

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

July 19, 2026



**But now that you have been set
free from sin and have become
slaves of God, the fruit you get
leads to sanctification and its end,
eternal life.**

(Romans 6:22 ESV)

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Many members. One body united in Christ.

Welcome to the Divine Service where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

The Lord's Supper is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7–17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, *“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . .”* (Gen. 3:19). In other words, *“The wages of sin is death”* (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1–9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For *“the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Rom. 6:23).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)

The discussions have been scintillating in this Summer's Family Bible Class (Sundays at 11:15 am)! Come join in the unique and thought-provoking hour during which Pastor answers your most burning Biblical and theological questions. Look for the short form on the round desk in the narthex, write your question, and drop the slip into the box provided. You may ask anonymously or sign your name. Children and young adults are also encouraged to ask their questions.

Lutheran Singles (LCMS members, ages 19-35) Mixer UPDATE! We have had to change the location of this event, due to the unexpected closure of the original venue. We will now be having it at the Historic Saigling House by downtown Plano (902 E 16th St). Consequently, we have also had to change the date of the event to Saturday, August 15. Everything else, including the time (6-8pm) and deadline to register (July 26), is the same. We have updated the evite and will be messaging those who have already registered to update their RSVPs, if necessary.

More topics, more guests, more Jesus...Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: The Movie "The Odyssey;" Prosecuting Pornography; The Hymn "Entrust Your Days and Burdens;" Lutheranism in Canada and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Romans 6:19 – "For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification." To be sanctified means to be set aside for God's purposes in all that we do, whether in the home, church or society at large. St. Paul encourages us to see ourselves, our bodies, our souls, and all that we are as set aside for God's work.

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY 07/19/26	<i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class
MONDAY	<i>Elijah</i>
TUESDAY	<i>Ezekiel</i> 9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	<i>St. Mary Magdelene</i>
THURSDAY	9:00 AM – Men's Bible Study
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
SATURDAY	<i>St. James the Elder</i>
SUNDAY 07/26/26	<i>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class

Ushers next week: Tim Sheehan, Greg Sims

Acolyte next week: Kyler Mallon

PRAYERS

- Those who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Pete Kun.
- We pray that our Heavenly Father would grant joy and faithfulness to the young adults of our congregation, blessing them as they begin families, continue their studies, and enter the workforce.
- Baptism birthdays celebrated this week: Amanda Curry (22), Mark Traugott (24).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Ruth Kun (20), Brad Lowery (21), Gil Daughtrey (22), Samuel Dorrell (22), Leland Gardner (23), Shad Reif (24), Gene Lane (25), Rebecca Schwiesow (25).
- All those attending the Synodical Convention this week that they would be granted safe travels and faithfulness in their service to Christ's people.

- Thanksgiving for the 20th anniversary of Rev. Micah Wildauer's ordination.
- Brad Lowery and his LAMP group who will be traveling to Lynn Lake and Brochet Canada to offer VBS to children in those towns.
- Emma Cassanova, Ellie Pollux (Alissa Ulmer's cousin), and Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Thanksgiving for successful surgery and continued healing for Adeline and John Ulmer.
- Thanksgiving for a better prognosis than expected for Clancy Meyers, a family friend of the Rose family.
- Thanksgiving that Dony Reaves' sister Kristina Wishmeyer is doing well now despite receiving a serious diagnosis several months ago.
- Thanksgiving for successful surgery and a good recovery for Katrina Burke (Brad and Roberta Lowery's daughter).
- Thanksgiving that the Roses' family friend, Lindsay Penrose, has had her boot removed and will have a brief respite from medical procedures at this time, to be renewed in a couple of months.
- Robin Wildauer, who has begun a series of radiation treatments and physical therapy.
- Mary, Ann Sims mother, who is suffering from serious injuries following a recent accident.
- Ina, Mary Jo Daughtrey's mother who has been hospitalized.
- Suzie, Christina Null's mother, who was hospitalized this past week and is undergoing medical testing.

- The Traugott's grandchildren, Braden and Adeline who are undergoing testing.
- Shelly Hennig-Hoffman and her family as they mourn. Shelly's mother, Bonnie, fell asleep in Christ late Friday afternoon.
- Those who are undergoing cancer treatments: Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Robin Wildauer, Leigh R., Sandra Zastrow, Kyle, Randy Cooper.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Dony Reaves, Stephanie, Tibor Kun, Diego Martinez, Joseph Horte, Will, Lance, Mary, Ina, Suzie.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Marc Schwiesow.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – Jeff Ellis

Altar Duty – Patti Ellis

Organist: Sebastian Saltanis

Ushers: Shad Reif, Alexander Rose

Acolyte: Will Wueller

7/12/26 General Fund Offerings received: \$4,827.50.00

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$27.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,795.46

Budget year to date: surplus: **\$328.58**

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. MICAH WIDAUER

One of the missionaries we support, Rev. Micah Wildauer, is celebrating a milestone in his ministry this week. It has been 20 years since he was ordained at his home church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bremen, Indiana. Pastor Wildauer was baptized at St. Paul's and is the son of our own beloved members, Charley and Cheryl Wildauer, who are both retired Lutheran School teachers. Pr. Wildauer received his Master of Divinity (MDiv) from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, and was installed as shepherd of dual congregations, Hope and Bethlehem, in Milwaukee, WI, in August 2006 where he served until answering a Call to the foreign mission field in 2014. After seven months of French immersion classes in Albertville, France, Pr. Wildauer and his young family moved to Dapaong, Togo where he taught courses in Lutheran theology at The Centre Lutherien d-Etudes Theologiques (CLET), a Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod (LCMS) affiliated seminary. In 2020, the LCMS mission board deemed it unsafe for the U.S. missionaries to remain in Togo as jihadists were beginning to migrate from the north of neighboring Burkina Faso. The family temporarily resided in Bremen for six months, during which time Pr. Wildauer accepted a call to serve in Belize. In October, Pr. Wildauer, his wife, Robin, and their four children - Sam, Elizabeth (Liza), David, and Lydia - began learning a new language and culture in the Dominican Republic. After that four-month course, the family moved to Belize, where they now live in the capital city of Belmopan. Serving as a Church Planter and Theological Educator, Pr. Wildauer travels to preaching stations, catechizes, and reaches the lost through home visits with the ultimate goal of forming self-sustaining congregations. He makes frequent visits to Little Lambs Lutheran Preschool in Valley of Peace, another mission outreach. He also serves as an adjunct professor for Seminario Concordia el Reformador, the regional seminary located in the Dominican Republic. Since October 2025, the family has been living in Pr. Wildauer's hometown of Bremen while his wife Robin undergoes cancer treatments. Although their physical location is temporarily Indiana, Pr. Wildauer continues his work in the mission field by teaching the seminarians online in Spanish as well as maintaining an ongoing relationship [long distance via online] with the Pastors in Belize and the ministry there. The Wildauer family is active in and supported by St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Bremen.