

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, July 19, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"

Praise Band

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Children's Message

Welcome and Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit

Confessions and Forgiveness

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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.

Verse

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship
You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days

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Bridge

Leader:

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth

Congregation:

Sing unto the Ancient of Days

Leader:

For none can compare to Your matchless worth

Congregation:

Sing unto the Ancient of Days

Chorus

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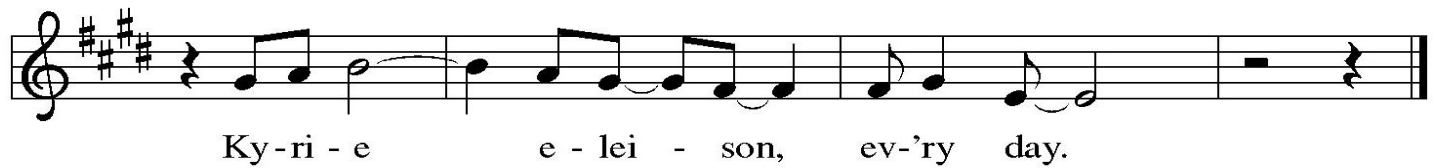
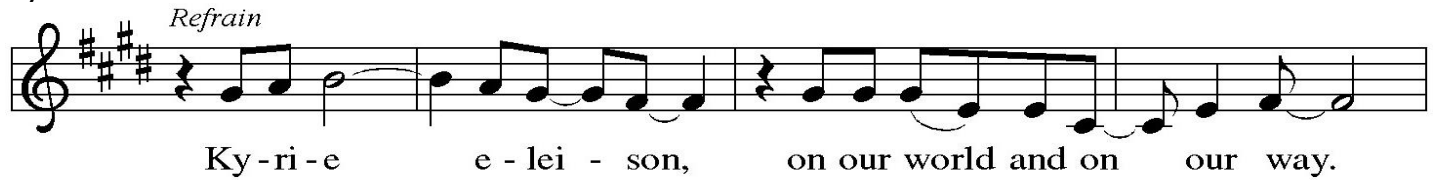
Greeting

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.

Kyrie:

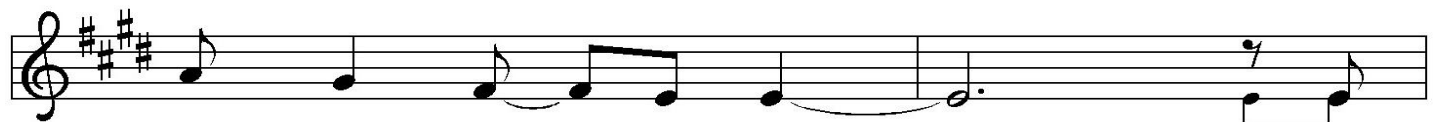
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2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



hun - gry and the poor; that

friends and fam - i - ly; for

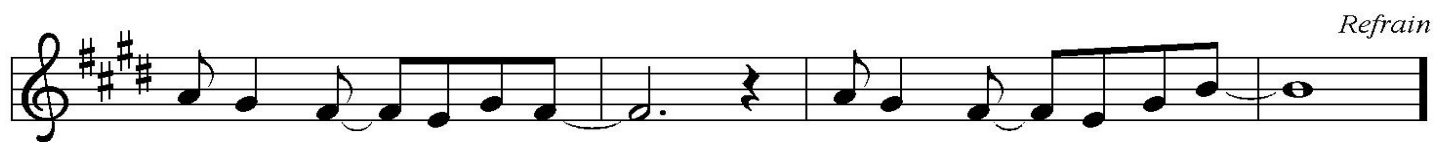
wa - ter and the word; that you



we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,

life and for love, for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Faithful God,

C: most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 44:6-8

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A: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

A: 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.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Psalm 86:11-17

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A: We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

A: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**C: I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

A: For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

**C: 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: But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

C: Turn to me and have mercy on me;

give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

A: 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.

Second Reading – Romans 8:12-25

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A: A reading from the book of Romans.

A: ¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that 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. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: 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 our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is invited to be seated

Sermon

Please rise in body or spirit.

Song of the Day: "Who You Say I Am"

Screen

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost, but He brought me in; oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God. Yes I am!

Verse 2

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me

Chorus 2

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God. Yes I am!
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God. Yes I am!

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken. I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me. I am who You say I am
I am chosen not forsaken. I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me. I am who You say I am
Oh, I am who you say I am.

