

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

*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

Leah Kaltreider

P Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

L The First Reading according to 1 Kings, the 3rd chapter.

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- A ¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
 therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- C ¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;
 it gives understanding to the simple.**
- A ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
 because I long for your commandments.
- C ¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
 as you always do to those who love your name.**
- A ¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
 let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- C ¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
 and I will keep your commandments.**
- A ¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
 and teach me your statutes.
- C ¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
 because people do not keep your teaching.**
- A Holy wisdom, holy word.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

L The Second Reading according to Romans, the 8th chapter.

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

P This week, our congregation with St. Mark's, is having Vacation Bible School, Camping with God. We celebrate with the leaders and students as they prepare to learn more about God's love and his promises to us. This morning, we will take a moment to install them.

P A reading from Mark, "People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them."

P Will you the leaders of Vacation Bible School seek and serve Christ in all those who are entrusted to your care and will you encourage them not only to learn about the faith, but by your example encourage them to live it?

Leaders We will by the help of God.

P Will you, the congregation, support these leaders in their ministry to the children of our church and will you encourage the young by speaking to them of our God, by heeding the commandments of our Lord, and by showing them your love?

C We will, by the help of God.

P Let us pray. We praise you, God, for the openness that our leaders have demonstrated by responding to your call to serve the children of our community. We ask you to nurture them and lead them by the gift of your Spirit. Help us too to support them in all their endeavors. We thank you too O Lord, for the enthusiasm, the spontaneity, and the natural curiosity of the young people of our church. Help us to welcome them and encourage them in their growth by what we do and say. Hear O God our prayers for Vacation Bible School and for all who are involved in it. We ask these things in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

P On behalf of this congregation, I install you as the teachers of Sunday School in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May you find joy in your service. And may you the children of our congregation be graced with love and wisdom along with your teachers, may you, with them, discover joy and knowledge and the fullness of faith. And may you all here today be empowered by the Holy Spirit to show both these teachers and these children the wholeness of God's love - so that together we may all do his will with peace and joy and demonstrations of his power.

C Amen.

***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 Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- A God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty, including those we name aloud or silently in our hearts... (*A brief silence.*) God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
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

Special Music

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 a two-part setting in G major (one sharp). The top part is in treble clef and the bottom part is in bass clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the 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

COMMUNION HYMN

"Amazing Love"

♩ = 132 **VERSE**

A/D D Em7

1. My Lord, _____ what love is this _____
 2. And so _____ they watched Him die, _____
 3. And now _____ this love of Christ _____

4 A7sus A7 G/D D

_____ that pays _____ so dear - ly; _____
 _____ de - spised, _____ re - ject - ed; _____
 _____ shall flow _____ like riv - ers; _____

8 D2/A D Em7

_____ That I, _____ the guilt - y one _____
 _____ But O _____ the blood He shed _____
 _____ Come wash _____ your guilt a - way, _____

12 G A D

_____ may go free. _____ A -
 _____ flowed for me. _____
 _____ live a - gain. _____

17 Am7 **CHORUS** Am7/G D Fmaj7

_____ maz-ing love, _____ O what sac - ri-fice, _____ The Son of God, _____

22 A2 A Am7 Am7/G

_____ giv'n for me; _____ My debt He pays _____ and my

27 D Am7 D

_____ death He dies, _____ That I _____ might live, _____

32 Am7 D

_____ that I _____ might live. _____

COMMUNION HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

♩ = 120

VERSE

D D^{sus} F#m G D G



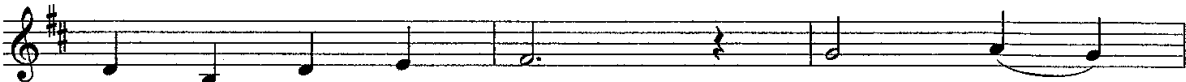
1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and His
2. Man shall not live by bread a - lone but by
3. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and

6 D Em⁷ A⁷ D D^{sus} F#m F#m⁷



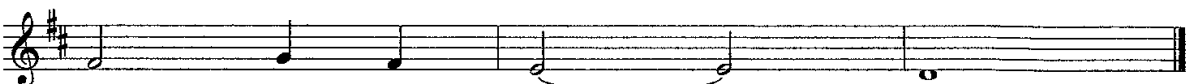
right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the
ye shall find, knock and the door shall be

11 G D G



add - ed un - to you - Al - le -
mouth of God - Al - le -
o - pened un - to you - Al - le -

14 D G/D D A^{7sus} A⁷ D



-lu, al - le - lu - ia!
-lu, al - le - lu - ia!
-lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

