

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**EIGHTH
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: 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.

+ 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +

July 19, 2026

*Please stand as you are comfortable

INTRODUCTION

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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.

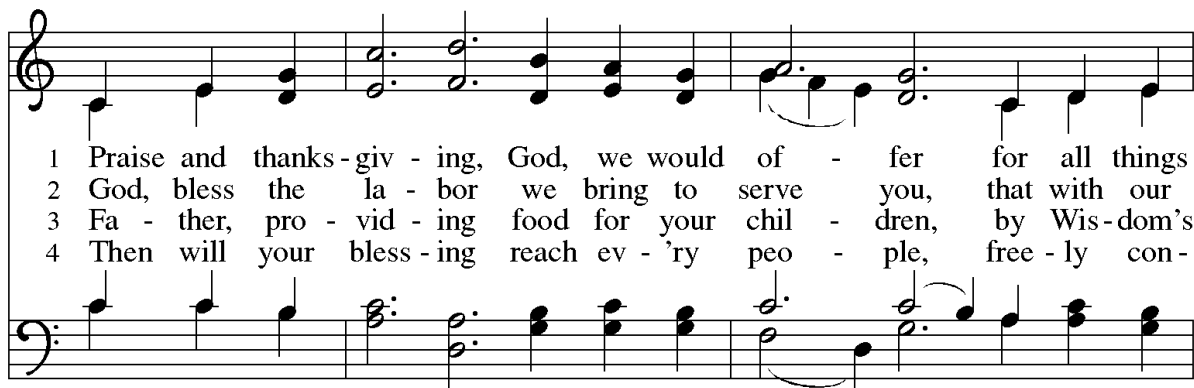
Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

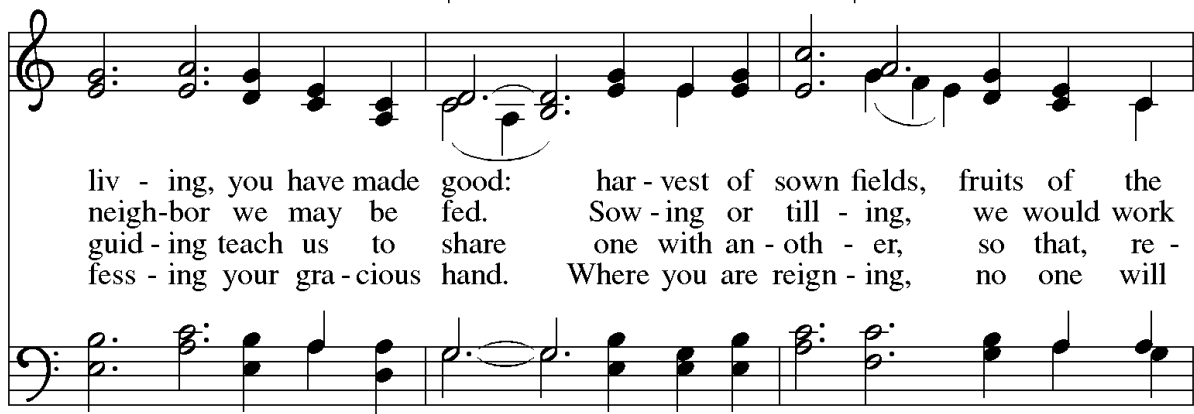
Amen.

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.

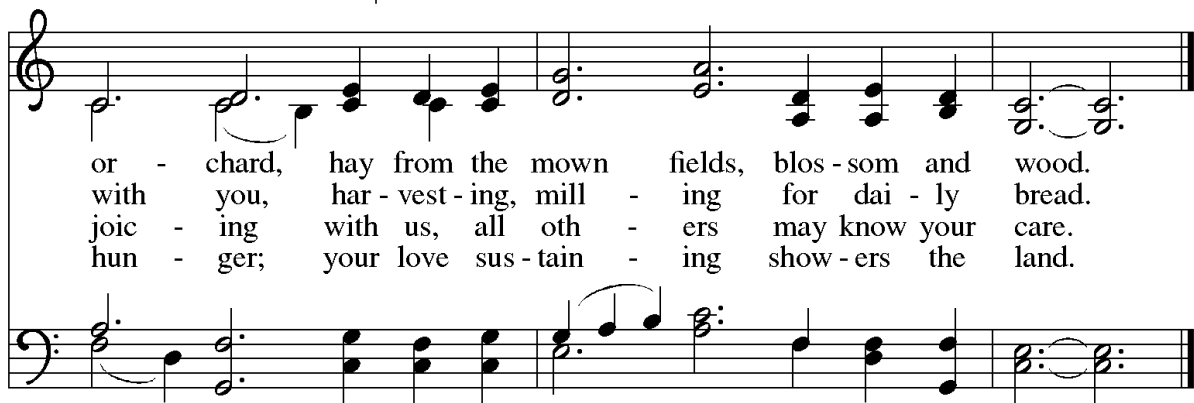
C **Amen.**



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

*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

Noelle Weible

P Dear God, Thank you for loving us and taking care of us every day. You are kind, fair, and full of mercy. Send your Holy Spirit to help us grow strong in faith, love others, and follow Jesus wherever he leads us. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

L The First Reading according to Isaiah, the 44th chapter.

