

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST

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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: Presider

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.

+ 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +
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INTRODUCTION

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

*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

P O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

L The First Reading according to 1 Kings, the 19th chapter.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- A ⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
 for you speak peace to your faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- C ⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
 that your glory may dwell in our land.**
- A ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- C ¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- A ¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
 and our land will yield its increase.
- C ¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD
 and shall prepare for God a pathway.**
- A Holy wisdom, holy word.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

L The Second Reading according to Romans, the 10th chapter.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and

Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14:22-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

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

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

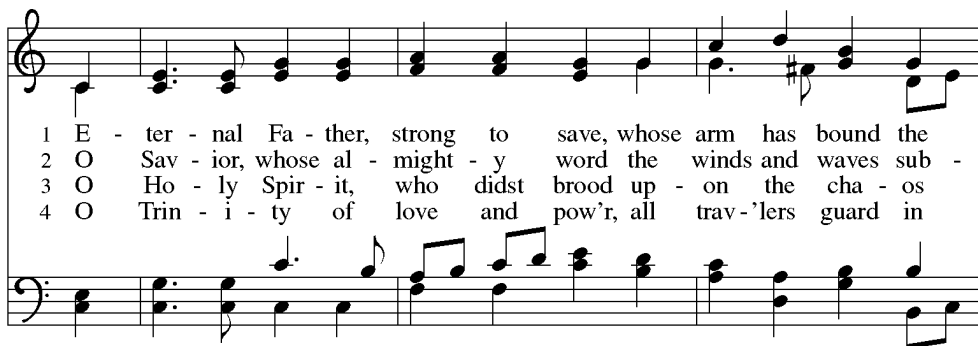
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

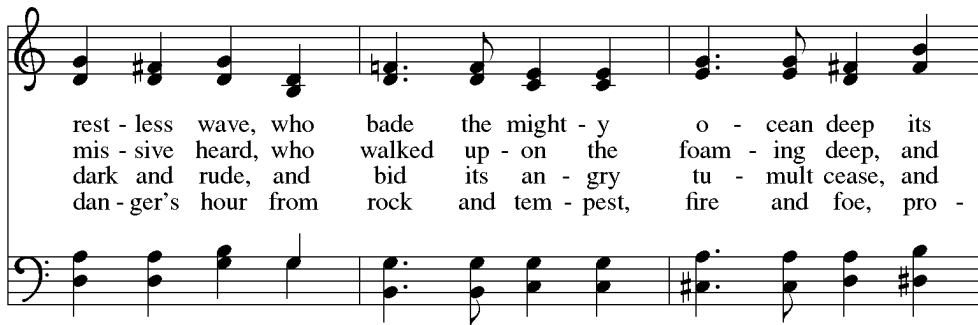
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SERMON

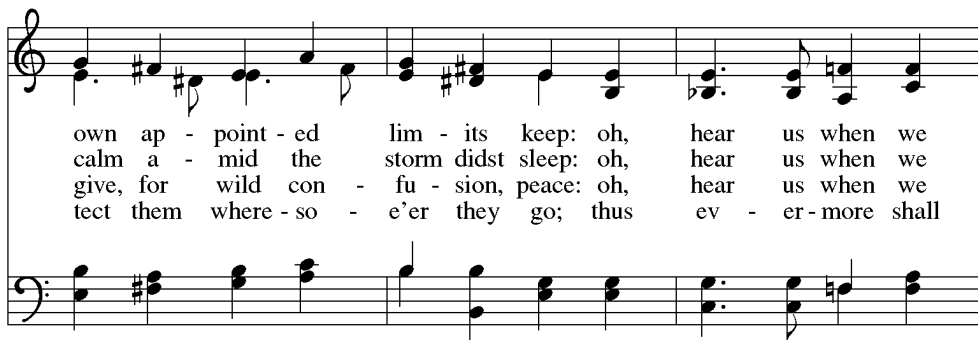
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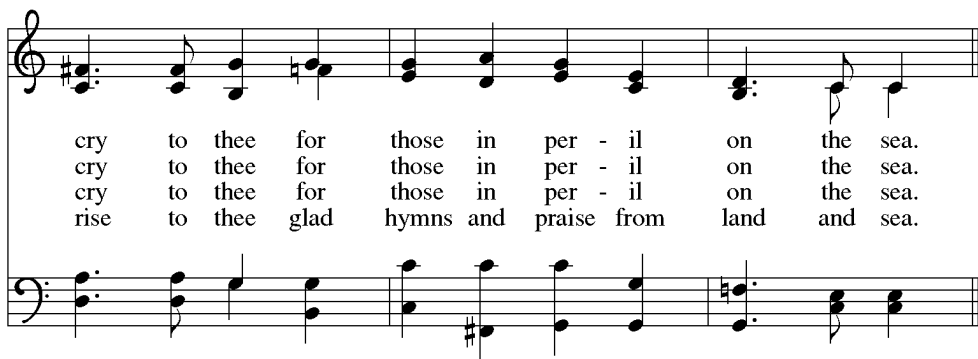
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os -
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

