



"Woman,
you are set free from your ailment."

Luke 13:12, NRSV

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this morning, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. Following our worship service, we invite you to share in a time of fellowship over coffee, juice, and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation or Pastor Janis Sloka, III. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!

We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship, we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in the Bible; for more information see the back of the hymnal, ELW pp. 1154-1159. Furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR...

- Assistance with wheelchair seating • Assisted listening devices •
- Large print bulletins • Directions to restrooms

AED Unit an AED is located in the coat area when you enter the main entrance.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

11th Sunday of Pentecost ~ August 24, 2025

Holy Communion

+Indicates to rise as you are able. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

WELCOME

L: God is good! **C: All the time!**

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+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to us the entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

+HYMN *"I Come with Joy" ELW #482*

+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.**

+KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

- ^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 103:1-8 *Please join the reader with reading the bold print.*
The Lord crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

² **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—**

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ **The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ **The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now

he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.”²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe,²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION SONG—“I Love You, Lord”

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice, To worship You, O my soul rejoice.

Take joy my King, in what You hear;

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. (Sing 2 Times)

+GOSPEL – Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GROWING TOGETHER IN THE WORD (CHILDREN AND ADULTS)

GATHER GROW GO

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children’s Bible Page #78

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS MESSAGE

HYMN “Canticle of the Turning“ ELW #723

+APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son,
our Lord.

He was conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin

Mary. He suffered under

Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was

buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

+PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. And also, with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS

“Happy Birthday dear friends, may Jesus bless you!”

OFFERING- CHILDREN’S OFFERING

Thank you for your time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of St. Paul. You may also visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. We are now also accepting donations via Venmo and PayPal. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

+PRAYER

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

“The Holy Communion Liturgy is spoken back and forth between the pastor and congregation.”

+HOLY COMMUNION PRAYERS AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, O God. Before our beginnings, you have always been the three-in-one who was and is and is to come. From before time, you have been dreaming us up, imagining our world, forming us into creatures who might come to you in return.

By your breath and with your hands, you made us from the dust of the earth, and have written us into the long story of love.

Around the table, with us who you called to carry on your story, you, Jesus Christ, took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to us your disciples saying:

“This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me!”

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and upon us, we pray.

Take, bless, break, and give us that we might be your body in the world!

After the meal had ended, you, Jesus, took the cup of wine. Again, you gave thanks and praise, and gave the cup to us as your disciples, saying,

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me!”

Send your Holy Spirit upon this cup and upon us as we pray,

Take, bless, pour and give us, that we might be your life flowing in the world.

AMEN!

+LORD’S PRAYER

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

All people are welcome and called to Christ’s table. Come, eat what is good.

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+OUR MISSION

What is the mission we share together?

Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.

+BLESSING

May the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord make His face shine upon and be gracious to us and may the Lord look upon us and give us His peace. **Amen**

+CLOSING HYMN *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ELW #886*

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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This worship service is being broadcast via Live Stream on our web site. It is also being recorded and will be uploaded to our web site where it will be archived.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

- **Back to School Blessings today!**
- **Congrats and blessings to Lisa Haugen and Mike Youngs.** The Bishop along with the Synod Council has approved them to be Synodically Authorized Ministers for Our Savior. Because of our partnership, they will also be able to serve here as a SAM when Pastor Sloka is not available.
- **Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!** Thank you for worshipping with us!

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Fellowship:** is served by our youth families this summer. Thank you, youth families!
- **Fellowship for September and October.** Please sign up to help us out.
- **Readers & Acolytes** are needed in August, September, and October. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the readings is on the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming

- **Mark your calendars! Fall programs kick off on Sunday, September 7!**

Outreach

- **“Little Lunches Backpack Program”:** St. Paul is hosting their site for storage and ministry. If you would like to get involved, please let Dawn Kolden know.
- **Our Savior Lutheran, Max is our partner in ministry.** Please keep us a partnership in your prayers as we share the ministry together!

General

- **The office needs 8 1/2”X14” legal size paper for printing of the bulletins.**

You are invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving.



We also now offer Venmo and PayPal
Thank you for being a part of what God
is doing at St. Paul!



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In Our Prayers...

Terri Torgerson, Jessica Johns, Chris McCall, Chet Adam, Kayla Neilsen, Loretta Pappa, Arley Heer, Wanyce Arndt, Betty Iglehart, Steve Huston, The Goodwin Family, Edmund Seidler, Robert Ziemann, Debbie Stratton, Jylann Hanson, Delores Luedke, Jan Clapper, Roger Westman, Benjamin Hennings, Andy Zietz, Mary Thorson, Paul Hellebush, Layne Bennett, Jeff Wretling, Alton Krebsbach and Pastor Janis.

Family and Friends of Frieda Szczur, Lori Folden, Paul Ruhland at their death.

Birthday Blessings and Wishes This Week To...

Clair Eslinger	August 25	Daryl Johnson	August 26
Berkley Gieser	August 25	James Vaagen	August 26
Mel Iverson	August 25	Betty Iglehart	August 27
Jacob Torno	August 25	Chris Ferguson	August 28
Katie Hanson	August 26	Leigh Wagner	August 29

Weekly Calendar

Today, August 24th

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy
Communion
Back to School Blessings
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

Monday 1:00 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, Wednesday

Thursday 10:00 a.m. Community Bible
Study Meadows ~ St. Paul Crafting

Friday St. Paul Crafting Group

Saturday St. Paul Crafting Group
Next Sunday, August 31

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

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Sunday School Sept-May – 11:00 a.m.

SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director/Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Synodically Authorized Ministers</i>	Lisa Haugen and Mike Youngs
<i>Church Council President</i>	Clair Eslinger
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Musicians</i>	Sundi Lagge and Kim Gehring
<i>Reader</i>	Bernie Ellwein
<i>Ushers</i>	Lisa and Mike Maki
<i>Greeters & Door Greeter</i>	Sarah and Matt Chase & Eli Maki
<i>Acolyte</i>	Nora Klemisch
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Mcall and Palmer Chase
<i>Communion Set Up and Clean Up</i>	
<i>Technology</i>	Mike Youngs
<i>Council Member</i>	Wade Kolden
<i>Fellowship</i>	Thelen & Torr Families

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