

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021

9:00 a.m.

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Building Disciples ~ Growing in Faith ~ Serving in Christ's Name

Welcome to all – especially visitors!!!

It is no accident that you are here today!

You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you,
and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord!

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG #654 "The Church's One Foundation"



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 (unison)

¹The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

**³You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I

shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of
eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY #719 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us join our voices together as we confess our Christian faith in 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.**

THE PRAYERS

A: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Silent prayer may follow.

A: Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all your people to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Restore your creation, O God. Ease the extremes in our weather and heal the flooded and parched earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill *especially Levi, Clyde, Zelda, Jim, Anne, Katie, Kaylin, Mason, Jean, Jerry, Nicole, Arla, Claris, Paul, Victoria, Kathy, Angelia, Pat, Mary, Gilbert, Art, Ann, Dee, Kim, Gerald and JoAnn, Kody, Holly, Beth, Mandy, Pastor Courtney, Jordan, Leif, Linda, Teresa, the Fulton family,*

the Getz & Hartman families on the passing of Catherine Hartman, the Blezard family on the passing of the Reverend Sharron Blezard, the Morrow and Boscia families on the passing of Chris Boscia, those who suffer from Covid, and those whom we name in our hearts.... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries so that all who hunger for your Word may find welcome at St. Paul's. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints *especially Catherine, Sharron and Chris*. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

Pastor and Assisting Minister receive the offering and elements for communion.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was handed over,
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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Brought together by the Holy Spirit from all the spaces we are right now, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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: Christ sets the table with more than enough for all.

DISTRIBUTION

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN #789 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow' r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY TIME

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✝ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Large print bulletins are available – please see an usher.

Bulletins are presented to the glory of God.

Thank you to those assisting with worship today: Ron Shawler, Assisting Minister; Denise Casella, Lector; Mike Peck and Steve Hoffmaster, Ushers

Pianist: Jordan Markham

Assisting next Sunday (July 25): Mary Jane McMillan, Assisting Minister; Ann Gilbert, Lector; Stew Trout and Darrell McMillan, Ushers

Hydration Station: Please help yourself to water, located where you pick up your bulletin.

UPCOMING

Tonight: *Adult Sunday School* class at 7:00 p.m. You received information about the current *Wired Word* topic in your email on Thursday. Nick will send you the link for Zoom. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

July 21: *Wine and Cheeses* in the Pavilion, 7-8:30 p.m. Bring your favorite beverage and cheese (or other snack) to share. Our speaker for the evening is Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes. Dr. Carvalhaes, a native of Brazil, is an activist, theologian, author, speaker, musician, and minister. He is an associate professor of worship at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. We are so blessed to have him with us. Bring a friend! Or two!! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

July 28: *Family & Friends Fun Nite*, 6-7:30 p.m. . We will begin with a story and then adults and kids will play Relays and Races! Our evening will end with Ice Cream Sundaes and prayer. Bring a friend! **ALL ARE WELCOME!** We will gather rain or shine!

Mark your calendars!

August 4: *Wine and Cheeses* presents Sue Wooley. Her work focuses on Restorative Justice and Prison Ministry.

August 11: *Family & Friends Fun Nite*, 6-7:30 p.m. Join us for Pizza and a movie! The fun begins at 6:00pm.

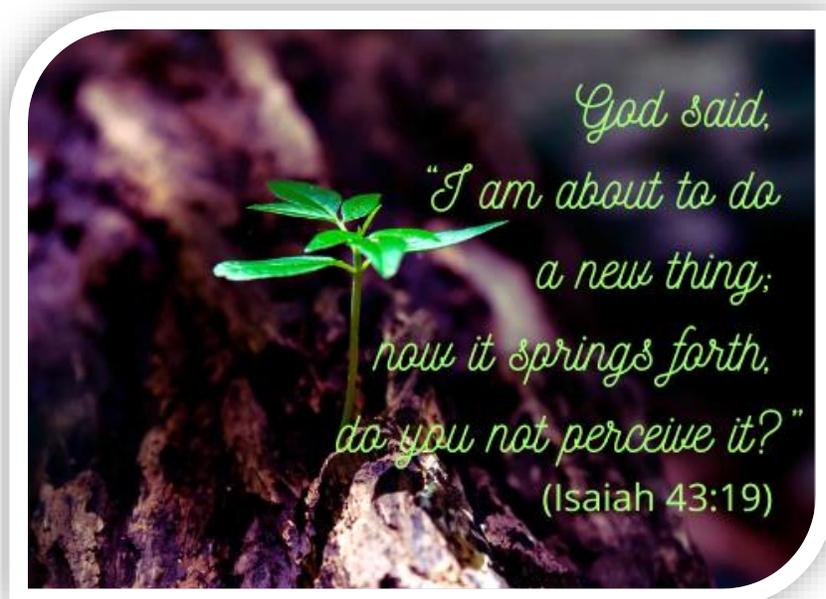
School Supplies are now being collected for the Lutheran World Relief school kits. You can also give money to Donna Shawler or put money in the offering in an envelope marked “school supplies”. Thanks in advance for your help!

SCHOOL KIT SUPPLY LIST

- **70-sheet spiral notebooks**, wide or college-ruled
- blunt **scissors** (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 30-centimeter **rulers**, or ruler with centimeters on one side, inches on the other
- **pencil sharpeners**
- unsharpened #2 **pencils** with erasers
- **crayons** – 24-pack
- **erasers**, 2.5” long
- **pens** – blue or black ballpoint (no gel ink)

Please NO SUBSTITUTIONS & NO GENDER-SPECIFIC ITEMS

There will be a bin for your donations out on Sundays and in the Confirmation classroom on other days. THANKS!



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