



SAINT PAUL'S

*Lutheran Church*

200 N CEDAR ST  
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 7, 2026**

**Traditional Service 9:00 a.m.**

*Welcome! We are glad you're here! A warm welcome is extended to all!*

*Our mission:*

Responding to God's grace, we go out to bring hope and share the love of Christ.

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Call to Reconciliation**

In this place, in this moment, we wonder, "is it true?" God's hopes, God's promises, God's grace - are they really for us? God invites us to bring our questions, as well as our fears and failures, so we might discover the truth for ourselves, as we pray, saying,

**When we look for our place cards at the table of honor, do we see you standing at the back of the room with the servers? When we walk around the homeless on the way to the ballgame, do we see you sitting in the doorway with the hungry children? When we tell others to pull themselves up, have we forgotten how many people reached out their hands to us along the way?**

**Forgive us, God who offers mercy to us, and desires that we share grace with**

**others. If we would truly follow, we must be willing to take off our Sunday best and put on the aprons of service, offering everyone we meet the bread of life and cup of hope which have come to us through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Here is the good news: it is not up to us. God has not wavered in keeping the covenant of grace, of hope, of mercy, of life.

By God's grace, we are forgiven;

by God's healing, we are made whole;

by God's constant love, we are restored to life.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:**

**Beautiful Savior**

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### **Apostolic Greeting**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**Kyrie**

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**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.**

**We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts!**

**Hymn of Praise**

**Glory be To God in Heaven**

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**Glory to God in heaven; peace goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth; we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us, in your promise form we stand.**

**Holy God we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

**You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. 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.**

### **Youth Message**

#### **First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6**

I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

6 "Come, let us return to the LORD,  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth."

- <sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- <sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 50:7-15**

- “Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.
- <sup>8</sup> **Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**
- <sup>9</sup> I will not accept a bull from your house  
or goats from your folds.
- <sup>10</sup> **For every wild animal of the forest is mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- <sup>11</sup> I know all the birds of the air,  
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- <sup>12</sup> **“If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the world and all that is in it is mine.**
- <sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls  
or drink the blood of goats?
- <sup>14</sup> **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and pay your vows to the Most High.**
- <sup>15</sup> Call on me in the day of trouble;  
**I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”**

### **Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**All: Alleluia! Lord and Savior; Open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn:**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

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**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 and 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.**

*\*catholic here meaning “universal”*

**Prayers of Intercession:**

A: Lord, in your mercy... **C: Hear our Prayer**

## **Offering**

## **Offertory prayer**

Let us pray:

**We could not do it on our own – stepping out in faith, embarking on journeys to unknown places, trusting in you above everything else. So, bless us with your gifts as we continue to follow you, seeking the lonely, helping the broken, and bringing hope to our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Thom Shumann, lectionary liturgies

## **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord's Prayer:**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Lamb of God**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Distribution Hymns:**

**Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling**

**#608**

**O Christ our Hope**

**#604**

**Post Communion Blessing:**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

Go now into the world with the courage of those who have met the Master.  
may the peace of Christ, which brings life out of death, go before you;  
may you walk with the faith that reaches out to others; and  
may you know the hope that sustains and encourages you.  
Go in peace, restored and renewed, to love and serve the Lord.

And may the blessing of God Almighty – Father, Son and Holy Spirit –  
be with you, and those whom you love,  
now and forevermore. **Amen**

**Sending Hymn: Have you Thanked the Lord?**

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**Dismissal:** A: Go in Peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God.

**Announcements**

**Communion is served each Sunday. All are welcome to commune.**

**Allergy alert:** please keep our sanctuary nut free

**St. Paul's phone number: 810-724-1200**

**Website: <https://www.stpaulslutheranic.org/>**

**Congratulations to our graduates:**

**Nichole Nash:** Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Rochester Christian University with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Studies.

**Summer Camp:** It's that time of year again! LWM Summer Camp at Stony Lake is happening June 21–26! We are so excited for another amazing week filled with summer fun, friendships, worship, and growing closer to God. We hope all of our kids are excited and ready to fill their cups with the Holy Spirit while making unforgettable memories



together! Please keep our campers, leaders, and volunteers in your prayers as they prepare for an incredible week at camp!

**Allergy alert:** Please remember to keep our sanctuary nut free.

**Food for Families:** Is in need of workers, please let us know if you are interested in ministering this way.

**Donations needed:**

**Drinks:** 20oz Zero Sugar Powerade or Gatorade

**Food:** Creamy Peanut butter and Instant Boxed Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes

**OUR High School Students are INVITED**



**Minneapolis, Minnesota ~ JUNE 28 – JULY 2, 2027**

Please let Kaylee know if you are interested in attending. More info is coming soon!

