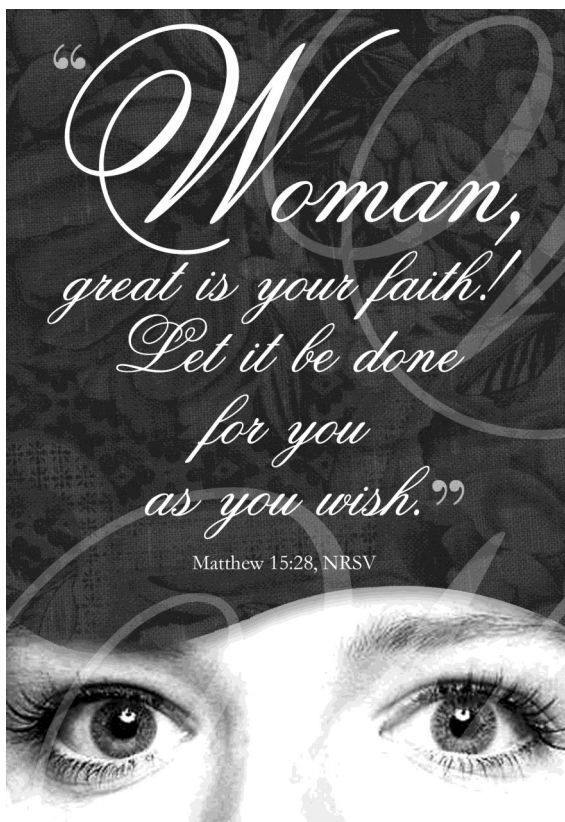


12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - AUGUST 16, 2026



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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

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Lord God, We Praise You"

#558

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

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

#843 vs 1

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843 vs 2

Gospel

Matthew 15: 21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

#612

Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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



please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

#843 vs 3

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

#617

"One Bread, One Body"

#496

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....Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Jesus Shall Reign"

#434

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.



"Yes Lord, yet even the
dogs eat the crumbs
that fall from their
masters' table."

Matthew 15:27

"GOD'S HOPE FOR ALL IN NEED"



Welcome: "Welcome! Today, as we observe the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, our readings invite us to center our lives on faith that endures and treasures that do not fade. We pray that today's service will refresh your spirit and fill you with the peace of God."

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Wanda Viebrock, Suzanne Lutjen, Mary Haluptzok, Ken Holland, Kevin Tatum, Nathan Vanderlinden, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.



Richard Lee, Colin Kabler (brother of Alexis Smith), Tom Ferguson, Tanner Huffman, Merle Fuelling (brother of Paul Fuelling), Dan (Friend of Dan & Julie Cronin), Pam Bruns (Cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel), Pat Higgins, Kathy Harms, Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff 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 & Homebound: Vern Dean Bohling, Shirley Cash: *Anew*. Judie VonHolten, Eugene Beckman, Florence VonHolten, Arlene Schlesselman & Larry & Judy Schlesselman: *GSCC*. Earl Bauer: *Windsor Nursing Home*.

With Sympathy: We pray for those whose loved ones have recently died: Jill Logan, Stanley Harms



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen), J. Phillips Navy Petty Officer E-4 MMN (nephew of Katy Schlesselman), Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet **every Monday** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join!



Yoga: Dr. Stephanie Shirding is once again offering a free Community Yoga class! This class is held from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall every **Monday**. We thank Dr. Shirding for offering this once again! Search for "Monday Mediations" on Facebook for more information on the class.

Circle: The Esther Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on **August 17th** at Sharel Wienberg's home



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **August 20th**, from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Back to School Blessing: On Saturday and Sunday, **August 22 & 23**, we will offer a blessing during the worship service for all those who are starting a new school year - students, teachers, staff, subs, everyone! Students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship to be a part of the blessing that day. Hope you can join us!

PRAYING OVER
a new
school year
♥♥♥



Sunbeam: The Sunbeam Committee will meet on **August 26th** at 2:00 pm in the Gathering Space.



Thank you to Janice Gerken and Jean Healan for your Thrivent Donations! If you are a Thrivent member and haven't yet used one or either of your Action Grants for this year, please let us know and we can put them to use! Contact Pastor Stephen if you have an Action Grant available. Thanks!

Little Blessings: Our daycare is in need of some new rocking chairs similar to what is pictured here. They prefer upholstered chairs, not gliders, and they do not need to recline. If you have something that is gently used please let us know to make sure it's what we're looking for. Thank you!



Parish Education: A new year of Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 20th. Would you be interested in helping teach or co-lead a Sunday School class? Talk to Pastor Stephen if you can help out. Otherwise, everyone is encouraged to jump into a class starting on September 20th!