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- A ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
 give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
- C ¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
 and glorify your name forevermore.**
- A ¹³ For great is your love toward me;
 you have delivered me from the pit of death.
- C ¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
 and a band of violent people seeks my life;
 they have not set you before their eyes.**
- A ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
 slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- C ¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me;
 give your strength to your servant,
 and save the child of your handmaid.**
- A ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor,
 so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;
 because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.
- A Holy wisdom, holy word.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

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

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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.**

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

SERMON

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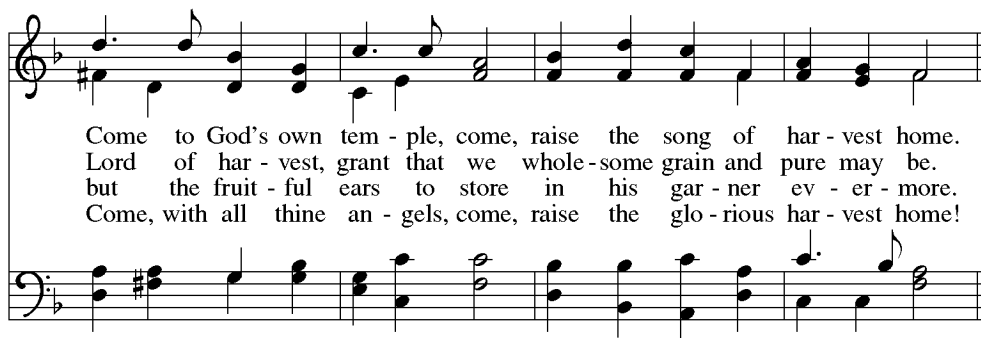
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field; fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

***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 source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. Our prayers include those we name aloud with our voices or silently in our hearts... (*A brief silence.*) God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. 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

Freddie Northridge - Trumpet

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 trumpet and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the lyrics: "praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost." The score ends with a double bar line.

*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;

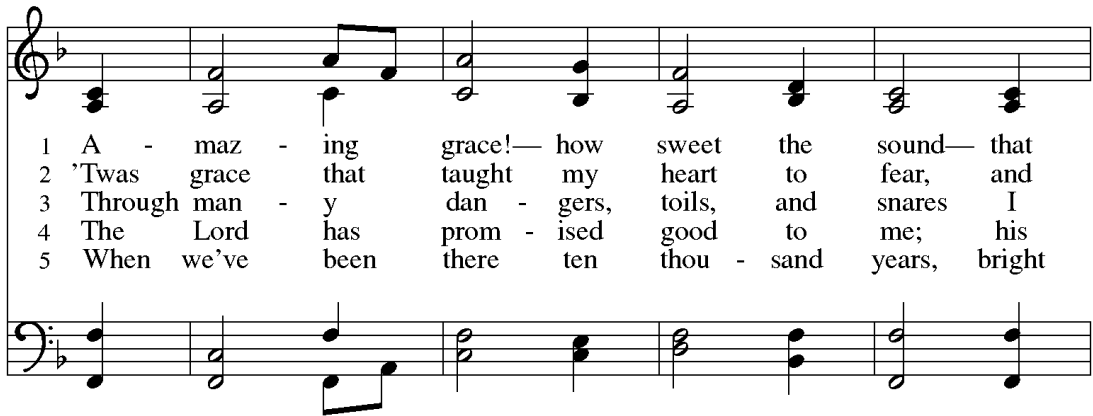


you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

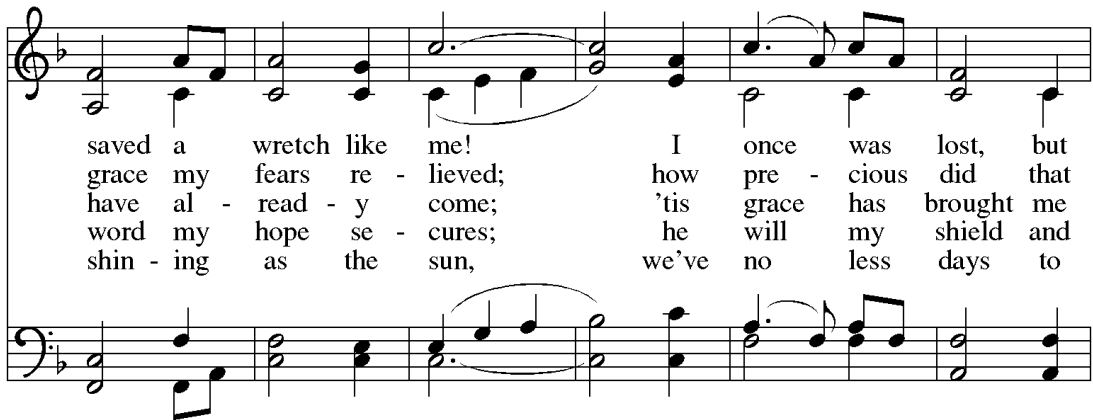
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

