

The Voice

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

August 2025

Fruit of the Spirit

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law," (Galatians 5:22-23, ESV).

Sanctification—the Holy Spirit's work of strengthening us to lead holy lives—is never wrong. Before St. Paul provides the list of the fruit of the Spirit, he first includes a list of the fruit of the flesh. These "fleshly fruits" are selfish and seek to serve only the desires and appetites of the self. Such various fruits are destructive of every relationship. These different fruits of the flesh harm our vertical relationship with God, but also our horizontal relationship with one another. These selfish fruits always take a toll on marriages, on relationships between parents and children, and on friendships.

We cannot produce the fruit of the Spirit on our own. Without the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, we would fall right back into our old way of life. But by His grace, the Holy Spirit brings forth fruit in our daily lives—and that fruit is always good. There is no law condemning goodness. Our Lord never forbids kindness. And love is always of God. Daily devotions, Bible class, and the Divine Service are all times in which the Holy Spirit works through the means of grace cultivating our hearts and minds to bring forth such fruit.

The fruit of the Spirit is good for your home and your workplace. By the Spirit's work, we are enabled to lead holy lives—here in time and there in eternity. May the Holy Spirit continue to be at work in your life and bring forth such fruit, that you may be a blessing to many as you live as God's baptized and forgiven child!

Fraternally in Christ, President Lee Hagan

Prayer – O Holy Spirit, sanctify the minds and the lives of Your holy people that we may please You in all that we say and do. Enable us to resist the temptations of the evil foe and bring forth the fruit of faith in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





Serving This Month

August 3rd

Pastor Gary Stolle
Lay Reader: Ruby Shinn
Organist: Doris Foley
Acolyte: April Causey

Elder: God's Faithful Servant

August 24th

Pastor Wayne Persich Lay Reader: Aaron Kirchhoff Organist: Doris Foley

Acolyte: April Causey

August 10th

Pastor Wayne Persich Lay Reader: Kirsten Englund Organist: Doris Foley Acolyte: April Causey

Elder: God's Faithful Servant

August 31st

Pastor Gary Stolle Lay Reader: Dan Martin Organist: Doris Foley Acolyte: April Causey

August 17th

Pastor Gary Stolle

Layer Reader: Kyle Fonseca

Organist: Doris Foley Acolyte: April Causey

Elder: God's Faithful Servant

Altar Guild for August 2025 Lois Gravitt & Kris Rosenberg

August Birthdays: 3-Dale Heil; 5-Cory Brown; 8-Jenny Moody; 11-Ryan Berry; 17-Doris Foley;

21-Jerry Martin

August Wedding Anniversaries: 6-Larry & Bev Garr; 15-Douglas & Denice Mackey;

24-[Herb] & Doris Foley

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

Ruby Shinn is looking for a lady to help her with shopping, household chores & transportation on Tuesdays & Thursdays two hours each day. She will pay \$15.00 per hour call 816-405-1125 if interested.



1	Habakkuk 1-2:10				
	2 Chronicles 1-3				
2	Psalm 57				
	2 Chronicles 4-6				
3	Psalm 58 2 Chronicles 7-9				
	2 Chronicles 7-9				
4	Psalm 59				
	2 Chronicles 10-12				
5	Psalm 60				
	2 Chronicles 13-15				
6	Psalm 61				
	2 Chronicles 16-18				
7	Psalm 62				
	2 Chronicles 19-21				
8	Psalm 63				
	2 Chronicles 22-24				
9	Psalm 64				
	2 Chronicles 25-27				
10	Psalm 65				
	2 Chronicles 28-30				
11	Psalm 66				
	2 Chronicles 31-33				
12	Psalm 67				
	2 Chronicles 34-36				
13	Psalm 68				
	Ezra 1-5				
14	Psalm 69				
	Ezra 6-10				
15	Psalm 70				
	Nehemiah 1-3				

16

Psalm 71

Nehemiah 4-6





17	Psalm 72
	Nehemiah 7-9
18	Psalm 73
	Nehemiah 10-13
19	Psalm 74
	Esther 1-3

20 Psalm 75 Esther 4-6

21 Psalm 76 Esther 7-10

22 Psalm 77 Job 1-3

23 Psalm 78 Job 4-6

24 Psalm 79 Job 7-9

25 Psalm 80 Job 10-12

26 Psalm 81 Job 13-15

27 Psalm 82 Job 16-18

28 Psalm 83 Job 19-21

29 Psalm 84 Job 22-24

30 Psalm 85 Job 25-27

31 Habakkuk 2:11-3 Job 28-30



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Servic	e: Sunday 9AM	•			1	2
Adult Bible Clas	ss: Sunday 10:15	AM				
3 Worship Service Voters Meeting 10:15am	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship Service w/communion	11	12 Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	13	14	15	16
17 Worship Service	18	19	20	21 NARFE 12:30pm	22	23
24 Worship Service w/communion	25	26 Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	27	28	29	30 Society Board Meeting 9am
31 Worship Service						



Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." Psalm 16:1-2