



## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
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**August 3, 2025**

### **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Colossians 1:15

**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>:** Church Attendance: 28

Bible Class: 5

Contributions: General Fund 7/27: \$1,788.00

Total: \$1,788.00

#### **Happening this Week...**

Sunday, August 3rd, Worship Service 9 a.m.

No Bible Class

Voters Meeting 10:15 a.m.

**Birthdays:** 3-Dale Heil; 5-Cory Brown; 8-Jenny Moody.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** 6-Larry & Bev Garr. If anyone has been missed let the office know.

**In our prayers:** Marlys & Gale Blalock (sister & brother-in-law of Doris Foley); Missouri District President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan; Susan (sister of Dave Beck); Dave Beck; Wayne Rundle, cancer has returned (brother of Linda King); Steve Oetting; Cindy Oelklaus; Horst Jeske; Rhonda (daughter of Lillian & Larry Weinreich's daughter); Linda King; Bev Garr; Larry Weinreich; Merle Kirchhoff (Dad of Aaron Kirchhoff).

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

**Those in Uniform:** Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bradley Herrin, Staff Sgt. John Bodenhamer, Major Austin Gouldsmith, Grady Whiteman, Major Andrew Rossow

**Those that who have cancer.**

Please call the church office with prayer requests at 816-373-5290.

Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.

#### **Our Shut-ins:**

Dale & Vanita Heil; Linda Loges; Norman & Leone Morton.

**For all spiritual needs please call an elder.**

Aaron Kirchhoff 816-799-6144

Cory Brown 816-510-9975

Dan Martin 816-529-2283

I will be out of the office August 11-15. If anyone has any announcements for the yellow insert please get them to me by August 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, Becky

SO THAT'S IT.  
IT'S ALL A BUST.  
NOTHING MATTERS.



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WELL, IT'S TRUE, NOTHING WE DO  
LASTS. BUT EVERYTHING WE HAVE IS  
A GIFT FROM OUR ETERNAL GOD.  
WE FIND OUR JOY IN THE LIVING,  
NOT IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT.



NEXT, YOU'RE  
GONNA TELL ME  
THAT THE JOURNEY  
IS ITS OWN REWARD.



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ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

# LUTHERAN HIGH SUNDAY

## AT ASCENSION

August 17, 2025

Bible Class led by LHS Principal Adam Kirsch 8:15

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
immediately after service



## Mustard Seed DAILY DEVOTIONS

### Everyday Celebrations: Belly Laughs

**In the Word-** *Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them" (Psalm 126:2).*

**Of the Word-** There are few things more contagious than the laughter of a young child. That unselfconscious, from-the-toes giggle that expands into a full-blown belly laugh. The cause does not matter because the action takes on a life of its own. Soon, everyone in the room has gotten caught up in the laughter.

Perhaps adults should experience one good belly laugh a month, especially with another person. It could become the next fitness rage! Think of the worries and stress that might be eliminated without a prescription.

Christians have the best reason to express such total joy. Helplessly lost in our sin, we face only sorrow and death. Our merciful God sent Jesus to redeem us from the debt we owed by His death on the cross and glorious resurrection. We experience Easter joy every day, a joy so contagious that those whose lives we touch will say, *"The LORD has done great things ..."* (Psalm 126:2b).

**Walking with my Lord-** Jesus, thank You for the laughter You have put into my life. Let my joy in You as my Savior overflow so others may know You, too! In Jesus' name. Amen.

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