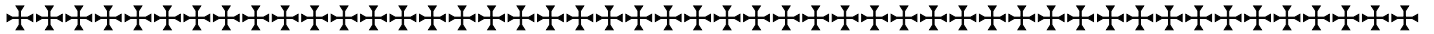


# The Voice

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

July 2025



## **Trust Not in Princes, But the Lord Will Reign Forever**

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God. Psalm 146:3-5

The first presidential election that I remember was 1976, when Jimmy Carter defeated Gerald Ford. As a political junkie, I remember the Robert Bork Supreme Court confirmation hearings in 1987, watching NBC's Tim Russert writing on his small white board, "Florida, Florida, Florida" in 2000 and now the leaking of Justice Samuel Alito's draft of the Supreme Court majority opinion to overturn Roe v. Wade.

As a young man, I was invested in every election and every Supreme Court justice confirmation. While I still follow such matters with keen interest and the sanctity of life is a critical issue, I have learned over time to not put my trust in any party, in any branch of government, or any public servant.

Psalm 146 is a beautiful expression of praise to God who frees prisoners, gives sight to the blind, watches over the sojourners and sustains the widowed and orphaned. Within this hymn of hope, the Psalmist cautions God's people, "Put not your trust in princes." (v. 3)

Too often, we have trusted campaign promises and party rhetoric rather than the Word of God. We have been far more invested in getting more votes than the other side than looking to the God who made heaven and earth. We have thought if only our side was in power, then everything will get better.

The Psalmist comforts us with the assurance, "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord, His God." (v. 5) Christians should still vote and even be involved in public service. However, the Scripture's teaching about original sin means that we are not surprised when promises are broken, vows are shattered, and our public servants are found to be ineffective or despicable.

May you find comfort in the Psalmist's closing promise, "The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations." (v. 10) Dear friends, our side is in power because the almighty God of heaven and earth will reign forever. That is a promise on which you can always count!

Fraternally in Christ,  
President Lee Hagan

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Prayer – Many times have You, O Lord, our God, been our help in the time of need. Many times You have guarded us in danger and kept us from evil. Thanks and praise to You for Your merciful kindness. Withdraw not Your hand from us because of our sins, but remember Your great mercy and let your grace and help be with us at all times, through Jesus Christ. Amen.



So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:36

### July 6th

Pastor Gary Stolle  
Lay Reader: Aaron Kirchhoff  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

### July 13<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Wayne Persich  
Lay Reader: Dan Martin  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

### July 20<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Wayne Persich  
Lay Reader: Sherrelynn Martin  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

### July 27<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Gary Stolle  
Lay Reader: Fred Reifsteck  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

**Altar Guild for July 2025**  
Sharon Bahl & Kris Rosenberg



**July Birthdays:** 11-Cathy McGuire; 18-Doris Thate; 22-Crystal McDaniel, Rachel Oetting; 23-Amy Ford, Horst Jeske; 24-Doug Mackey; 26-Phyllis Bredehoft; 29- Linda King; 31-Jennie Oetting

**July Wedding Anniversaries:** 9-Steve & Jennie Oetting

If anyone has been missed let the office know.

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26



1 Deuteronomy 32:1-4  
1 Samuel 28-31

2 Psalm 28  
2 Samuel 1-3

3 Psalm 29  
2 Samuel 4-6

4 Psalm 30  
2 Samuel 7-9

5 Psalm 31  
2 Samuel 10-12

6 Psalm 32  
2 Samuel 13-15

7 Psalm 33  
2 Samuel 16-18

8 Psalm 34  
2 Samuel 19-21

9 Psalm 35  
2 Samuel 22-24

10 Psalm 36  
1 Kings 1-2

11 Psalm 37  
1 Kings 3-6

12 Psalm 38  
1 Kings 7-8

13 Psalm 39  
1 Kings 9-11

14 Psalm 40  
1 Kings 12-14

15 Psalm 41  
1 Kings 15-17

16 Psalm 42  
1 Kings 18-20



17 Psalm 42  
1 Kings 21-22

18 Psalm 44  
2 Kings 1-3

19 Psalm 45  
2 Kings 4-6

20 Psalm 46  
2 Kings 7-9

21 Psalm 47  
2 Kings 10-12

22 Psalm 48  
2 Kings 13-15

23 Psalm 49  
2 Kings 16-18

24 Psalm 50  
2 Kings 19-22

25 Psalm 51  
2 Kings 23-25

26 Psalm 52  
1 Chronicles 1-5

27 Psalm 53  
1 Chronicles 6-10

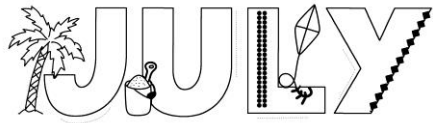
28 Psalm 54  
1 Chronicles 11-15

29 Psalm 55  
1 Chronicles 16-20

30 Psalm 56  
1 Chronicles 21-25

31 Deuteronomy 32:1-4  
1 Chronicles 26-29





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Worship Service:</u> Sunday 9am Adult Bible Class: Sunday 10:15 am		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Worship Service 9am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Worship Service w/communion 9am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> LWML Luncheon Black Bear 11:30am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> NARFE 12:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Worship Service 9am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Church Council 7pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Worship Service w/communion 9am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1