in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

Summer Lunch: thank you to everyone who helped with the summer lunch program this year. We are still accepting donations to cover the remaining cost of \$157.95



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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

Introit Psalm 86:11-15; antiphon: v. 6



Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.
Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk | in your truth;*
unite my heart to | fear your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.
For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.
O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men | seek my life,*
and they do not set you be- | fore them.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithfulness.
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.
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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Epistle

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts

knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .
³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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