



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

You were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:20

Sunday, May 31st: Church Attendance: 29

Contributions: General Fund 5/31: \$ 1,177.00
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 Money Market Interest Fund 5/31: \$ 42.83
 Total: \$ 1,569.83

For all spiritual needs please call an elder.

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Happening this Week...

Sunday, June 7th, Worship Service 9 a.m.

Birthdays: 13-Sherrelynn Martin. **Wedding Anniversaries:** 10 [Martin] & Cindy Oelklaus.
 If anyone has been missed let the office know.

In our prayers: Lillian Weinreich; Dan Martin; Horst Jeske; Ben James (Dad of Crystal McDaniel); Linda King.

Missionary: Rev. Eric Stinnett and family--missionary work in Ethiopia

Those in Uniform: Sgt. Keighnan Forcum; Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Herrin, Staff Sgt. John Bodenhamer, Major Austin Gouldsmith, Grady Whiteman, Major Andrew Rossow

Those who have cancer.

Our Shut-ins: Linda Loges; Norman Morton, Lillian & Larry Weinreich

Please call the church office with prayer requests at 816-373-5290. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.



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You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. You are good and do good; teach me your statutes. The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts; their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law. It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes. The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. Psalm 119:65-72





Christ Our Anchor

We all know that we live in a world that is increasingly unstable with culture shifts, economic pressures, family struggles, and unrest in our nation and world. We see and feel these struggles in our congregations too with aging memberships, financial struggles, and cultural pressures. In the midst of all of this, where do we turn? The author of Hebrews writes, “We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek” (Heb. 6:19–20, ESV).

Jesus Christ is our anchor. This anchor is not optimism or wishful thinking. It is rooted in the finished work of Christ — His perfect life, His atoning death on the cross, and His victorious resurrection. Jesus has entered the heavenly sanctuary for us and because of this, our hope is connected firmly to Him. The storms of life, both personal ones and ones in our homes and congregations, may rage around us, but the anchor holds.

This anchor is why we return to church each week, because we hear about the anchor and our faith is strengthened through Word and Sacrament. This anchor is why we immerse ourselves in God’s Word, because in the pages of Scripture we see the story of God’s saving work. May we cling to this anchor every day.

*When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” (LSB 575:2)

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, grant us grace to cling to You in every storm, that we may hold fast to Your promises in faith and hope; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Christ,

Rev. Samuel M. Powell
Third Vice President
Missouri District