

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

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**Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance.*** Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him “from following the flock” and said to him, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel” (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would “die by the sword,” and Israel would “go into exile away from his land” (Amos 7:10–11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod “sent and seized John and bound him in prison,” even though he knew that John “was a righteous and holy man” (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod “sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head” (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist “has been raised from the dead” (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself “before the foundation of the world,” and even now by faith, “the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” has blessed us in Christ “with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:3–4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also “were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit” for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

- Chris Birnbaum-recovering*
- Christi Fritsche-recovering*
- Garry Fritsche-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)*
- George Hernandez-recovering*
- Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*
- Judy Kalbas*
- Russell Kappler-recovering*
- Pastor Joshua Knippa, Holy Cross, Nederland, recovering from liver transplant surgery*
- Ludwig Krause*
- Charles Malke-recovering (brother of Carol Jean Noack and Douglas Malke)*
- Braycen Mersiovsky (son of Rodney and Gina Mersiovsky)*
- Sylvin Mersiovsky (father of Stephen Merisovsky)*
- Bobby Oltmann-recovering*
- Ethan Ray-recovering*
- Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Ken Weiser-recovering*
- Jim Wells (cousin of the Oltmann families)*
- Jeannie Werchan-recovering*

### Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

#### Those fighting cancer including:

- Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)*
- Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)*
- Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)*
- Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)*
- Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)*
- Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*
- Stephen Kasper*
- Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*
- Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)*
- Paul Kappler*
- Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)*

- Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)*
- Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*
- Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)*
- Vic Lohberg*
- Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)*
- Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)*
- Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)*
- Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)*
- Keith Muessel (brother of Chris Miertschin)*
- Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt’s from Germany)*
- Carol Sander*
- Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Louise Schubert (aunt of Bonnie Bise and Steven Schautschick)*

- Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)*
- Martin Werchan*
- Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*
- Those serving in the Armed Forces including:**
- Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso*
- Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Cavazos, TX*
- Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York*
- Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia*
- Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona*
- Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC*
- Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina*
- Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain*

**Those who mourn:** *The family of Ron Muessel (father of Chris Miertschin)*

### Seasonal Weather

**Prayer Requests** are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.

**As we gather at the Lord's Table**, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing

**The Order of Service**— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 605, 716, 781 v. 1&2, 682, 655

Sermon Text: Amos 7:7-15

The Sermon: **“Chosen”**

☞ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

We welcome to God's people through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Aaron Michael Osborne**

Aaron is the son of †Brandon Osborne† and Johanna Osborne. His baptismal sponsor is Jackie Handrick and his baptismal witnesses are William Schroeder and Johanna Schroeder.

☞ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.

☞ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Dorthy Schautschick at 716-8011.

☞ **Congratulations** to Joshua Smith and Jennifer Dittmar on the birth of a son, Ben Lee Smith. He was born Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 ounces. May God bless this growing family.

☞ **Community League Baseball** – Serbin is idle today. Next Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Serbin will play New Ulm at New Ulm. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m.

☞ **Voters Meeting.** The July Voters Meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is included in the bulletin this morning. All voting members are encouraged to attend

☞ **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for a Sunday School Teacher/Helper to help with the 3&4 grade. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

☞ **Lee County Youth Center Color Run.** You are invited to our fundraiser. Join LCYC for a morning of fun! All participants are encouraged to wear white to get your pop of color. For all ages! Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. 451 N. Dallas Street, Giddings. Sign-up 979-542-4100, or LeeCountyYouthCenter@gmail.com.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, **Unhindered**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Jeff Gibbs and podcaster Jessica Bordeleau join Dr. Michael Zeigler to talk about St. Paul's harrowing journey to Rome. (Acts 27 & 28). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**Serving today: Elders**— Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze

**Organist**- Jack Wiederhold

**Acolytes**- Jagger Garner and Lane Gersch

**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker

**Captain**- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann

**Ushers**- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum,

Seth Kalbas, Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann,

Grant Oltmann, David Michael, Nathan Michael,

Austin Schmidt

**Counting and Posting offering this week:**

**Chairman**- Rex Perry

John Hinze, Philip Tharp, Troy Wiederhold

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**Life Through the Church Year:**

**July 14 - Pentecost VIII**

Choice does matter when it comes to surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses. But it is the Heavenly Father’s choice that makes the difference (Ephesians 1:4-5). He summoned every life even before our circumstances, and He sustains each one even when we don’t find the circumstances ideal. Likewise, the Lord God’s delight for adoption invites us to advocate and engage in welcoming orphans.

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Community League Baseball – Serbin Idle  
Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Acolytes: Trenton Grange and Alice Gurka  
Greeter: Nancy Beckcom

**Birthdays:** 15<sup>th</sup> – Brenda Irwin, Brenda Symm, Laverne Weiser; 16<sup>th</sup> – William Kappler, Jarrene Mitschke; 17<sup>th</sup> – Charlyn Matthijetz; 20<sup>th</sup> – Tommy Miertschin, Melodi Oltmann. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 222, Communion- 126.

**Offering Last Week:** \$31,686.25

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| <b>Home:</b>                 |                     | <b>Mission:</b>            |                   |
| General                      | \$19,862.00         | Mission                    | \$370.00          |
| ECC Operating                | \$8,029.25          | <b>Mission Total</b>       | <b>\$370.00</b>   |
| School Registration          | \$325.00            | <b>Savings/Other:</b>      |                   |
| Tuition                      | \$2,100.00          | Building Fund              | \$1,000.00        |
| <b>Received 7/7/2024</b>     | <b>\$30,316.25</b>  | <b>Savings/Other Total</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |
| <b>Est. needed per week</b>  | <b>\$29,635.00</b>  | Total                      | \$31,686.25       |
| <b>Received MTD</b>          | <b>\$30,316.25</b>  |                            |                   |
| <b>Est. needed per month</b> | <b>\$128,417.00</b> |                            |                   |

**MEMORIALS:**

✝ **Pictorial Directory:** Plans are underway for our 2024 Pictorial Directory. Photography dates for the directory are July 15 – July 21. Sign up for photography times. You can come by or call the Church Office during the week and we will be happy to sign you up. Check your calendars and get ready to come and be a part of this 2024 edition of the directory.

Here is the link for sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAAAA29A2F8CF8-48684408-stpaul>

