

WORSHIP NOTES

If you are a guest today, please sign our guest book! Welcome here! We're very glad you came!

Children in Worship: We welcome and encourage children to share in worship. Even very young children see faith in action as we pray and sing and commune together. Children's lessons are available at both entrances, or by checking with any of the ushers.

Communion: If you are unable to reach the serving pastor during communion - they can come to you. Please let an usher know and they will make sure you receive communion.

Need A Helping Hand? If you or someone you know needs assistance getting in or out of the church, please let us know. We're happy to arrange help - Your church family is here for you! Contact the office at office@stpaulsteinbach.org or (204) 326-3758.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available at the sound booth.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one for yourself or a loved one!

Cell Phones and Pagers: Should be turned to silent.

Washrooms: located in the narthex and Education Wing, upstairs and down.

Elevator: located next to the church office.

Accessibility & Safety: As snow melts and creates ice, please drop off those with mobility needs at the side canopy doors and ask an usher for wheelchair assistance if needed.

Drop Box: The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office remains available for envelopes or small items.

Office Hours: 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday

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Sunday, July 5th, 2026

Welcome to our Family Worship Service
on this Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 5th
10:00 AM - Family Service

Sunday, July 12th
10:00 AM - Traditional Service



HOLY COMMUNION

God feeds and renews us with the presence of Jesus Christ. In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. In response to the Lord's invitation I come - confessing my sin, trusting that the Lord is truly present, believing that to receive Him is to receive forgiveness - to partake of the Lord's Supper. People of all ages and faith communities are welcome.

Holy Communion is served in a **Continuous Format** today. Participants are asked to fill out a registration card, available in the pews or at both entrances, and place them in the baskets at the entrances, or in the offering plates.

Ushers will direct you toward the aisle to come forward to the serving stations. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the server who will place a wafer in your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply say "gluten-free" to the server. Wine is served from the chalice or individual cups; white grape juice is served from individual cups.

Come and hold in your hand and taste on your lips the love we cannot comprehend.

OUR MISSION

God's purpose for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is: Accepting all people through God's grace, sharing our faith in Christ, and making disciples.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9



God Pause

Devotion

We can only imagine the sorrow in Jesus' heart as he acknowledged that people just cannot be pleased. When John the Baptist showed up, living simply and calling people to repentance, they said he had a demon. Then, Jesus came eating and drinking with regular people, and they called him a glutton and a drunkard. It's like they were looking for any excuse to reject the good news instead of receiving it. The same can be true today, especially when we get caught up in our own expectations and we miss the invitation Jesus offers in the middle of the chaos. Instead of letting worry, regret, or trying to control everything drag us down, Jesus wants us to stop fighting against the very peace he's trying to give. It's not about having all the answers—it's about trusting he will be there for us even when life feels messy.

Prayer

Loving Lord, we praise your relentless patience and steadfast love. Thank you for forgiving us when we allow the noise in our world to make it difficult to hear your voice calling us to surrender all to you and trusting you will give us peace. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Judy Bullock, BCC, '20 M.Div.Pastor,
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Knoxville, TN

