

St. Paul Lutheran Church
13th Sunday after Pentecost, September 7, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

Please rise in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

Screen

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

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.

Last time to Coda *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.

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,
 Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

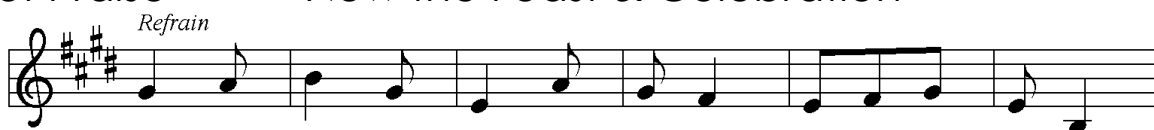
Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

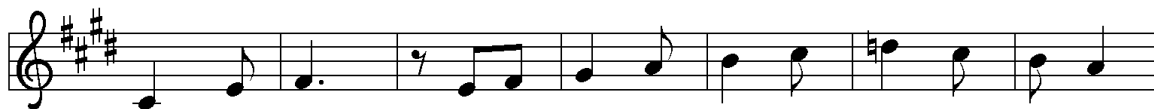
Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O
 God. *Congregation:*
 A - men.

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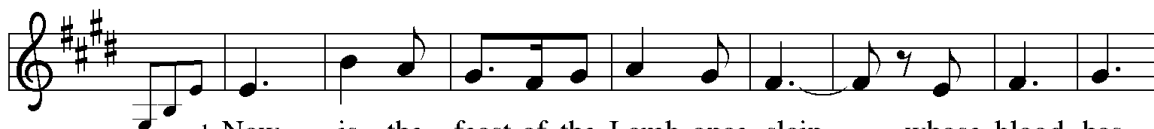
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord God, **C: in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The congregation is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Screen

A: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

A: ¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

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

Psalm – Psalm 1

Screen

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

A: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**C: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

A: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**C: It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

A: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**C: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading – Philemon 1-21

Screen

A: A reading from the book of Philemon.

A: ¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Screen

Congregation:

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

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Gospel – Luke 14:25-33

Screen

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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 "Will You Come and Follow Me" Screen or ELW #798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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Apostle's Creed

Screen or ELW pg 105

P: Let us confess our faith in God using the words of the Apostle's 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

Screen

P: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely especially Eva Cowley, Barb Strom, Deb Liebzeit, Melissa Feit, Sonja Magnifici, Chase Flynn, and those we name aloud or in our hearts... *brief silence....* May they find

healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and faith. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support of one another. We pray that our sharing of faith may transform lives. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints. Surround them with your divine mercy, that they find peace and rest in your loving embrace. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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 this month will support the Dixon Mini Food Center. We thank the children and youth for their help collecting the children's offering!

Offering Song

"As the Grains of Wheat"

Screen or ELW #465

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.

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Music: Marty Haugen

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Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

Screen

P: Lord of the harvest,

C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Screen

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:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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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

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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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 GodScreen



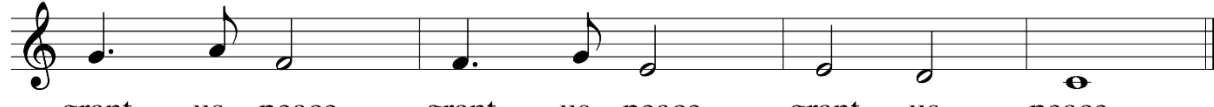
1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Verse 1

**Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

Chorus

**(So) Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are**

Verse 2

**There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure**

CHORUS

Bridge

**Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are**

Verse 3

**There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

CHORUS

Ending

**Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are**

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.**

Post Communion Prayer

Screen

A: O God,

C: through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song "Take My Life That I May Be" Screen or ELW #583



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
ly for my King; take my lips and let
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Praise Band