***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 We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer, including those we name aloud or silently in our hearts.... *(A brief silence.)* Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. 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**

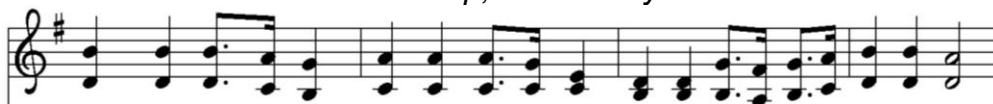
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

*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 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

ELW 774



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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 composed of chords, with some moving lines in the bass. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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.

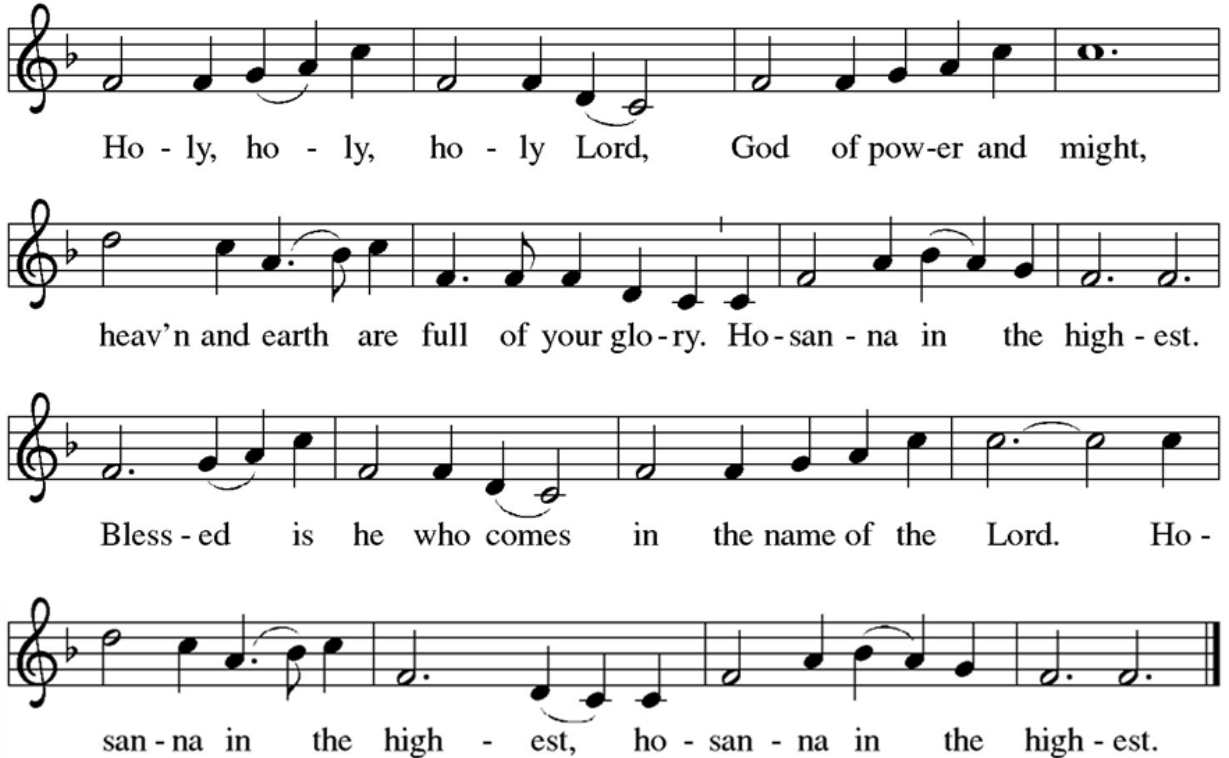
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

*LAY MINISTER'S COMMUNION RITE

L When our congregation last gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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."

We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now I bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

L Let us pray: Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C **Amen.**

L 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 “When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)” ELW 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

COMMUNION HYMN

"You Are My Hiding Place"

$\text{♩} = 76$ **CHORUS**

Am D^{sus} Dm G C^{sus} C G/B

You are my hid - ing place, You al - ways fill my heart with

5 F/A F Am/E Dm² Dm

songs of _____ de - liv - er - ance; When -

7 E^{sus} Am/E A^{2sus}/E E E^{2sus} E Am Fine

-ev - er I am a - fraid, I will trust in You.

