



Are not  
*two*  
*sparrows*  
sold for a penny?  
And not one of them  
will fall to the ground  
apart from  
your Father.

*Matthew 10:29, ESV*

## **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. 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

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Pentecost 4

June 25, 2023- Sweet Sounds

*+Indicates to rise as you are able.*

*Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.*

### **WELCOME**

**+ SONG**            *“Here I Am to Worship”*

Verse 1

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore you,  
Hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came to the earth you created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

## **+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*You may be seated*

## **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)

## **FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, “Violence and destruction!”

For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, “I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,”

then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:  
“Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”

All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.  
“Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him.”  
<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.  
<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.  
<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18**

<sup>7</sup>It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,  
that shame has covered my face.  
<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**  
<sup>9</sup>It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;  
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.  
<sup>10</sup>**When I humbled my soul with fasting,  
they insulted me for doing so.**  
<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.  
<sup>17</sup>**Do not hide your face from your servant,  
for I am in distress — make haste to answer me.**  
<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me, redeem me,  
set me free because of my enemies.

**+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *“Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord”*

Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
He is worthy to be praised and adored.  
So we lift up holy hands in one accord,  
Singing, blessed be the name,  
Blessed be the name,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord. (Sing 2 Times)

**+GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children's Bible Reading page #'s 2-7

### SERMON

SONG "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW #583

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – "Be Still for the Presence"  
*Sing the song at the beginning, middle and end of the prayers, as directed by the leader.*

*We sing*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

*Prayers... "Hear us, O God." We sing*

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

*Prayers... "Hear us, O God." We sing*

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him,  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### +PEACE

*The sharing of the peace is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian church. Far more than a sociable handshake, it is a ministry we do for each other that proclaims the promise of God's peace given to us and reconciles us to God and one another.*

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

*You may be seated.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

*Every good and perfect gift is from God. In grateful response to all of God's gifts, we offer our time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of the church-bearing witness to the love of Christ in our community, country, and world. Your financial offerings may be placed in the plates by the sanctuary doors. You are also invited to visit [www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving](http://www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving) to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      Sweet Sounds – 10,000 Reasons

## +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.**

## +OUR MISSION

*Our mission statement reminds us of our collective calling as St. Paul Lutheran Church in light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

## +SENDING SONG

*"Have You Thanked the Lord?" ELW 829*

## +DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today

- **Thank you, Lisa, for leading worship today** while Pastor Sloka is on the youth trip.
- **Fellowship:** everyone is invited to fellowship after worship. The summer fellowship is hosted by youth families in the summer months. Thank you, youth families, for the goodies.
- **Thank you:** to all that helped with the **rummage sale**; brought their treasures; and bought the treasures. We appreciate you all!!! Thanks so much! We raised over \$5000!!!
- **LYO:** youth are in South Dakota this weekend and will return tomorrow. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- **Thank you** to everyone who donates bars for our events. Please go to the kitchen and retrieve your pans.

### Outreach

- **Compassion Children:** have been sponsored by St. Paul and St. Paul youth for 19 years. We started with Byron; we sponsored Mishi for many years; now we have Donia and Sompel. We have a bulletin board in the fellowship hall where we have info. on our children and missionaries.

### Volunteer Opportunities

- **Readers:** are needed for July and August. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the readings is on a table in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary.
- **Acolytes:** We need Acolytes to sign up for July and August.

### Upcoming

- **Holy Communion in July will only be Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.**
- **July Calendar:** Please let Loree Jeffers know today, if you have anything that needs to go on the July calendar.

### General

- **Office Hours:** *Summer hours are 10a.m.-1p.m. Tuesdays-Wednesdays-Thursdays* in June, July and August.
- **Update our Living Wall:** People are encouraged to send, bring to the office or email, updated pictures to the church to put up on the Living Wall. Faye Seidler will then put them on the wall.
- **Live Facebook:** each week at St. Paul's. The 4 Ministers are also on FB and Instagram each week.
- **Get your St. Paul Gear!** Spread our mission with custom shirts! Check them out in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to buy any of the shirts we have in stock.

*You invited to visit [www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving](http://www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving) to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving.*

*Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul!*



## **In Our Prayers...**

Ernie Hinderer, Leanne Haugen, Jim Hummel, Matt Steinmetz, Kristi Devitt, Hayden Ogilvie, Clarence Behles, Glen Blanchard, Stuart Bennett, Mona Reinisch, Travis Kolden, Heidi Smith, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, Alton Krebsbach. The Metz family at the death of Terry. The Gackle family at the death of Mike.

## **Birthday Wishes This Week To:**

Twila Olson	June 25
Klint Steele	June 28
Clara Thompson	June 29
Eugene Willits	June 29
Alexis Betz	June 30
Bristol Schenfisch	July 01
Mike Youngs	July 01



## **THIS WEEK <sup>AT</sup> GLANCE**



*Today, Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>*

9:45 a.m.                      Worship/Sweet Sounds

10:45 a.m.                     Fellowship

*Mon.*                              Youth Return

*Tues.* 10:00 – 1 p.m.        Office Hours

10:00 a.m.                     Men's Bible Study

<i>Wed.</i>	10:00 -1 p.m.	Office Hours
<i>Thurs.</i>	10:00 -1 p.m.	Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Study at The Meadows
<i>Fri</i>		Wedding Rehearsal
<i>Sat.</i>		Wedding
<i>Next, Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup></i>		
	9:45 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship

## **PERMANENT PROJECTOR AND RETRACTABLE SCREEN IN THE SANCTUARY**

### ***UPDATE!***

**The Church Council is excited that we have raised \$11,589 for this project. Thank you for your generosity in meeting our goal of \$20,000!**

After a well thought out discussion at their council meeting, they have decided to finish the project by taking \$10,00 from the BNC project account. This will give our congregation the ability to move on with more much needed projects.

Please prayerfully consider still donating so we can put that money back in the account for future projects.

If you have any questions, please see a council member or Pastor Sloka.

*Retractable not permanent*



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## 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</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Keith Thelen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Financial &amp; Church Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Sunday School Coordinator</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Organist</i>	Kim Gehring
<i>Reader</i>	Mike Maki
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike & Robbie Maki
<i>Greeters</i>	John Crawford & Doug Gienger
<i>Acolyte</i>	Robbie Maki
<i>Door Attendant</i>	Rae & Eli Maki
<i>Fellowship Hosts</i>	The Maki's & Mautz's
<i>Technology</i>	Mark Torno

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