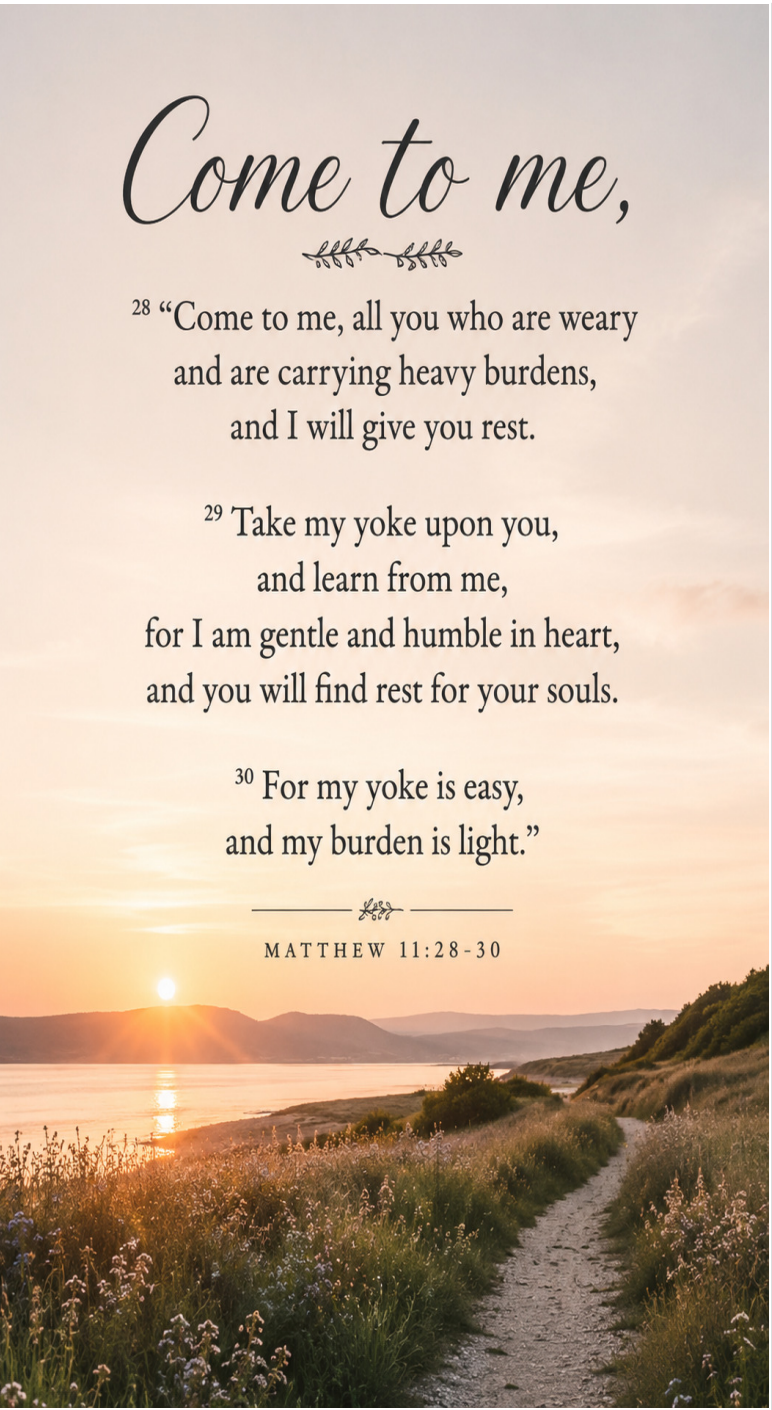
Come to me,

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light."

MATTHEW 11:28-30



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 5TH, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: “Great Are You Lord”

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.
C: Amen.
L: Let us bring every burden to God. God of all mercy,
C: we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
L: All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit’s power strengthen you in doing what is good.
C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Please join me in the prayer of the day: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised.
C: You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children’s Time

Song: “Echo Holy”

GOD’S WORD: Charlene Freund

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:8-14

L: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
C: Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.
L: All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
C: They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak

of your power,
L: that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
C: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
L: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

C: Glory to you, O Lord
[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Song: “Run To The Father”

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Song: Instrumental

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray together,
C: Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your loves without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Table

L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Song: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
L: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
L: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

L: Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven: Taste and know that God is good to all.

Communion Songs

“Trust In You”
“Holy Forever”
“How Great Is Our God”

Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Post-Communion Prayer

L: We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever.
C: Amen.

The Benediction

L: The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, bless you and

equip you for living and serving, today and every day. Amen.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: “Your Grace Is Enough”

Dismissal

L: Go in peace, rejoicing in the rest of Christ!
C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember: Mario & Kayla Dupont, Dalia Dyck, Pastor Jack Frederick, Chris Funk, Ben Funk, Dora Gerbrandt, Ed Harder, Tina Heckert, Marcia Henzel, Linda James, Gail Karman, Val & Nathan Kehler, Ruth Ketler, Paul Kletke, Amanda Lanteigne, Ed Lowen, Rick Martins, Mary Pelletier, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Helmuth Renz, Tony Sawatzky, Ray Schalla, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Kathy Wintoniw (Abby & Julia), and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Ruth Topnik in loving memory of husband **Gordon Topnik**, who passed on July 1st 2017, and daughter **Debra Waldner** who passed on July 7th, 2023. “We shall never lose sweet memories of the ones we loved so much.”

IN LOVING MEMORY

A Memorial Donation has been made by Shannon Neufeld in loving memory of **Grace Holme**, who passed on June 28, 2025. “In our memory you are always with us, as you always were before.”

NEW SERIES: 2 MINUTES WITH PASTOR TIM

We’re excited to introduce a new weekly video series, **2 Minutes with Pastor Tim**! Each week, Pastor Tim will share a short reflection based on the upcoming Sunday readings. New episodes will be uploaded every **Tuesday**. Take a moment each week to pause, reflect, and be encouraged. Videos can be found on our **YouTube channel**, as well as on our **website** and **Facebook page**.

A CUP OF COMMUNITY

Have you seen our new welcome gift? It’s a lovely mug, pen and notebook. If you’re visiting us, please let one of our ushers know so that you can take one home. If you’re a St. Paul’s regular, and would like one, they are also available to purchase. Check in with Tanisha in the office to find out how.

FOR THE RECORDS

If your address has changed in the last year or will change, please let us know by contacting the church office at office@stpaulsteinbach.org or treasurer@stpaulsteinbach.org.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today’s service.

ATTENDANCE: June 28th
Traditional Service - 144
No Sunday School
OFFERING: \$3,737.50

