

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 16, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

“How Great is the Greatness of God”

Praise Band

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Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

Please rise in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

Screen

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.

Gathering Song:

"All are Welcome"

Screen

All are wel - come, friend and stran - ger, at the ban - quet of the Sav - ior.

VERSE

5 All are wel - come. All are wel - come here.

10 who comes cry - ing, leav - ing tears at Je - sus' feet, to the man who
 feel for - got - ten, those who sense their place is gone, to the ones who
 streets and ci - ties, to the farms and fam - i - lies, tell a - bout the

14 knows the right way but can - not see.
 live in hun - ger; here you be - long.
 splen - did ta - ble, God's mer - cy.

D.C. al Coda

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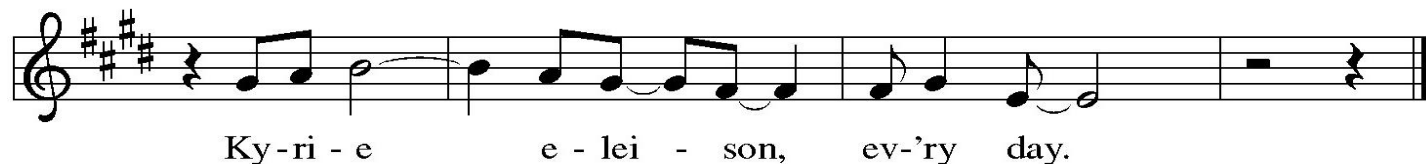
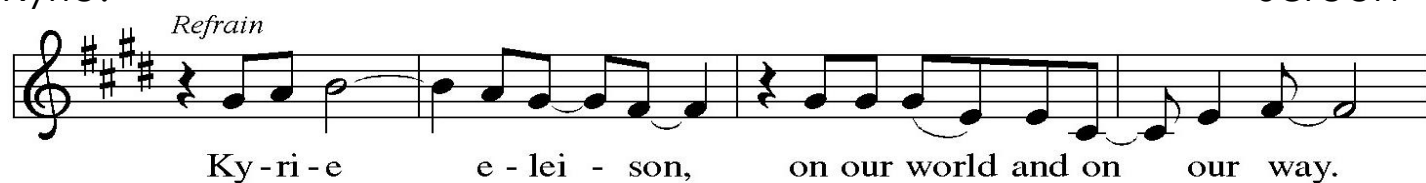
Greeting

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

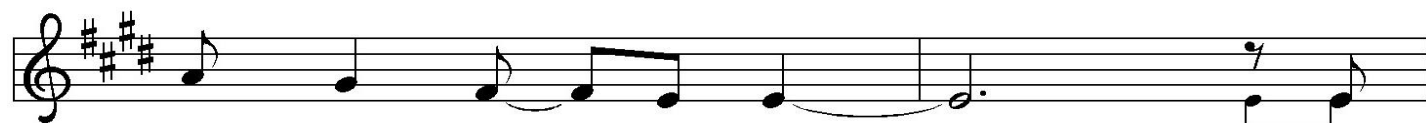
C: And also, with you.

Kyrie:

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- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned 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



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 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,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. God of all peoples,

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

The congregation is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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A: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

A: ¹ Thus says the Lord:

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

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

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

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

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

Psalm – Psalm 67

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

A: May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**C: Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

A: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

A: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**C: The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

A: May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading – Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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A: A reading from the book of Romans.

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

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

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.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

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

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

P: The Gospel of 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: "May the People Praise You"

Screen

Verse 1

You have called us out of darkest night
into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders
of the risen Christ

Verse 2

May our every breath retell
the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy,
with endless life

Chorus

May the peoples praise You.
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes that we may praise;
May praise the Name of Jesus

Verse 3

All the earth is Yours and all within.
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to
You to make Christ known

Verse 4

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
for those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of
grace to spread Your Word

Chorus

Verse 5

This our holy priv'lege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation tribe and tongue,
Your church proclaim

Chorus

Bridge

Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty.
All creation praise Your glorious Name

Chorus (*sing twice*)

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Apostles' Creed

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

A brief silence.

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

C: receive our prayer.

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

A: For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind especially Eva Cowley, Deb Liebzeit, Chase Flynn, David Weaver, Judy Hallquist, Joyce Snyder, Jim Marshall, Angel Richmond, Cheryl & Fred, and those we name aloud or in our hearts ... *brief silence....* Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,

C; receive our prayer.

A: 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. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer

P: 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.

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 August will support LWR School Kits.

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

Offering Song: "Come to the Table" sing twice ELW #481 or Screen



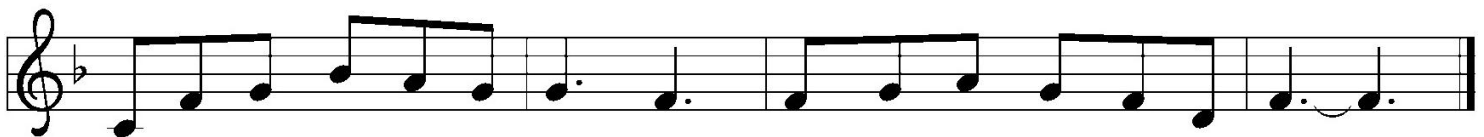
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Please rise in body or spirit.

