

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ Saturday, August 8 & Sunday, August 9 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Back to School Blessing & Children's Message Sunday only

P: Friends in Christ, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we gather to bless these backpacks, supplies, technology, and learners, to the praise and glory of God.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, as we set apart these backpacks, supplies, technology, and learners, to your glory and praise. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom. We give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students. Grant that teachers and students may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us commit anew to our ministries in education: All those who have a special calling to education: teachers, youth workers, teaching assistants, caretakers, governors, lecturers, librarians, school-crossing patrols, and adult education workers. Will you respond to that calling, that through your service you may nurture and inspire, encourage and enable, showing the grace and love of Christ?

C: With God's help, we will.

P: All those who educate and care for children in families: moms, dad, grandparents, aunties, uncles, foster-carers, and step-parents. Will you help to build strong families where children are nurtured and loved?

C: With God's help, we will.

P: 'It takes a whole village to raise a child.' So, members of local communities - in streets and parks, school buses and cars, shops, restaurants, and churches - will you help to build communities where families are supported, and old and young are safe, valued, and nurtured?

C: With God's help, we will.

P: Learners of all ages, learning is a lifelong journey that includes us all. Will you continue to be open to learning new things, nurturing curiosity and thirsting for knowledge and wisdom?

C: With God's help, we will.

P: May we begin this school year in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Adapted by Pastor Riley Reed-Windau for use in this congregation from "Autumn" compiled by Ruth Burgess and "ELCA Occasional Series"

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 Hymn: "Oh, Sing to the Lord" ELW #822 or Screen



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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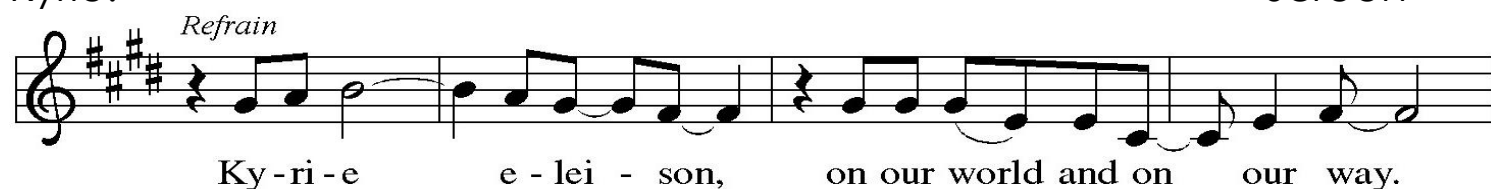


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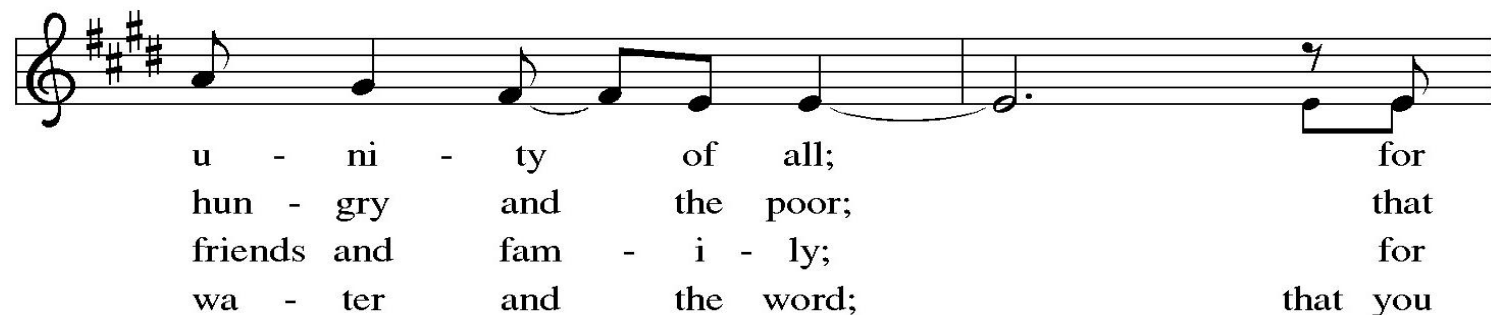
Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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Greeting

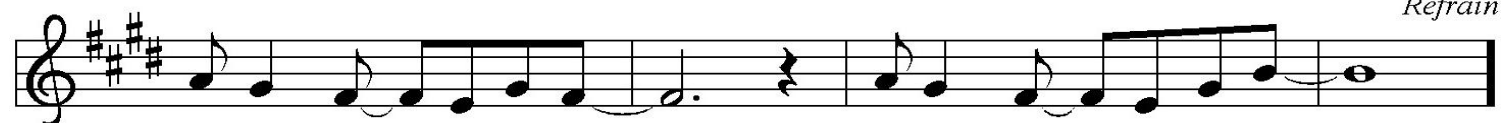
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also, with you.**



- 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



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. O God our defender,

C: 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. Amen.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading – 1 Kings 19:9-18

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A: A reading from the book of 1 Kings.

A: 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."

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

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

A: 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: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

A: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**C: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

A: The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**C: Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading – Romans 10:5-15

Screen

A: A reading from the book of Romans.

A: 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!”

