

July 20th 2025
St. Paul Lutheran Church

THE GATHERING

Prelude

“What a Friend”

Praise Band

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Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

Please rise in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” ELW #519

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:

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



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,

Refrain



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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Eternal God,

C: you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

A: A reading from the book of Genesis

A: ¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a} Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 15

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

A: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**C: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

A: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**C: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.**

A: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

A: A reading from the book of Colossians.

A: ¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:



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.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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: "Draw Me Close"

VS 1

Draw me close to you; never let me go.
I lay it all down again, to hear you say that I'm your friend.
Help me find the way; bring me back to You.

CHORUS:

You're all I want; You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want; help me know You are near.

VS 2

You are my desire; no one else will do,
'Cause nothing else could take your place, to feel the warmth of your embrace.
Help me find the way; bring me back to You.

CHORUS

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The congregation is invited to be seated

Apostle's Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

P: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A: Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair especially Barb Strom, Deb Liebrecht, Georgiana Bollman, Darrell Puffenbarger, Bonnie Bollman, Rachel McIntyre, Melissa Feit, Sonja Magnifici, Chase Flynn, Joyce Snyder, Tim Stiens, and those we name aloud or in our hearts... *brief silence....* . Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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

We Share the Peace of the Lord

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 & special offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we enter or depart.

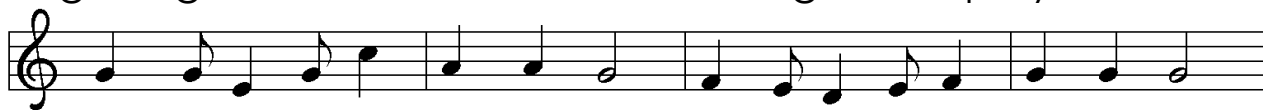
*In addition to the offering that supports the ministry of St. Paul,
the children of St. Paul receive a weekly Children's Offering.*

The Children's Offering is received during worship and during Sunday school.

The July offering will support Habitat for Humanity.

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

Offering Song: "Let us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW #674



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Creator God,

**C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we
may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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,...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,...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: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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."
 And 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, eating at Jesus' table.

Communion Song: "Lamb of God"



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.

Communion Song: "Goodness of God"

Verse 1

I love You Lord. Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire
In darkest night you are close like no other
I've known You as a father. I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now. I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

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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.**

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SENDING

Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love my deep and
boundless peace.

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.

Oh, how strange and divine I can sing all is mine; yet not I but through Christ in me.

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken. For by my side the Savior he will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing for in my need his power is displayed.

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead.

Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome; yet not I but through Christ in
me.

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven. The future sure the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon. And he was raised to overthrow the
grave.

To this I hold my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea.

Oh, the chains are released I can sing I am free; yet not I but through Christ in me.

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus. For he has said that he will bring me home.

And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat; yet not I but through Christ in
me.

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat; yet not I but through Christ in
me,

Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praise Band

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Leading Worship Today

Musicians: Gerad VonHoltzen & Praise Band

Presider: Pastor Riley

Preacher: Pastor Anthony

Worship Assistant: Patti Larsen

Youth Worship Helpers: Luis, Hannah & Rafael

Announcements

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July 26 (Saturday): Joyce Craney

July 20: Robin Colglazier

Today's Altar flowers were given by the Marian Neely Memorial Fund to the Glory of God.

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 20:

Youth Committee Meeting 9:15 am

Worship Service 10:45 am ~ Praise Band

sign up deadline for high school Great American trip

Monday, July 21:

Prayer Team 10:00 am (meeting in Pastor Anthony's office)

Book Study Group 6:00 pm

Tuesday, July 22:

Line Dancing 9:00 am

Staff Meeting 9:00 am at St. Paul

Wednesday, July 23:

Care Ministry Meeting 11:00 am

Thursday, July 24:

Chair Yoga 11:00 am

Book Study Group 11:00 am

Epistle Items due

Saturday, June 26:

Worship 5:30 pm at St. Paul ~ Praise Band

Sunday, July 27:

Worship Service 10:45 am ~ Praise Band

High School Great America trip sign up deadline is TODAY Sunday July 20th.



Adelita & Alajandria attended Lifest in Oshkosh, WI last week. Lifest is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to instill hope in youth. It is an annual 4-day Christian music event. There are plans to attend next year - July 9 - 12. Thank you to Somar from Immanuel for leading the kids to this event!