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

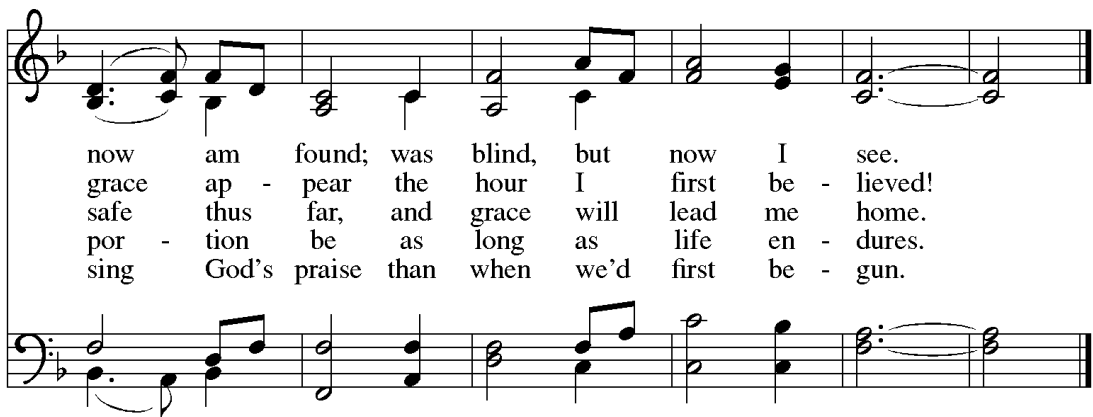
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*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

"Sing to the Lord of the Harvest"

ELW 694

1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating the start of each line of the hymn.

with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.

by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,

sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
 and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

***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

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	<u>July 19</u>	<u>July 26</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Linda Zellers (7/18)	Bill & Deb Sowers (7/25)
Organist	Becky Ellis	
Assisting Minister	Donna Lehman	Russ Kaltreider
Acolyte	Jocelyn Fissel	Leah Kaltreider
Lay Reader	Jon Shaw	Betty Sheets
Communion Distributors	Russ Kaltreider	Bill Sowers
	Maureen Kaltreider	Deb Sowers
Ushers	Bob Colehouse	Bob Colehouse
	Dan Fuhrman	Dan Fuhrman
	Glenn Alwine	Glenn Alwine
	Kingsley Walkins	Kingsley Walkins
Altar Committee	Linda Knapp	Linda Knapp
	Sally Lovelace	Sally Lovelace

BOTH ALTAR FLOWER VASES are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Maureen Kaltreider's birthday today by her family.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE and **THE WORSHIP BULLETINS** are sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pete and Ginny Peterson by Ginny and Matthew Murray.

PASTOR JASON is on vacation this week, **7/19 – 7/25**. Please contact Pastor Dan Yeiser for any emergencies.

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

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!

WE STILL NEED QUITE A FEW VOLUNTEERS WITH CLEARANCES FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 for children ages 5 – 10 on Monday, July 27 thru Friday, July 31 from 9:30 - 12:00 noon at St. Mark's Fellowship Hall and is a cooperative ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (York Street) and St. Mark's Lutheran Church. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call 717-637-5941 or email assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org. Please consider volunteering to help with this important community event.

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.

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

Radio-July 26, 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-July 26, Aug. 9, 16 & 30 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins-July 26, Aug. 16, 23 & 30 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- July 26, Aug. 9, 23 & 30 (\$10 each date)

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

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.

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.

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.

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**

SUN., JULY 19 8:30 am Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
 9:30 am Worship Service – 8th Sunday after Pentecost
Immediately following worship Coffee Hour – lounge

PASTOR JASON WILL BE ON VACATION FROM JULY 19 – 24. PASTOR DAN YEISER WILL HANDLE EMERGENCIES DURING THIS TIME.

WED., JULY 22 12:15 pm Midweek Devotions – Lounge

THUR., JULY 23 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room and Gym

FRI., JULY 24 2:30 pm Grocery Ministry prep - gym

SAT., JULY 25 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., 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