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

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Screen



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 14:22-33

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

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

The congregation is invited to be seated

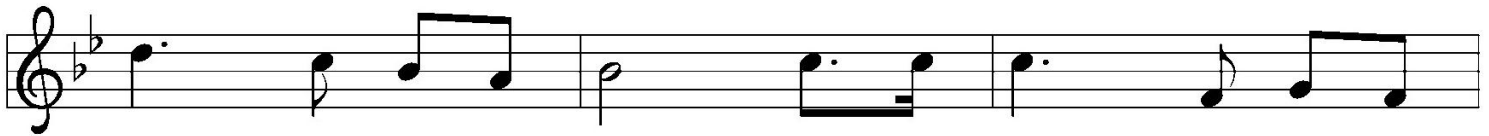
Sermon

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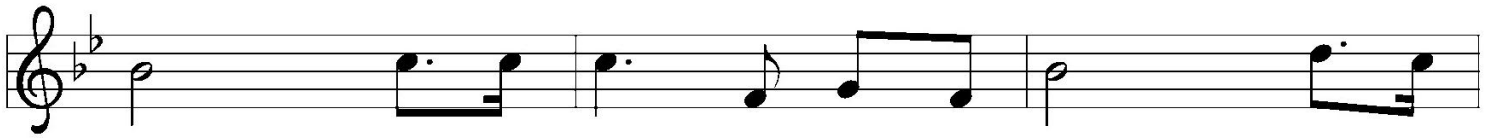
Hymn of the Day: "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" ELW #755 or Screen



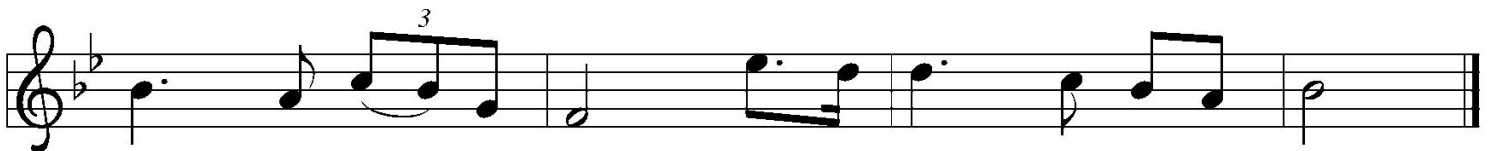
1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst
3 When at last I near the shore, and the



life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful



roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I



com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818–1888

Music: PILOT, John Edgar Gould, 1822–1875

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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: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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 especially for Deanna Wilson, Eva Cowley, Deb Liebrecht, Connie Laidig, Chase Flynn, La Donna Groshans, David Weaver, Judy Hallquist, Joyce Snyder, Jim Marshall, Cheryl & Fred, and those we name aloud or in our hearts ... *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.

P: We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us, including Barb Strom and Carolyn Marshall. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. 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.

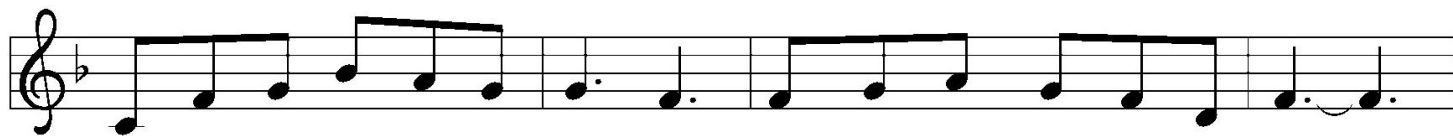
Their offering for August will support LWR School Kits.

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

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



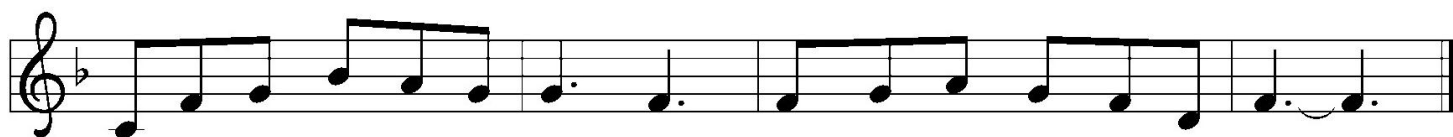
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



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

Screen

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 Hymns:

Lamb of God

Screen

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.

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW #773 or Screen



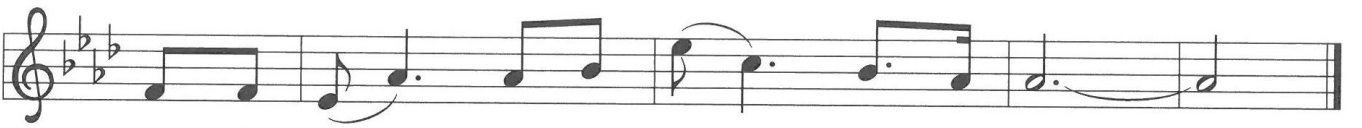
1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993

Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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PRECIOUS LORD

Irregular

"Now We Join in Celebration"

ELW #462 or Screen



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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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

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 Hymn:

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” ELW #774 or Screen



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
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,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



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

Refrain



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



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

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Leading Worship

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

Musician: Kathy Sheridan

Worship Assistants: Saturday: Robin Colglazier Sunday: Marian Myers

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St. Paul Announcements

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This week's altar flowers are given by Marian Myers in honor of the Strom family.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 8/9:	Youth Committee 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Back to School Blessing Executive Council	Today's worship is livestreamed on Facebook and archived on YouTube. If ever you miss a service, you can join us online!
Monday, 8/10:	Prayer Team 10:30 am	
Wednesday, 8/12 :	WELCA Coffee 9:00 am Finance Committee meeting 2:30 pm Praise Band rehearsal 5:30 pm	
Thursday, 8/13:	Chair Yoga 11:00 am	
Friday, 8/14:	Liberty Court Worship 1:30 pm	
Saturday, 8/15:	Worship 5:30 pm at Immanuel	
Sunday, 8/16:	Worship Service 10:45 am ~ Praise Band worship assistant: Laurie Perry	

WELCA COFFEE ~ Wednesday August 12th at 9 am

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

Red Cross Blood Drive Friday August 28th noon to 5 pm

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