*SENDING HYMN

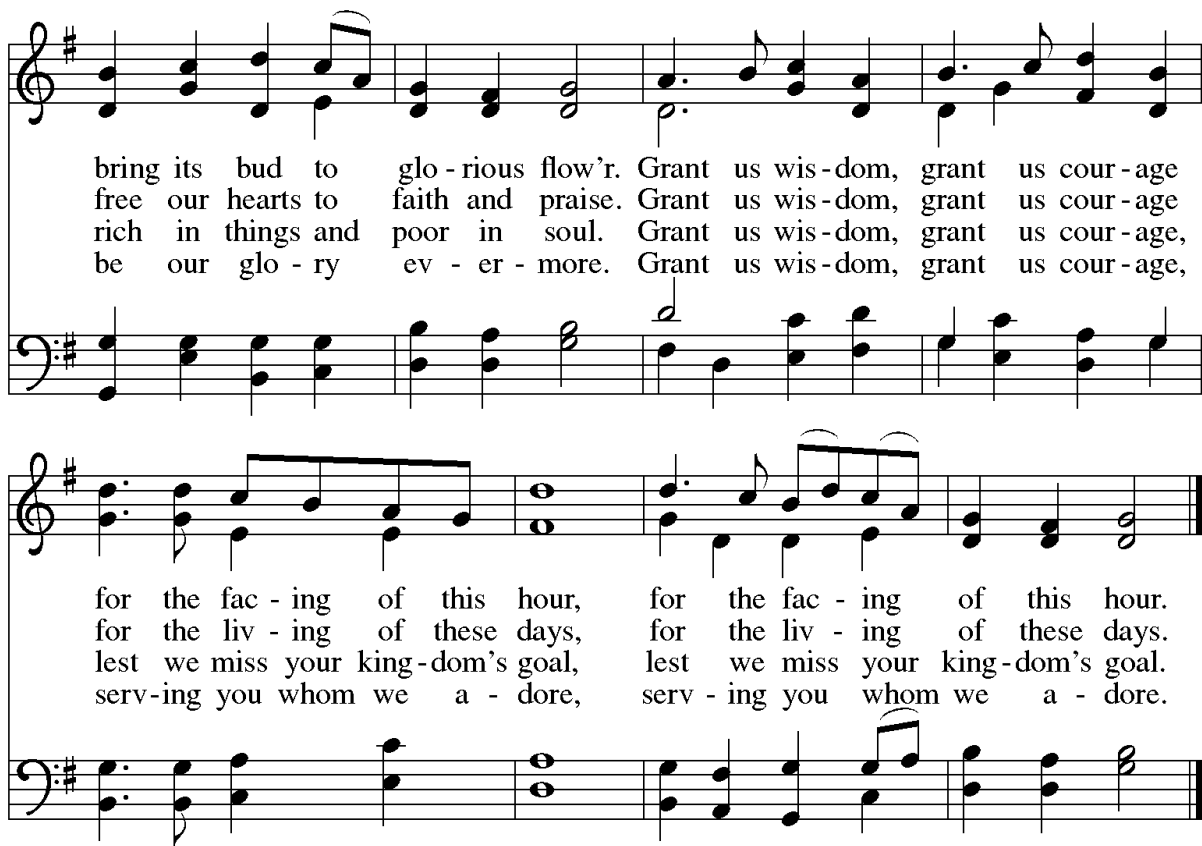
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW 705

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the tenor and bass parts providing harmonic support. The hymn concludes with a final cadence in the bass part.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

*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.

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are comfortable

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	<u>July 26</u>	<u>August 2</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Bill & Deb Sowers (7/25)	Frank H. & Tom M. (8/1)
Assisting Minister	Russ Kaltreider	Bill Sowers
Acolyte	Leah Kaltreider	Matthew Kaltreider
Lay Reader	Betty Sheets	Melissa Shue
Communion Distributors	Bill Sowers	Donna Lehman
	Deb Sowers	Suzanne Butler
Ushers	Bob Colehouse	Dave Maus
	Dan Fuhrman	Boden Maus
	Glenn Alwine	
	Kingsley Walkins	
Altar Committee	Linda Knapp	Ginny Murray
	Sally Lovelace	Donna Lehman

ONE ALTAR FLOWER VASE is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Jennifer Zellers by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Zellers, and Beth, Bill and Jocelyn Fissel.

ONE ALTAR FLOWER VASE is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Leah Kaltreider's 10th birthday on July 25th by her parents and brothers.