~In Our Community~

Thank You: On behalf of the Cole Camp Area Church Alliance, THANK YOU for all of your support towards our events this summer. Your time, talents, and treasures have supported the Community Fish Fry, the Back-to-School Clothing Sale, and the Summer Kid's Meals program. Whether it was donating clothes, coming to eat, offering a few hours to help, or lifting a prayer for our work, we accomplished what we did because of our work together. Thank you!



Thank You: The Holy Cross Youth Group extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported and attended our Ice Cream Social last Sunday. Your presence, generosity, and fellowship made the event a wonderful success. We are grateful for the continued support of our area congregations and our community.



Ice Cream Social: The American Legion Family Post 305 is hosting an Ice Cream Social **Today** from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the upstairs of the American Legion Building in Cole Camp, MO. The menu will consist of: Ice cream, pie, cake and grilled chili dogs. Music will be provided by Fred Kennedy. There will be a free will donation and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the Veteran's Home in Warrensburg.

Salvation Army Kids Meals: For the past few years, the Salvation Army of Benton County has been providing weekly kids meals to families with children to help supplement their food needs. Last year they provided over 41,000 meals to hundreds of families across our county during the summer months!! They expect that number to grow even bigger this year, and with the rising grocery costs they will need our help. If you would like to financially contribute to this effort, you can include that in your offering at church (designated for Kids Meals) or mail it directly to: Salvation Army, PO Box 1432, Warsaw, MO 65355 (be sure to mark your donation as "Kids Meals.")



Cole Camp Fair

Sign up Sheet: The Fair Stand Schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Link. Online scheduling is also available. Thanks to all who have already signed up. Thank you!

SIGN UP
sheet 



Fair Stand: Because of the downtown sidewalk construction, we will be putting up the fair stand on Sunday, August 30, at 1:00 pm. We may or may not get the whole thing assembled that day because of needing to fit the stand into a new location, so some patient assistance will definitely be needed that day. Then stay tuned for any further help that will be needed. However, the stand will still be taken down on Sunday, September 13th at 1:00 pm.

Float: Float work continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays from about 5 pm - 8 pm, both in the Fellowship Hall Classrooms and outside in the Shed. Contact Rhonda Schlesselman or Janice Gerken with questions.



Fair Pies: Each family is asked to bring two fruit pies according to the following schedule, divided alphabetically by last names. There are pie tins available for your use in the Gathering Space.

Thursday, September 10th.....A - C
Friday, September 11th D - M
Saturday, September 12th N - Z





Pies by Tammy: If anyone would like to order pies we will be making pies and delivering as usual. The cost will be \$12.00 for fruit and \$13.00 for pecan. We will take orders thru **September 4th**. Call/text Tammy Thompson at 660-287-0360 or mail check with order info (name to go on pie(s), which day you would like them delivered, and church name) to 26744 Seven Hills Road.



SERMON NOTES **for kids**

AS YOU ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE WITH YOUR FAMILY, USE THIS SHEET TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION AND LEARN. WE WANT YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US BY SINGING TO GOD AND LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE!

WHAT IS THE MAIN PASSAGE WE ARE READING TODAY?

BOOK:

CHAPTER:

VERSE:

WHAT ARE YOU LEARNING ABOUT FROM THIS PASSAGE:

WHO IS SPEAKING?

DATE:

MESSAGE TITLE:

DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON OR IN A SONG TODAY!



MY QUESTIONS & NOTES



THINGS I HAVE QUESTIONS ON TODAY:

IMPORTANT POINTS / VERSES FROM TODAY:

MY FAVORITE SONG FROM TODAY WAS...



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 16:	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, August 17:	9:00 am	Sewing Group
	6:30 pm	Yoga
	7:00 pm	Esther Circle
Tuesday, August 18:	5:00 pm	Float Work
Thursday, August 20:	8:00 am	BCHD
	5:00 pm	Float Work
Saturday, August 22:	5:30 pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, August 23:	10:00 am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

August 17	Esther Circle
August 26	Sunbeam Committee
September 10-12.....	Cole Camp Fair
September 16	Worship & Music Committee
September 16	Church Council Meeting

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers	The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist	Sandy Schlesselman
Pianist	Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians	Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild	Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann
Ushers	Melisa Balke, Assistant Head Usher
	Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Mike Schlesselman



12th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 16, 2026

Assisting Minister	Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	Luther League
Reader	Lesa Warden
Children's Sermon	Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes	Kale Kruep & Mason Randall
Flowers	Glenalee Dillon



13th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 23, 2026

Assisting Minister	Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	Erin Oelrichs & Hannah Schweitzer
Reader	Brian Randall
Children's Sermon	Paul Fuelling
Acolytes	Hudson Kullman & Gannon Elliott
Flowers	Kathy Oelrichs