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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Welcome to worship! Please be aware that this service is being livestreamed and recorded. As a result, your image or likeness may appear in the live broadcast or in recordings that are available online.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

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INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess to you all our sins.**

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

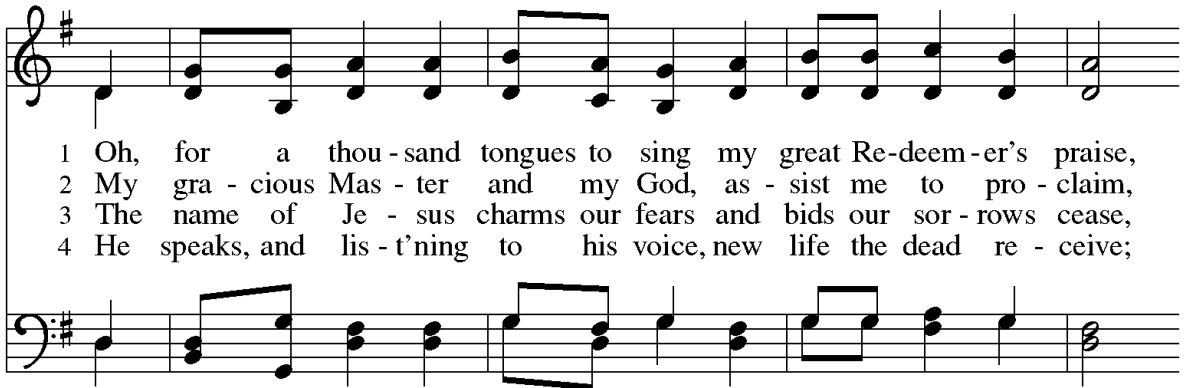
Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lydia Weible

L God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

L The First Reading according to Isaiah, the 56th chapter.

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- A ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
 may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- C ² **Let your way be known upon earth,
 your saving health among all nations.**
- A ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you.
- C ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide all the nations on earth.**
- A ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you.
- C ⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
 God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- A ⁷ May God give us blessing,
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.
- A Holy wisdom, holy word.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

L The Second Reading according to Romans, the 11th chapter.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 15:10-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
 be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

A For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

- A For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind, including those we name aloud or silently in our hearts... (*A brief silence.*) Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.
The assembly is seated.*

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY SONG Deb Sowers and Mike Spangler

King/Scriven

"You've Got A Friend/What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

There are several ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates as they are passed. You can give electronically at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give> or scan this QR Code and when the plate passes by, you may simply meditate on the gifts that you are currently making online or monthly. We do have cards that you can put in the plate indicating that you give electronically. A supply of those cards is available at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you can give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to give.



*OFFERING RESPONSE *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* ELW 884

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray,
Loving God,

C we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that we, who believe in him, should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts to establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to receive our Redeemer who comes to us in his body and blood.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

All are welcome to commune.

If you wish to receive communion from your seat, let an usher know.

If you are in need of gluten free wafers, please ask at the bread station.

Grape juice is available in the prefilled cups next to the empty ones.

*AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream




Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -




guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!





1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
 2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find




How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.
 our com - mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.



***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray.

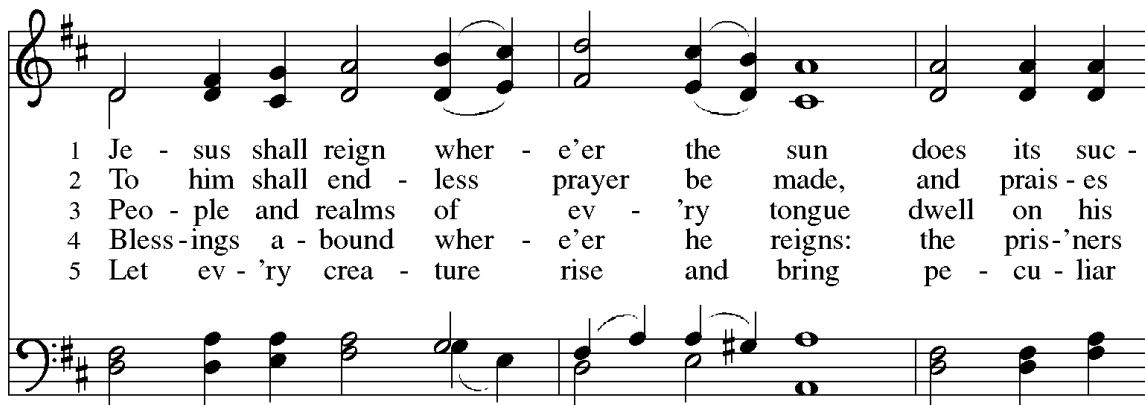
Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