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!

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 - As our music program takes a break for the summer months, we invite members of the congregation to share their musical gifts during worship. 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.

JULY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING-THE LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

AUGUST SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING is for New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need with emergency crisis assistance, food pantries, rent/mortgage assistance, help with medical needs, heat/utility assistance, transportation assistance, counseling, referral services, youth programs, holiday food baskets and gifts. In addition to basic needs, NHM offers ongoing support and guidance to help people become self-sufficient and stable over the long term through financial literacy, nutrition education, GED, employment preparation, and job training programs. NHM received an overall score of 97.24 out of 100 from Charity Navigator, the most utilized evaluator of the financial stability and best practices of charities in the U.S.

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

Radio-Aug. 2, 9, 16 & 30 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers–Aug. 9 & 16 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine-Aug. 9, 16 & 30 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins-Aug. 16, 23 & 30 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame-Aug. 9, 23 & 30 (\$10 each date)

EACH MONDAY, children and families will 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

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

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is meeting on July 29 for a lunch meeting following mid-week devotions.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on **Wednesday, July 29, 2026** at 12:45 in the Conference Room. Our July book is The Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson. Bring your lunch and join us for food, fellowship and discussion. All readers are welcomed.

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.)

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 and K-5 weekly 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.

AS WE PREPARE for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday this September, we want to make sure everyone has a t-shirt! The t-shirt design has not changed from previous years. If you need a **new shirt** or have never received one, please sign up on the sheet outside Pastor's office. Be sure to indicate your size. Orders need to be placed by August 1.

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH! Join Pastor Jason for **Alive!** at Camp Nawakwa, **September 25–27**. Spend a weekend making new friends, reconnecting with church friends, enjoying camp activities, and exploring your faith together. Alive! is a Synod-sponsored retreat, and thanks to the Adventures in Ministry Fund, the registration fee will be fully covered. Sign up on the sheet outside Pastor's office by August 1.

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME will be here before you know it and the Faith In Action Committee is looking to fill backpacks for LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF again this year. Last year we had such a good response that we decided to try to fill 108 School Kits again. We had a lot of supplies left from last year that we will use this year but we do still need some items to fill the backpacks that we purchased.

We will start collecting these items in July and fill the backpacks in early September. Look for the collection boxes in the hallway. Watch for sales that will help you in your purchases.

Here is a list of items that we need;

- 432 – 70-80 sheet **SPIRAL** notebooks of wide or college lined paper approximately 8"X 10 ½". **NO** loose leaf paper
- 53 – pencil sharpeners
- 107 – pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 344 – **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers
- 387 – black or blue ballpoint pens (**NO** gel ink)
- 101 – boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 31 – 2-1/2" eraser

We will try to keep you informed of what has come in and what is needed. We had so many rulers last year that we don't need any this year because we have enough left to fill this year's backpacks.

We thank you for your generosity and your help with this project over the years. We have made a difference in the lives of many children as well as adults around the world.

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. We are signing up people after worship services in the hall outside of the lounge area beginning this Sunday, July 19 or you can sign-up online using the instructions listed below.

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**



July 28th, 2026

Food Collection at the York State Fair
To Benefit The

York County Food Bank

Sponsored by **GIANT**

ON JULY 28TH, BRING TWO (2) NON-PERISHABLE
ITEMS TO THE FAIR AND GET FREE ENTRY TO THE
FAIR! ALL CANNED GOODS GO TO THE YORK
COUNTY FOOD BANK. THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS
AT GIANT FOR PARTNERING WITH US!

SUN., JULY 26 8:30 am Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
 9:30 am Worship Service – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Immediately following worship Coffee Hour – lounge

**PASTOR JASON WILL BE AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. MARK'S
FROM 9 – NOON, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.**

WED., JULY 29 12:15 pm Midweek Devotions – Lounge
 12:45 pm Christian Education Committee meeting – lounge
 12:45 pm St. Paul's Book Club – 2nd floor Conference Room

THUR., JULY 30 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room and Gym

**PASTOR JASON WILL BE ON VACATION FROM JULY 31 – AUGUST 15.
PASTOR DAN YEISER WILL HANDLE EMERGENCIES DURING THIS TIME.**

FRI., JULY 31 2:30 pm Grocery Ministry prep - gym

SAT., AUG. 1 9:00 am Grocery Ministry Distribution – St. Paul's Council
 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Service – Frank H. & Tom M.
 6:45 pm Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

SUN., AUG. 2 8:30 am Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
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