

12th Sunday of Pentecost
Aug 16, 2026
9 AM



In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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WELCOME



GATHERING



Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

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.

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.

Amen.

WELCOME SONG

THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

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That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
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We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
God of all peoples, 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.

Please be seated.

BAG OF WONDERS

All children are invited.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[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.

The Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

YOUR WORDS, LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE

REFRAIN

Your words, Lord, are spirit,
spirit and life.

Your words, Lord, are spirit,
spirit and life

(Praise Team Verse, then refrain)

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Travis Borkosky

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON SONG

WORD OF GOD, SPEAK

I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is, it's okay.
The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say.

CHORUS

Word of God, speak. Would You pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty,
To be still and know that You're in this place?
Please, let me stay and rest in Your holiness.

Word of God, speak.

I'm findin' myself in the midst of You, beyond the music, beyond the noise.
All that I need is to be with You, and in the quiet, hear Your voice. (*chorus 2x*)

I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is, it's okay.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

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.

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,
receive our prayer.

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,
receive our prayer.

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,
receive our prayer.

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 those we name silently or spoken. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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,
receive our prayer.

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,
receive our prayer.

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.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

arr. Mark Hayes

Susan Treer, piano

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,

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.



MEAL



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, he 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord
It is made ready for those who love God
and for those who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith
and you who have little;
You who have been here often
and you who have not been here long;
You who have tried to follow
and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG

TABLE OF PLENTY

REFRAIN

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. *(refrain)*

O come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life. *(refrain)*

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. *(refrain)*

Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil. *(refrain)*

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,
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.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

TRADING MY SORROWS

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

CHORUS

We say, "Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Amen!"

I'm pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned,
Struck down but not destroyed.
I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength.

Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes in the morning.

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord. (*chorus 2 times*)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Experience God's love!

Thanks Be to God!

POSTLUDE

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

St. Paul Praise Team

by Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro
& Phil Wickham

*Altar flowers are given today by Pat and Daniel Hare,
In memory of Pat's mother, Lucy Killian Eckard.*

**Prayer requests may be sent to
prayer@splcwesterville.org**

This Week's Activities at St. Paul

Sunday, 8/16

- 9 AM: **Contemporary Worship**
(Shelter House)
- 10:30 AM: **Worship** (Sanctuary)
- 6 PM: **Dinners Out** (North High Brewing)

Monday, 8/17

- 3 PM: **Music Lessons** (Nursery)
- 5:30 PM: **Yoga** (Fellowship Hall)
- 7 PM: **Drum Circle** (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, 8/18

- 12 PM: **Lunch Bunch** (Shelter House/
Fellowship Hall)
- 6 PM: **Ladies Night Out** (Polaris Grill)

Wednesday, 8/19

- 9:30 AM: **Piece & Sew** (Lower Level)
- 7 PM: **Praise Team Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 8/20

- 10 AM: **PBS** (Library)

Friday, 8/21

- 7 PM: **Game Night** (Fellowship Hall)

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5th Season

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Summer Concert Series

6 PM ~ Food Truck

7 PM ~ Concert

Join us on the lawn or Shelter House
Bring your own chair or blanket

If inclement weather: Fellowship Hall

TONY HAGOOD JAZZ QUARTET

Aug 30

Schmidt's

~ Stay Tuned ~

Sept Date & Musical Group ~ Coming Soon

SPLC Family & Community Picnic & Festival

August 23 ~ 3 PM - 7 PM

NO RSVP Needed

Main Dish Provided -

Bring side or dessert to share

Dinner at 5 PM

Bounce house, face painting,
games for all ages,
auction, beer tent

Questions: Terri Browning



LIVE MUSIC
ALL
WELCOME

As we cultivate welcoming communities of faith with our neighbors and world, we strive for a world where everyone **"Experiences God's Love"**.

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We welcome you to join us at the table of the Lord. Our Communion Bread is gluten, peanut, tree nut, soy, and dairy-free. **White grape juice is always available in the center of the tray.** All are welcome.

NURSERY

The nursery is located at the top of the ramp of the main entrance to the church. Currently, the nursery is not staffed, however, it is available for you to use with your child. Also, for our young worshippers, please find **Worship Wonder Bags** on the small coat rack in the rear of the sanctuary, untie, and enjoy. After worship, please put the **UNTIED bag back** on the rack to be replenished and cleaned.

Online giving to St. Paul is available: Using your mobile device, scan below or Text **SPLCGIVE** to **73256**.

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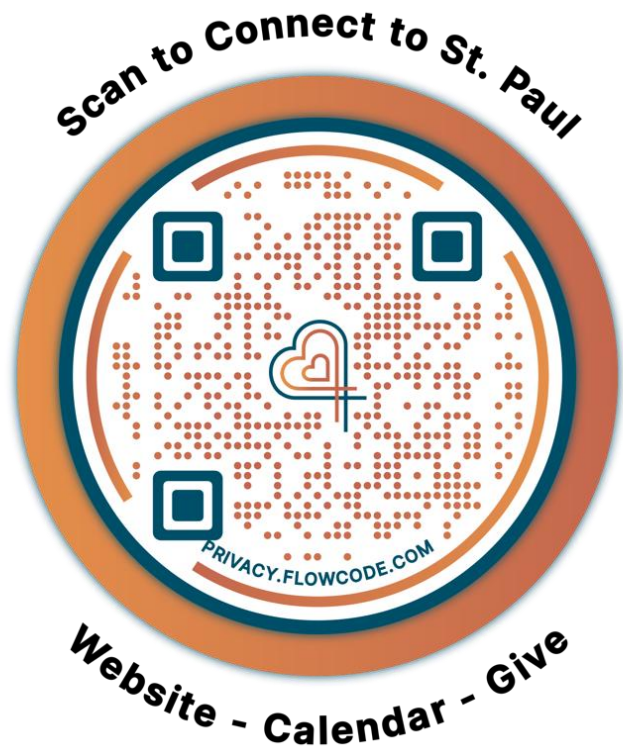
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Church Office: M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed for lunch: 12 PM- 1 PM

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