

The Voice

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

June 2025



The Movement Of The Church

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth," (Acts 1:8, ESV).

The celebration of Easter begins with movement. At the Easter Vigil, the saints gather outside the sanctuary as a new fire is kindled and they await the announcement of Jesus' resurrection. After the candles are lit, the assembly moves into the church to hear the ancient stories of God's redemption of His people and to receive the risen Christ present in His Holy Supper. Easter begins with movement into the church...

Easter ends with the movement of the Church. While the Easter season also includes the disciples cowering behind locked doors for fear of the Jews, and returning to the familiar confines of fishing on the Sea of Galilee, Jesus prepares His disciples for movement. To the ends of the earth, Christ bids His disciples go as His witnesses. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the saints of every generation are part of the Church's movement to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rather than sitting in safety, the Church boldly moves into the world as God brings His Kingdom to the least and lowly, to those who are far off, and to all whom the Lord God will call.

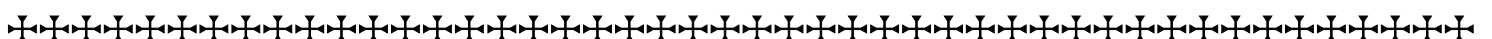
German Lutheran pastor Wilhelm Loehe wrote, "*Mission* is nothing but the one church of God in *motion*." As Christians mark our Lord's ascension and prepare for Pentecost, our prayer is that our congregations would be marked by movement, not simply the movement from the parking lot to the pew, but a movement of mission, boldly proclaiming the risen and ascended Christ, who reigns on high. Faithful Lutherans do not hide behind closed doors, but move out into the world, serving in their various callings as God uses them to be salt and light wherever He leads. May this movement not be limited to a season of the Church Year, but truly flow from the Holy Spirit's kindling within us—

Fraternally in Christ,
President Lee Hagan

Prayer - Almighty God, as Your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 2 Corinthians 3:12



Serving This Month

June 1st

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

June 8th

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

June 15th

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

June 22nd

Pastor Lynn Wilson
Lay Reader: Kirsten Englund
Organist: Doris Foley
Acolyte: April Causey
Elder: God's Faithful Servant

June 29th

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

Altar Guild for June 2025

Barbara Gumm & Hillary Brown



June Birthdays: 6-Candy Teeter; 13-Sherrelynn Martin; 15-Carter Brown; 17-Makenzie Shinn;
23-Pastor Gary Stolle; 25-Fred Reifsteck

June Wedding Anniversaries: 10-[Martin] & Cindy Oelklaus; 23-Bobby & Bonnie Knox
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

Mustard Seed Daily Devotions The Race of Faith: Suit Up Starting Out — Suit Up

In the Word- For as many of you as were baptized into Christ put on Christ (Galatians 3:27).

Of the Word- Many different kinds of running clothes are made by a variety of companies. These brand names adorn the runner from head to foot and everything in between. Running gear may be chosen for attractiveness, functionality, or price; but chances are, something you wear while running boasts a brand name.

While God doesn't care about clothing brand names, He does care about what we wear. In fact, He gave us clothing to wear at all times while we run the race of life. Saint Paul wrote those who were *baptized into Christ put on Christ* (Galatians 3:27). In other words, He clothes us with His own righteousness. We are, in fact, covered head to toe with Jesus!

Jesus has a specific purpose for the clothing He gave us. When we put on Christ each day, we should be showing Him to others. Our thoughts, words, and actions can all reflect His righteousness. So instead of becoming a billboard for popular clothing brands, become a billboard of Christ's love. From head to feet and everything in between, show the love of Christ to the world.

Walking with my Lord- Heavenly Father, through my baptism, You have clothed me with righteousness. As I put on Christ each day, help me to reflect that righteousness to the world around me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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1 Isaiah 12:1-6
Acts 15-16

2 Psalm 150
Acts 17-18

3 Psalm 1
Acts 19-20

4 Psalm 2
Acts 21-22

5 Psalm 3
Acts 23-24

6 Psalm 4
Acts 25-26

7 Psalm 5
Acts 27-28

8 Psalm 6
Joshua 1-5

9 Psalm 7
Joshua 6-8

10 Psalm 8
Joshua 9-11

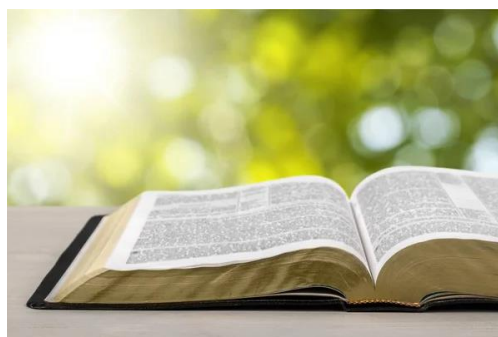
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Joshua 17-21

13 Psalm 11
Joshua 22-24

14 Psalm 12
Judges 1-3

15 Psalm 13
Judges 4-6



16 Psalm 14
Judges 7-9

17 Psalm 15
Judges 10-12

18 Psalm 16
Judges 13-15

19 Psalm 17
Judges 16-18

20 Psalm 18
Judges 19-21

21 Psalm 19
Ruth

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1 Samuel 1-3

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1 Samuel 4-6

24 Psalm 22
1 Samuel 7-9

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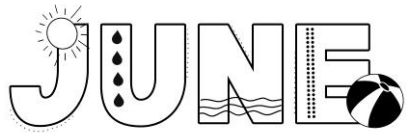
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1 Samuel 13-15

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28 Psalm 26
1 Samuel 19-21

29 Psalm 27
1 Samuel 22-24

30 Isaiah 12:1-6
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service 9am	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship Service w/communion 9am	9	10 Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	11	12	13	14
15 Worship Service 9am	16	17	18	19 NARFE 12:30pm	20	21
22 Worship Service w/communion 9am Missouri District Convention Columbia, Missouri	23	24 Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	25	26 LWML Convention Omaha, Nebraska		27 28
29 Worship Service 9am LWML Convention	30			<u>Worship Service:</u> Sunday 9am <u>Adult Bible Class:</u> Sunday 10:15 am		



But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18