BRIDGE

10 Dm⁷ G C C/E

I will trust in You. Let the weak say,

13 F Am/E Dm E^{sus} E D.C. al Fine

"I am strong in the strength of the Lord!"

*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

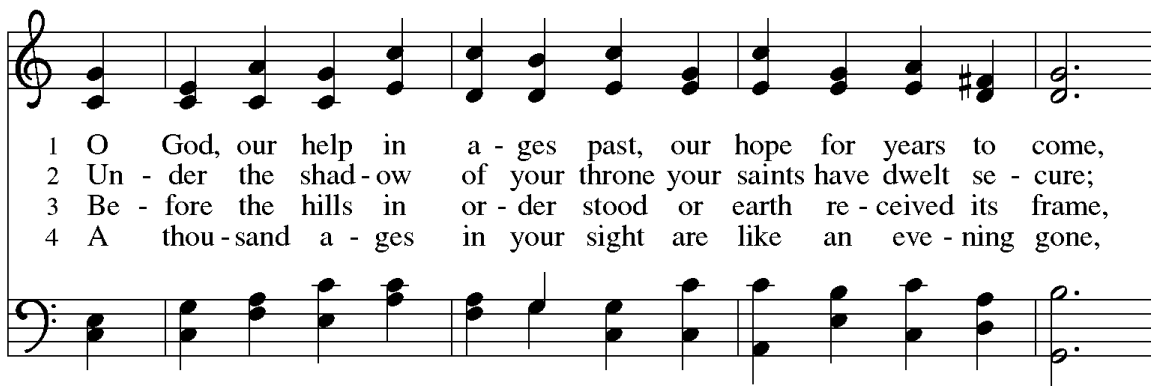
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

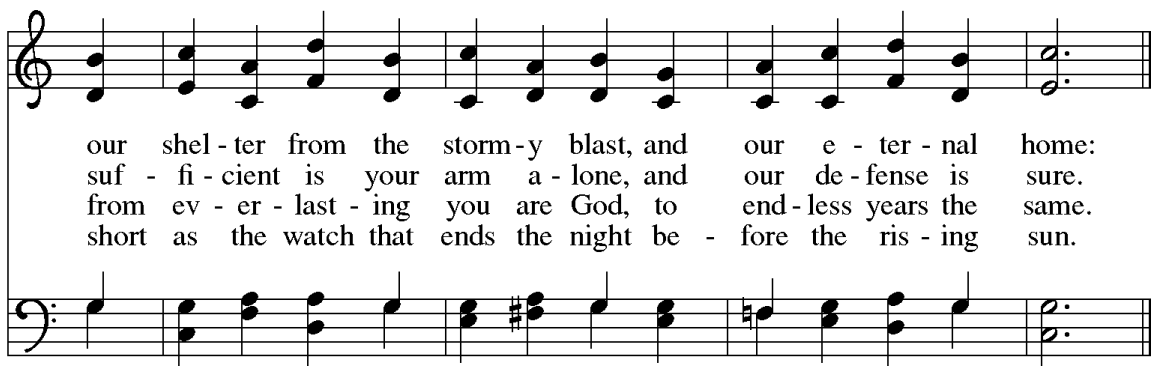
*SENDING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ELW 632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

***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>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Russ Kaltreider (8/8)	Linda Zellers (8/15)
Presiding Lay Minister	Russ Kaltreider	
Assisting Minister	Deb Sowers	Frank Hueske
Acolyte	Nora Weible	Jocelyn Fissel
Lay Reader	Bill Sowers	Deb Sowers
Communion Distributors	Dan Fuhrman	Donna Lehman
	Glenn Alwine	Michelle Johnson
Ushers	Dave Maus	Dave Maus
	Boden Maus	Boden Maus
Altar Committee	Ginny Murray	Ginny Murray
	Donna Lehman	Donna Lehman

THE WORSHIP BULLETINS are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Kenneth R. Wolfe’s birthday on August 13th, by Nadine and family.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of my Pappy, Bill Sowers, birthday by Zoey Mambu.

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!

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!

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

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.

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. 16 & 30 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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**

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.

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.

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.)

PASTOR JASON WILL BE ON VACATION UNTIL AUGUST 15. PASTOR DAN YEISER WILL HANDLE EMERGENCIES DURING THIS TIME.

SUN., AUG. 9	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 11 th Sunday after Pentecost
	Immediately following worship	Coffee Hour – lounge
WED., AUG. 12	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
	6:30 pm	All Committee Night
THUR., AUG. 13	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room and Gym
FRI., AUG. 14	2:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep - gym
SAT., AUG. 15		September Evangel Article deadline
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry Distribution – St. Paul's Book Club
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service – Linda Zellers
	6:45 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
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