



PRAY EARNESTLY

*to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers*

Matthew 9:38

St. Paul Lutheran Church (NALC)

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you worship with us today.

Our prayers include those in nursing homes and home bound: Mary Ann McCallister, Helen Lyons, Susie Leonhardt, Edna Armstrong, Servicemen: Andrew Gendron, Brodie Taphorn.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ken & June Geiger in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary.

We extend our sympathy to Jim & Sandy Erwin on the death of her sister, Phyllis Hyer. She passed away last week.

Church Council will meet after worship today.

Thank you all for the cards and gifts. I truly appreciate having a church like you guys.

Shawn Auck

Thank you to Pastor Andrea and the congregation for the prayers and well wishes on my surgery. We have an awesome congregation here at St. Paul. Thank you to Mark Schanzenbach for the visit and to God Squad for the gift card. Thanks.

Ken Geiger

God Squad will have their next meeting on June 18 at 7 PM at the church. They will be having their outreach community Picnic on June 25 at 5:30 at the firehouse in Sulphur Springs.

On June 28 United in Harmony will be singing during worship. God Squad will be serving lunch after worship. All are invited to stay. United in Harmony will be doing a few songs. If any would like to make a dessert for the meal please sign the sheet in the east entrance.

Giving for The Lord's Ministry June 7, 2026

Bell Choir	40.00
Benevolence	260.00
Current	3,912.00
Feed Crawford County	125.00
Filling Home	130.00
God Squad	20.00
Lutheran Home of Mercy	55.00
Missionary	240.00
NALC Seminary	95.00
NALC Disaster Relief	90.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	10.00
Special Projects	20.00
Total	\$ 4,997.00
Attendance 112 Communion 95	

Anyone wanting to donate to the NALC Disaster Response may mark your envelopes accordingly. Donations aid tornado and other natural disaster victims.

Looking to connect with Pastor Andrea? You're always welcome to stop by during office hours: **Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM—Noon**. If another time works better for you, feel free to call the church office or reach out directly to Pastor Andrea (614) 256-4318 to set up an appointment. She'd love to hear from you!

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday Sunday School 9 AM
 Worship 10 AM
 Church Council after worship
Thursday God Squad 7 PM
Sunday Sunday School 9 AM
 Worship 10 AM

The St. Paul worship services and sermons are recorded and available to watch on the web page at www.stpaulsulphur.com or on St. Paul Lutheran Church Sulphur Springs, Ohio YouTube. A live feed of the worship service is available downstairs in the high school room.

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Seed

A farmer plants a seed, and underground, the seed gives silent witness to the kingdom of God.

The farmer knows the science of his work. He prepares, cultivates, and fertilizes the soil. For a time, though, the little seed is out of sight. Beneath the ground, it will germinate. God will make that happen. The farmer may go about all his work, but the mystery of the seed's germination belongs to God. The kingdom of God is God in relationship with His people. He will love them, help them grow, and harvest them for eternity.

God's church, like a farmer's machinery and technology, can be impressive, expensive, and complex. Harvests are plentiful. Workers, though few, are amazingly dedicated, trained, and skilled. Underneath all their plans and strategies is the ongoing mystery of faith. Relentlessly, there is germination through Word and Sacrament, fresh life by God's Spirit. God does what only God can do. God brings life that sprouts to growth and harvest.

Thank You, Lord, for bringing Your kingdom to life in us by Your Word and Spirit. Amen.

PORTALS of PRAYER

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About the Cover: The Lord gave His disciples both the prayer and its answer. With the harvest ready and the laborers few, He used them to proclaim His forgiveness to the nations after Pentecost. The harvest continues to be ready today, with people ripe to hear the Gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. So we also pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to share the Gospel with people ready to hear it.

The Word of God



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Prayer of the Day

O Lord, our God, arrange the course of this world that peace may come and your tranquil Church rejoice through greater service. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8

²{The people of Israel} set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." ⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Psalm 100*

- ¹Be joyful in the LORD, | all you lands;*
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence | with a song.
- ²**Know this: The LORD him- | self is God;*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep | of his pasture.**
- ³Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his | courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call up- | on his Name.
- ⁴**For the LORD is good; his mercy is | everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from | age to age.**

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned – ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-20]

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay." ["Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. ¹⁶Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."]

For Unity in the Word

Gracious Father, your Son prayed that we may be one in your name. We thank you for your Son who makes us one. Help us to receive and keep your Word, that we would work diligently to be one in Spirit and of one mind with Christ. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For Those in the Midst of Transitions

Steadfast God, in the midst of all the changes of this world, you are the One who is eternal. Your Son, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. As the world continues to turn, we pray for youth, working parents, single persons, homebound, and those anticipating life changes. Keep us alert for your coming. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For Patience and Hope

God of compassion, in times of weeping and mourning—when we are ill or suffering—we wait upon your mercy, trusting that you never forget us. Give hope to all who wait in patience and faith. Be with them in their time of need and remind them of your promise, that neither height or depth, death or life, nor anything else in all of creation, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For Daily Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. By bestowing upon us both material and spiritual blessings, you bring forth bread from the earth to nourish and feed your people. Help us to acknowledge that you alone are the Bread of Life. We pray that you would deliver all who suffer, are hungry or grieving. We pray that you would nourish those in need with the life-giving power of your Word. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

Lessons for Next Week: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 91:1-10 [11-16];
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:5a, 21-33