Deposits to attend will be due October 2026 – Fundraising Available!!



**CAR WASH FUNDRAISER!**

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All proceeds help offset the cost for our high school youth to attend the  
**2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering.**

**Thank You** for supporting our youth!

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**5TH ANNUAL ST. PAUL'S! PICNIC**

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**  
5pm -St. Paul's Pavilion

Join us for relaxed Worship,  
Games, and Fellowship

Bring a chair, drinks, and a dish to pass!

Phone Number:  
810-724-1200

**Attendance Sunday** - Traditional: 54 Contemporary: 29

**Food for Families** – Monday- 53 meals 23 pantry, Wednesday- 46 meals 19 pantry

Worship Leaders:

Assisting minister: Larry Lewis

Lector: Louise Diamond

Ushers: John Schmitz, Ken DeYonker

Cantor: Larry Lewis

Acolytes: Kaylee Kaeding

Organist: Sheryl Laidlaw

Youth Minister: Kaylee Kaeding

Pastor: Rev. Sharon Smith



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### **For Our Members**

Members of our congregation who are ill, recovering from illness, awaiting surgery, results of tests or guidance after recent medical diagnoses, and those who are not able to worship in person at this time because of health, travel, or other concerns

- Jim Carreras, currently hospitalized in Ann Arbor, requested 6/5/2026
- Rita Makedonsky is feeling well, please continue to pray for her to have strength and good health as she ages.
- Continued prayers of strength and healing for John Millar as he is fighting cancer and heart problems.
- Family of Fred Radelt, who passed away 4/14/2026
- Eileen Varner, medical issues. Requested 3/17/2026

### **For Church Members' Family and Friends**

- Kay Chandler, mom of Jeremy Chandler. Health concerns. Requested 4/10/2025
- Mr. Charles- friend of Spike and Maryanne, going through cancer treatments. Requested 10/17/2025
- Jon Chase, friend of Rachel Case, medical issues. Requested 1/23/2025
- Cheyanne Cyr, niece of Diane Fahnestock, diagnosed with double breast cancer. Requested 10/2/2025
- Jessica Damico, longtime friend of Sarah Pietrzak, had a fall in 2022 was in a coma and had multiple strokes. Still going through therapy trying to recover smell and taste as well as memory. 12/27/2025

- Deena Dotson, sister of Diane Fahnstock, suffering depression from the loss of her daughter, cannot get past her grief. Requested 04/16/2026
- Jared Ferret, friend of the Radelt family, life threatening issues with kidney port. Requested 11/12/2025
- Michael, needs prayers. Requested 5/13/2026
- Muntiha Gaizi, Aunt of Delia Martin, has stage 4 cancer. Requested 3/27/26
- Connie Grimes, family of Sandie Smith, hit by a truck. Requested 4/16/2026
- Emma Hagel, niece of Spike and Maryanne, born with Cerebral Palsy. Requested 10/17/2025
- Christopher & Angela Kern and family, son of Pat Kern. Having serious medical issues. 3/22/26
- Harper Nicholson is the granddaughter of Jim & Nancy Schiller; she has been living with Scleroderma, she is now in remission, praise the Lord! Updated 10/24/2025
- Kelly Paulsen, mom of Jamie Chandler. Knee replacement surgery. Requested 4/28/2026
- Marcia Pietrzak, mom of Rick Pietrzak, had a defibrillator put in, at home recovering . Requested 5/8/2026
- Gary Ratiu, Cyst on Bladder growing back, will need another surgery. Requested 3/2/2026
- Jessica Scott, daughter in law of Richard and Cathy Scott. Requested 5/29/2026
- Cameron Steed, lineman badly burned by a transformer. In hospital for treatment. Requested 04/16/2026
- Debbie Tanis, friend of Nancy Schiller, diagnosed with Leukemia. Updated 12/17/2025
- Don Taylor, dear friend of Rick Pietrzak who is in renal failure, and will be on dialysis for life, now having other health problems as well. Updated 12/17/2026
- Lily Wend, cousin of Sarah Pietrzak. Lily is a teenager who has been diagnosed with a series of rare diseases. They had to move to NY to get the care she needed and she is a month post spinal surgery. Lily lost her mobility in her upper body after her surgery. Requested 5/27/2026