

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, June 7, 2026



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Second Sunday after Pentecost

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This morning we remember in prayer, from our Schuylkill Association Prayer Calendar, **Locust Lake Camp Ministry.**

Please read the announcements that are in this downloadable bulletin, as well as those we post on our Facebook site, our emails, and our phone calls, and then help spread the word to those who do not have access to any of those messages.

INVOCATION

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

The congregation may stand.

SOLEMN DECLARATION.....Sung "Amen"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come into God's presence.

People: All are welcome here.

Pastor: Come, saints and sinners alike.

People: We are all God's children.

Pastor: Faith has brought us here.

People: Grace will make us whole.

Pastor: Come! Let us worship. Amen

OPENING HYMN NO. 78....."God of the Ages, History's Maker"

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Loving God, we yearn to be as merciful with others as you are with us. We long to set aside past grudges and love others for who they are now. We are tired of sitting in judgment and failing to see others as your beloved children. Fill us with your grace, that we might have enough faith to walk in your ways and to seek the healing of your world. Amen.

MOMENT OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: By the grace of God, our faith has made us well.

People: In the grace of Christ, our faith has led us home.

Pastor: Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, our faith has made us whole. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

ENGAGING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD.....Lector, Joe Branca

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 33:1-12 (**Read responsively**)

Lector: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

People: Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Lector: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Lector: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

People: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

Lector: He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

People: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

Lector: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

People: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

Lector: The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

People: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Lector: The Epistle reading this morning is from **Romans 4:13–25**

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Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Lector: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE.....“Let Thy word abide in us, O Lord.”

SERMON.....“Trusting the Unseen Path”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The congregation may remain seated.

Ushers will receive tithes and offerings at this time.

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 405.....“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (**Unison**)The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE & DEDICATION.....DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

GOING WITH THE WORD

COMMISSION

Pastor: Go to the places God sends you.

People: We will bless the people Christ calls us to bless.

Pastor: Strengthen the faith of the hopeless and despairing.

People: We go with God's blessings.

BENEDICTION

THE THREEFOLD AMEN.....*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN NO. 508....."Lead On, O King Eternal"

SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE

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-The altar flower and bulletins are in memory of Fern Krause by Ron and Debbie Koch.

-Offering on Sunday, May 31, 2025: \$2,505.00

-Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2026: \$3,368.52

-The June Communion Offering is designated to the Red Creek Wildlife Center.

-If you or someone you know is graduating from High School, College, a Technical School or some other institution of higher learning, please contact the church office by next Sunday, June 14, so that we may recognize them for their fantastic achievement on Sunday, June 28.

-Join us for conversation, along with a cup of coffee and light refreshments following our 9:30am worship service next Sunday, June 14. We will gather in the rear of the sanctuary. Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and stay up to date on everything happening at St. Paul's. Donations of treats are greatly appreciated.

-The Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry is in great need and accepts all non-perishable food items and paper products. Items can be dropped off at the church during the week or placed in the shopping cart at the back of the sanctuary. **We will be helping on Monday, June 15 beginning at 8:30am and Friday, June 19 beginning at 12pm.** Please speak to Verna Ebling, Bill Reber or the church office.

-There will be a Consistory Meeting on Tuesday, June 16 beginning at 7:00pm.

-The third Sunday of the month is "Bring your motorcycle to church" Sunday. The upcoming dates are June 21, July 19, August 16 and September 20. Spread the word, invite your friends, and join us for some fun and fellowship. If you would like to be notified of other rides throughout the summer, please notify the church office to have your name added to the "Biker" email list!

-On Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day), we will be collecting a special offering designated to Locust Lake Camp Ministries.

-Welcome to Rainforest Falls....Exploring the Nature of God: Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Paul's UCC Monday through Friday, June 22-26 from 6 – 8:30pm. All children ages 4-12 (grade 6) are welcome and invited to attend. Registration forms are available on the bulletin table and can be submitted to the church office, or to wareber@comcast.net. No child will be turned away, however, to guarantee that there will be enough supplies for every child, **please register each child.**

-Outdoor worship services will be held once a month, the fourth Sunday of the month. Grab your lawn chair or favorite blanket and join us once again amidst the beauty of God's creation. **Our first outdoor service will be held on the front church lawn on Sunday, June 28 at 9:30am.** We will also worship outdoors on Sunday, July 26 and Sunday, August 23. Please note: in case of inclement weather, the services will be moved inside to the sanctuary.

-We could use a few more weeding volunteers to help with the church flower beds. Please contact the church office if you would like to help. Many hands make light work.

-Prayer Concern Privacy: As Christians, we fervently believe in the power of prayer — that's why we include prayer concerns in the weekly bulletin and lift folks up in prayer during worship! That said, the Consistory respectfully asks that before you add somebody to the prayer list or bring up their name during worship, please obtain that person's permission. We take medical privacy very seriously and make every effort to respect the wishes of individuals who do not want to be named publicly in a bulletin or live-streamed worship service. Thank you for your cooperation!

-We are looking for youth to serve as acolytes on Sunday mornings during the worship services. If your child is interested in helping and would like to learn more, please speak to Laura Carll, Pastor Ken or the church office. Training will be provided.

-In an effort to keep our records up to date, please contact the church office if you have had a change to any of your information, including phone or cell phone numbers, email or home addresses, or any family updates.

-When you or a loved one is sick or in the hospital for an extended stay, do not assume that the pastor will know you are there. Please call or email the church office so that Pastor Ken can provide you with spiritual care!

-Prayer is Powerful! Please call or email the church office with your prayer concerns. We believe in the power of prayer and want to pray for you. **We have a prayer concerns email group AND also a prayer phone call chain for anyone interested.** Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to these lists.

PRAYER CONCERNS: All those earnestly seeking God's help in difficult times, Military personnel & National leaders, *Dick Clauser, Pegi Kooser, birth of Caspian Clauser Quesenberry, family and friends of Richard Noecker*, Eileen Witmeir, Brian Moyer, Earl Phillips, Pat Evans, Drew Hikes, Jere Moyer, Lee Miller, Carol Boyer, Addison Faith Dodson, Galen Conover, Cassie Wolfe

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FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Monday, June 8

10:30 AM -Pastor Ken conducts chapel service at Luther Ridge

Sunday, June 14 -Graduation Recognition Deadline

9:30 AM -Worship with the Celebration of Baptismal Anniversaries

-Fellowship Hour following worship

***Lectionary Readings for next week:**

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

QR Code for Online Giving

Our members, friends, and visitors give their offerings and donations to the church in many different ways, including electronically via apps like Tithely and bank transfers. To accommodate the varied ways of giving, we have an offering box at the rear of the sanctuary for placing Sunday morning offerings as you enter or leave. We will also have ushers accept offerings during the Offertory as another option. Thank you for your financial support of the ministries of St. Paul's and your faithful giving in response to what God has given us!