Chorus 2

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God. Yes I am!
In my Father's house there's a place for me
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Apostles' Creed

Screen or ELW pg. 105

P: Together let us confess our faith in God using 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 Intercession

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P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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. We pray especially for Barb Strom, Deanna Wilson, Eva Cowley, Deb Liebzeit, Connie Laidig, Chase Flynn, La Donna Groshans, David Weaver, Judy Hallquist, Joyce Snyder, Jim & Carolyn Marshall and those we name aloud or in our hearts ...
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.

P: 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: Almighty God, You inspire us to do Your work with our hands, feet, and voices. Bless the ministry partnership we have with Immanuel, that we may be united in our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

C: hear our prayer.

P: 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.

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office by phone or email.

Peace P: The peace of Christ be with you all. **C: And, also with you!**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace however you feel comfortable.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

MEAL

Offering

General and special offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we enter or depart. In addition to the offering that supports the ministry of St. Paul, the children of St. Paul receive a weekly Children's Offering.

Their offering for July and August will support LWR School Kits.

We thank the children and youth for their help collecting the children's offering!

Offering Song: "As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW #465 or Screen

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Offering Prayer

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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.

Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

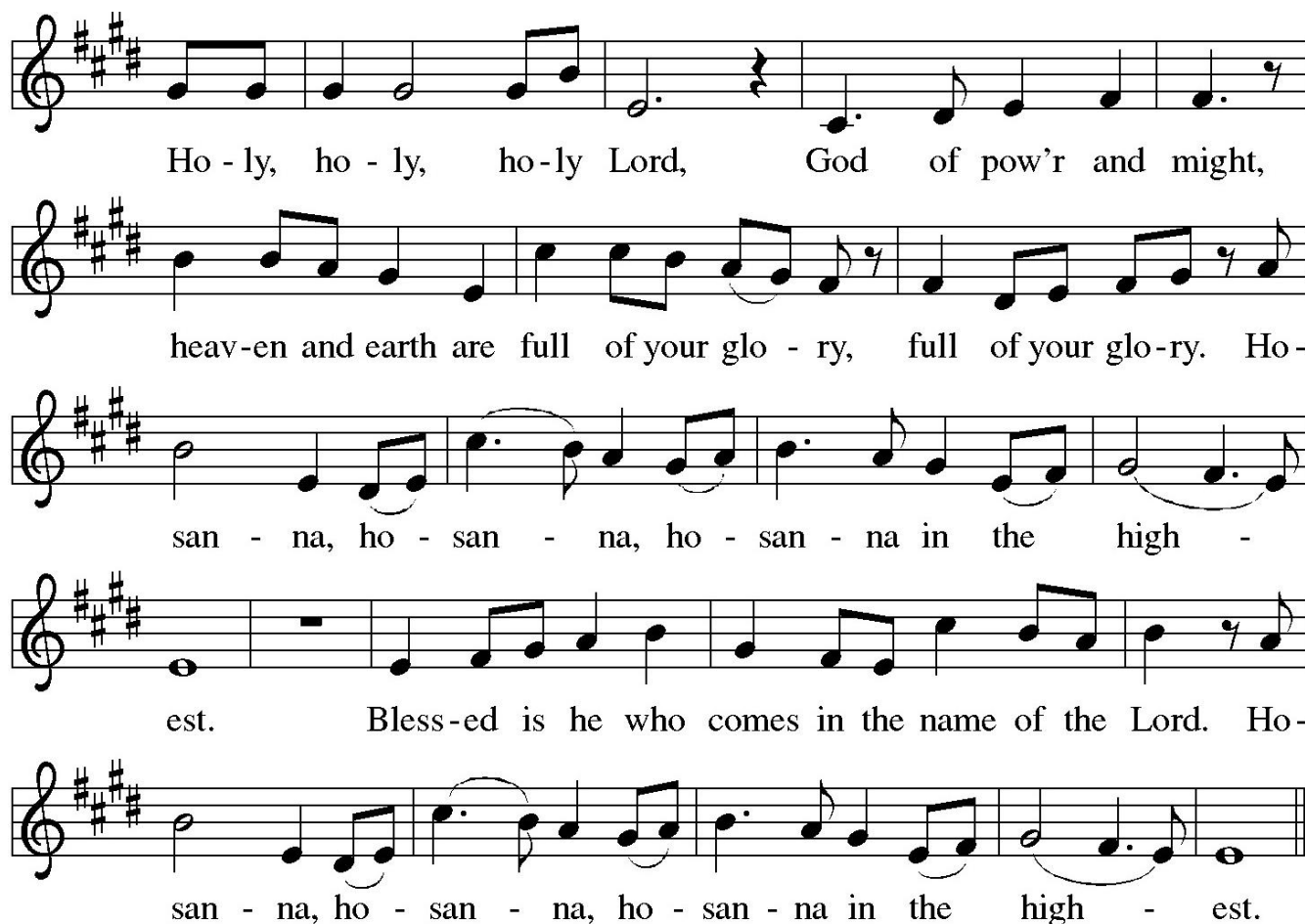
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, 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, Jesus 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."