Leading Worship

Musicians: Gerad VonHolten & Praise Band **Preacher:** Pastor Riley Reed-Windau

President: Pastor Anthony Windau **Worship Assistant:** Joyce Craney

Youth Worship Helpers: Luis, Hannah, & Rafael

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Today's Altar flowers were given by John and Barb Strom in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

St. Paul Announcements

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 9/7:	Worship Service 10:45 am Praise Band New Members Retreat noon at ILC Confirmation Orientation 1 pm – 3 pm
Monday, 9/8:	Prayer Team 10:00 am
Tuesday, 9/9:	Line Dancing 9:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am at St. Paul Social Ministry Meeting 10:00 am
Wednesday, 9/10:	WELCA Coffee 9:00 am Worship/ Music Committee 1:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 2:30 pm
Thursday, 9/11:	Chair Yoga 11:00 am
Friday, 9/12:	McReynolds Towers lunch event Liberty Court Worship 1:30 pm
Saturday, 9/13:	Worship 5:30 pm at St. Paul (worship assistant: Linda Patterson)
Sunday, 9/14:	Rally Day/Sunday School Kick Off ~ LWR School Kit Packing 9:30 -10:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am ~ Praise Band (worship assistant: Marian Myers) Congregational Meeting right after Worship



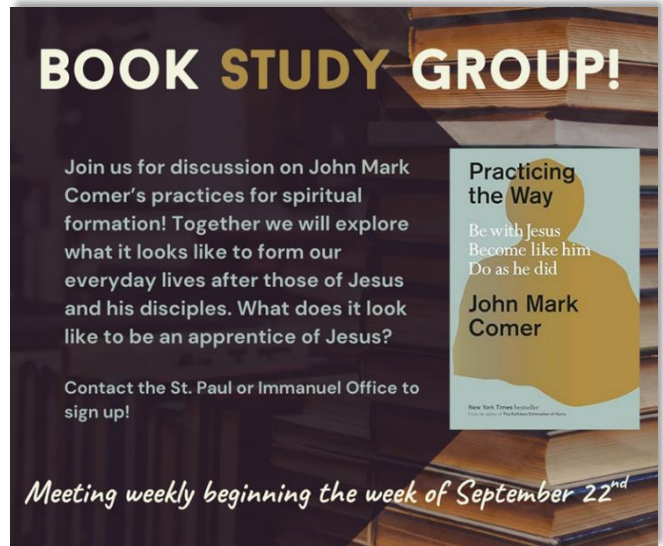
**FALL CONFIRMATION
RETREAT**

Sept. 19-20

Executive Council meets

At the Synod's recommendation, a special Task Force was created to suggest immediate action to provide some breathing space and add a cushion to ensure bills are paid. This Task Force has recommended to Council to call a congregational meeting to approve using an additional \$50,000 from the St. Paul Investment Fund to meet our projected deficit for 2025. Council approved this recommendation. **A Congregational Meeting of St. Paul Lutheran Church will take place on Sunday, September 14th immediately following worship.**

Please make plans to attend the Congregational Meeting that day. Your voice is important as we work towards sustainable ministry. Please address any comments, questions, or concerns to Pr. Anthony, Pr. Riley, or Council.



BOOK STUDY GROUP!

Join us for discussion on John Mark Comer's practices for spiritual formation! Together we will explore what it looks like to form our everyday lives after those of Jesus and his disciples. What does it look like to be an apprentice of Jesus?

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

Meeting weekly beginning the week of September 22nd

Practicing the Way
Be with Jesus
Become like him
Do as he did
John Mark Comer

New York Times bestseller
Over 1 million copies sold

Fall Rally Day & Sunday School Kick-off: Sept 14, 9:30 - 10:30 AM: yummy snacks, LWR school kit packing service project, meet your Sunday school leaders, find your classroom, and stay for 10:45 AM worship. Parents/guardians, scan **here** to register your student(s) for Sunday school and teen youth group on Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30am!