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

Screen

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

Screen

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

"His Mercy is More"

Screen

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done, omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins
they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord. His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father so tender is
calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor; Our sins, they are many; His
mercy is more

CHORUS

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us; His blood was the payment, His life
was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford; Our sins, they are many; His
mercy is more

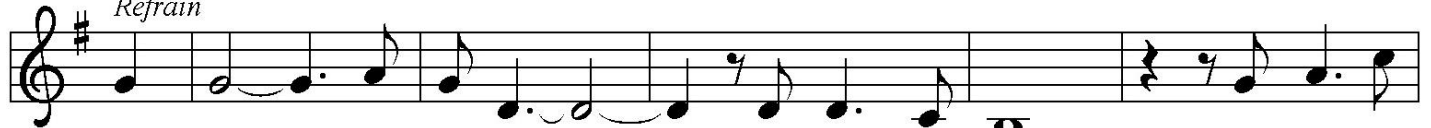
CHORUS (*sing twice*)

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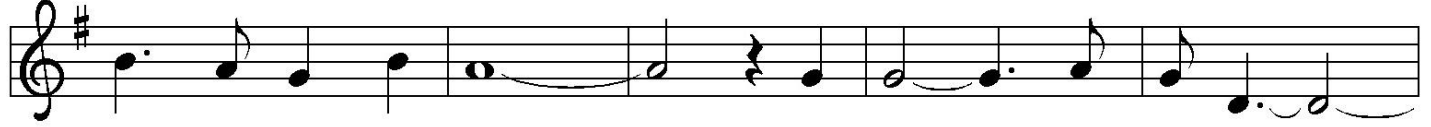
"One Bread, One Body"

ELW #496 or Screen

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



Refrain

wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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Please rise in body or spirit

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

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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:

"Sing Wherever I go"

Screen

Chorus

All my life all I know
God's been good, good to my soul
Mountain high, valley low
I'm gonna sing wherever I go

Verse 1

God is for me. He's not against me
I will hold to the plans He has for me
When I'm broken, he will fix me
I will call on the name of the Lord

CHORUS

Verse 2

He's my heartsong in my sorrow
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow
When the storms rise all around me
I will call on the name of the Lord

CHORUS *(sing twice)*

Bridge

I got joy, joy, joy deep in my soul
I will sing, sing, sing wherever I go

CHORUS *(sing twice)*

Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Kyle Briskin, Martin Cash, Scott Cash

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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 VonHoltzen & the Praise Band **Worship Assistant:** Laurie Perry

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St. Paul Announcements

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This week's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God & in honor of family by WELCA.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today ~ Sunday, 8/16:	Worship Service 10:45 am ~ Praise Band worship assistant: Laurie Perry
Monday, 8/17:	Prayer Team 10:00 am
Tuesday, 8/18:	Joint Staff Meeting 9:00 am at Immanuel Line Dancing 9:00 am
Wednesday, 8/19:	Heritage Square worship 10:30 am
Thursday, 8/20:	Chair Yoga 11:00 am
Saturday, 8/22:	Worship 5:30 pm at St. Paul worship assistant: Patti Larsen
Sunday, 8/23:	Worship Service 10:45 am worship assistant: Lester Hallquist Joint Confirmation Orientation at Immanuel 1:00 pm Joint Youth Gathering Informational meeting at Immanuel 2:00 pm

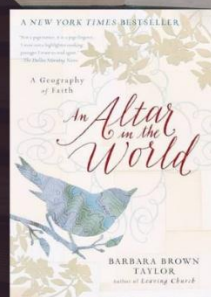
**LWR School Kit
Supply lists are
available in the
Gathering Area**

BOOK STUDY GROUP!

Join us in reading "An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith," by Barbara Brown Taylor. Together, we will explore topics like finding the sacred in the ordinary and the importance of human connection.

Mondays at 5 pm & Thursdays at 11 am @ Immanuel Lutheran Church

Contact the St. Paul or Immanuel Office to sign up!



Meeting weekly beginning the week of September 14.

Sunday August 23rd
Joint Confirmation Orientation
1 pm at ILC
Joint Youth Gathering meeting
2 pm at ILC

Joint Habitat for Humanity
workday Saturday, September
19th Please sign up in the
Gathering Area

RALLY DAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Rally Day is September 13, 9:30-10:30am.
Children and youth will be packing LWR

school kits in the fellowship hall and have yummy treats. Sunday school classes
begin the following Sunday, September 20, 9:30-10:30am and will continue into May.

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