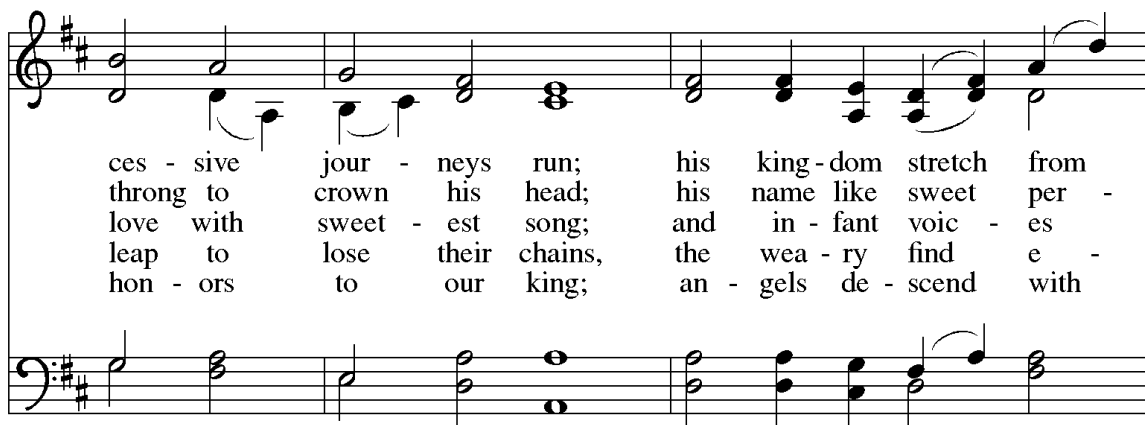
***BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

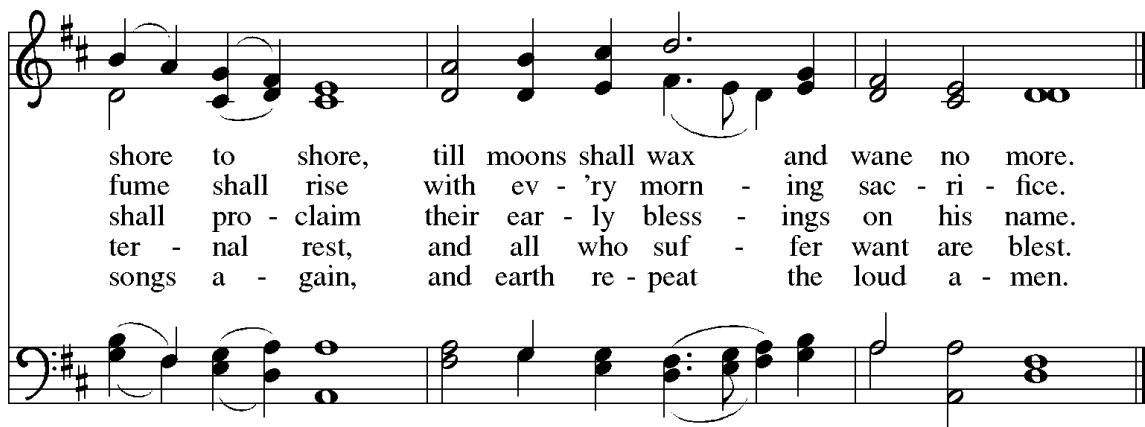
C **Amen.**



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron'g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

***DISMISSAL**

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.**
Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***Please stand as you are comfortable**

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	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Linda Zellers (8/15)	Bill & Deb Sowers (8/22)
Assisting Minister	Frank Hueske	Russ Kaltreider
Acolyte	Jocelyn Fissel	Leah Kaltreider
Lay Reader	Deb Sowers	Sherry Cracium-Bolin
Communion Distributors	Donna Lehman	Lucille Farrington
	Michelle Johnson	Ginny Murray
Ushers	Dave Maus	Dave Maus
	Boden Maus	Boden Maus
Altar Committee	Ginny Murray	Ginny Murray
	Donna Lehman	Donna Lehman

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Reverend Richard M. Olson and in honor of Patricia Olson by Deb and Bill Sowers.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Evans by Leroy, Linda, Jen and Beth.

PENTECOST PRAYERS: The candle and pinwheel displays in the front of the sanctuary represent where members of our congregation see LIGHT in our world and PRAYERS that we lift to heaven, asking the Spirit to intercede for us. Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY - Sunday, August 16 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve creating the position of a rostered minister for Youth Ministry and Christian Education as is described in Pastor Jason’s “From the Pastor”.

MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS CONTINUE ON WEDNESDAYS. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, we will celebrate the beginning of the new school year with Pastor Jason **blessing backpacks**. You are invited to bring a backpack, book bag, lunch bag, briefcase, and/or diaper bag to be blessed! This blessing is a reminder that after we leave worship, God goes with us into our daily lives.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHER MEETING will be held following worship on Aug. 23. This is for anyone interested in working with our children during the 2026-2027 year. We'll meet upstairs in the theater for approximately an hour to review plans and sign up for teaching weeks (bring your calendar!). We're excited for what this year will offer!