The Lord's Prayer

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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!

The congregation is invited to be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." Each person may respond, "amen".

St. Paul Lutheran Church and the ELCA practice "open table" communion. This is Christ's table; Jesus is our host. Everyone is invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion!

Communion Songs:

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

"In the Fields of the Lord"

Screen

1. In the fields of the Lord our work is rest. He is
 2. In the vine - yards of the Lord our work is light. He is
 3. In the gar - den of the Lord our work is sound. He is
 4. At the har - vest of the Lord the fields are white. He will

mo - ving in our hands and feet to bless. In the
 tend - ing e - very leaf and e - very vine. In the
 weav - ing e - very thorn in - to a crown. In the
 wipe a - way the tears from ev' - ry eye. At the

fields of the Lord, in the fields of the Lord, in the
 vine - yards of the Lord, in the vine - yards of the Lord, in the
 gar - den of the Lord, in the gar - den of the Lord, in the
 har - vest of the Lord, at the har - vest of the Lord, at the

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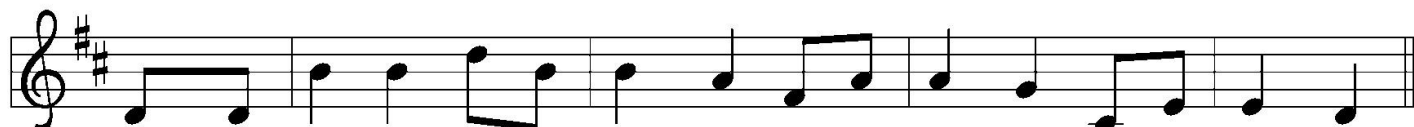
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"Children of the Heavenly Father" ELW #781 or Screen



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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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

Screen

A: Let us pray. Compassionate God,

C: 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. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✚ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

"Go, My Children, with my Blessing" ELW #543 vv.1-3 or Screen



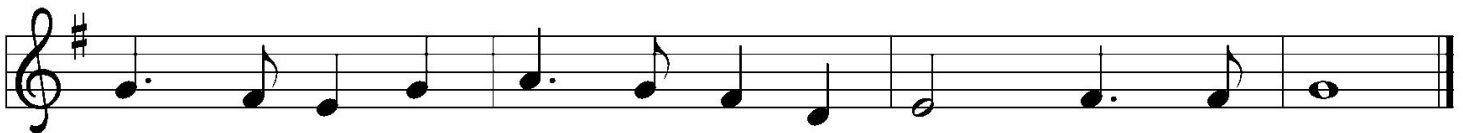
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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Dismissal

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Praise Band

Leading Worship

Presider: Pastor Riley **Preacher:** Pastor Anthony

Musician: Gerad VonHolten & the Praise Band

Worship Assistant: Linda Patterson

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St. Paul Announcements

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This week's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Marian Myers.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today ~ Sunday, 7/19:	Worship Service 10:45 am ~ Praise Band worship assistant: Linda Patterson
Monday, 7/20:	Prayer Team 10:00 am
Tuesday, 7/21:	Joint Staff Meeting 9:00 am at St. Paul Line Dancing 9:00 am
Wednesday, 7/22:	Care Ministry meeting 10:00 am
Thursday, 7/23:	Chair Yoga 11:00 am
Saturday, 7/25:	Worship 5:30 pm at St. Paul worship assistant: Lester Hallquist
Sunday, 7/26:	Worship Service 10:45 am worship assistant: Sherry McCarter

Today's worship is livestreamed on Facebook and archived on YouTube. If ever you miss a service, you can join us online!

St Paul/Immanuel youth fundraiser Petunia Fest food tent: Thank you to the many volunteers who helped create a successful fundraiser for our youth ministry events and activities. We especially give thanks to God for Lyndon and the property committee for setting up the tents and tables. Thank you to our youth, parents and youth leaders: youth - Luis, Alajandria, Hannah, Bradley, Anakin, adults - Adelita Alvarez, Somar Bryson (ILC), Gabe (ILC), Mark Dempsey (ILC), and Gerad. Thank you to all who help support the youth, purchasing lunch. The youth raised \$466 split between both congregations



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