OUR CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE is putting together teams of leaders for Faith Formation. We are looking for several people to facilitate the Adult Daily Disciples class as well as our preK-gr. 2 and gr 3-6 classes. All curriculum is already selected for you, and you would serve on a rotating basis (not needed every week). PA Clearances are needed to be able to work with children (and we can help you get them if you don't have them!). Please contact Deb Sowers (Chairperson) or the Church Office for more information.

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO HELP LEAD WORSHIP BY OFFERING THE PRAYER OF THE DAY DURING SUNDAY SERVICES! This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to share their voices and participate in the life of the church. Children may sign up on the sheet outside the pastor's office. The prayer will be provided ahead of time, and we are happy to help any child who would like assistance practicing. We hope many of our children will take part in this meaningful way to serve in worship!

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITY - If you would be willing to provide special music, be it vocal or instrumental, solo or group; we ask you to please sign up on the sheet outside the pastor's office. Summer music is a meaningful way to enrich our worship and offer praise to God through the gifts given to the people in our congregation. Thank you for considering how you might participate in the life and worship of our congregation this summer.

AUGUST SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING is for New Hope Ministries.

EACH MONDAY, children and families receive a weekly email devotion (including a video and printable activities) from our Christian Education committee. Contact the church office if you did not receive one last week and are interested in being on our email mailing list

THE LIVE NATIVITY NEEDS ANIMALS! The Evangelism Committee is searching for sheep, a donkey, and perhaps a calf for the Live Nativity on December 13. If you know someone who would have any of these animals available, please contact Lucille Farrington, Carmen, or Pastor Jason. Thank you! (Note: We are not looking for alpacas or llamas.)

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio-Aug. 30 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Communion Bread and Wine-Aug. 30 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins-Aug. 23 & 30 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame-Aug. 23 & 30 (\$10 each date)

DO YOU FEEL LIKE A WEARY TRAVELER? Are you overburdened by the weight of carrying too many overpacked bags as you travel through life? Join us for a six-week Tuesday Evening Book Study facilitated by Gay Dickson beginning October 6 at 7 PM. We will read and discuss ***Traveling Light-Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear*** by Max Lucado. The verses of Psalm 23 will help us to identify the burdens we carry and remind us to release them to God. Please sign up on the sheet by the pastor's office or contact Carmen no later than September 20 so we may order your book.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY - We are pleased to announce that arrangements have been made with United Church Directories to develop and publish a new church directory for St. Paul's. The dates for photos to be taken are Wednesday, September 16 and Thursday, September 17 from 2:00 till 8:30 each day. You can sign-up online using the instructions listed on the next page.

ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING (not accepting appointments until after July 20th)

- ✧ Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- ✧ Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
- ✧ Enter your church code **pa1283**
Enter your church password **Bible**
- ✧ Click on the Enter button
- ✧ Click on the desired photography date
- ✧ Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- ✧ Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- ✧ Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- ✧ If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:12 and 6:24)
- ✧ Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment
- ✧ **Contact your church's online scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU! - Our joint Vacation Bible School was held July 27-31 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We had 39 children registered, and averaged about 35 children each day. I think the children enjoyed the week. A few asked if they could come back the following week!

While we had a few glitches, there was always someone there to say "Don't worry, I'll take care of this" and they did! Our church is blest to have so many caring individuals who helped to make this a great experience for the children.

Special thanks to the following St. Paul's members who graciously volunteered their time and talents:

Linda Zellers – registration

Bill Sowers – sound system

Sally Kacar – music

Pr. Jason and Freddy – games

Matthew Kaltreider – games helper

Meghan Weible – crafts

Lori Rebling – crafts

Gretchen Walter- "campfire" loan

April Cindric – counselor

Beth & Bill Fissel – counselors,
equipment handlers, etc.

Lucille Farrington – counselor

Lorraine Mason = counselor

Carmen Buckley – counselor

Bob Colehouse – counselor

Jocelyn Fissel – counselor

Brinlin Maus – counselor and wherever
needed

(The "counselors" led the children to each activity.)

Lynne Thompson, coordinator for St. Paul's Lutheran Church

SUN., AUG. 16	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 12 th Sunday after Pentecost
	Immediately following meeting	Congregation Meeting immediately following worship Coffee Hour – lounge
WED., AUG. 19	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
THUR., AUG. 20	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room and Gym
FRI., AUG. 21	2:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep - gym
SAT., AUG. 22	9:00 am	Men in Mission Breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry Distribution – Volunteers needed
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service – Bill and Deb Sowers
	6:45 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., AUG. 23	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 13 th Sunday after Pentecost
	Immediately following meeting	Coffee Hour – lounge Faith Formation Teachers meeting – Theater-2 nd floor