

**"WHOEVER RECEIVES YOU RECEIVES ME,  
AND WHOEVER RECEIVES ME RECEIVES**

**HIM  
WHO  
SENT  
*Me.*"**



**MATTHEW 10:40, 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, 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 •

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Pentecost 5  
July 2, 2023  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting 10

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

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

## **WELCOME**

### **+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.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon us! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † our sins are forgiven. We are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens us anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

## +GATHERING SONG

*“God Is Here” ELW #526*

## +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



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

#### **+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

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

## PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

*The congregation is invited to read the even verses printed in bold.*

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

<sup>2</sup>**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:

<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations."**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

<sup>16</sup>**they exult in your name all day long,  
and extol your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.

For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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### +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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### +GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”  
The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Children’s Bible - Page 14-19

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“All Are Welcome” vs. 1-4 ELW #641*

#### **+APOSTLES' CREED**

*In holy baptism the triune God adopts us as children and makes us members of the body of Christ, the church. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.*

**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**

*Each petition concludes: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*



## **+PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **+THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

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

### **+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**

*"O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" ELW #888*

### **+DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today

- **Thank you, Mike, for leading worship today** while Pastor Sloka is gone today.
- **Fellowship:** everyone is invited to fellowship after worship. The summer fellowship is hosted by youth families this summer. Thank you, youth families, for the goodies.
- **July Calendar:** is on the table in the church entry. The only update is “no council” in July.
- **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!!!
- **Thank you** to everyone who donates bars for our events. Please go to the kitchen and retrieve your pans.

### Outreach

- **Compassion Children:** sponsored by St. Paul and St. Paul youth for 19 years. Our first was Byron; then Mishi for many years; now we have Donia and Sompet. Our bulletin board in the fellowship hall has 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>.**

### General

- **Office Hours:** *Summer hours are 10a.m.-1p.m. Tuesdays-Wednesdays-Thursdays* in June, July and August. **Church & Office closed July 4.**
- **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...

Vi Maki, Jason Ouhl, 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.

## Birthday Wishes This Week To:

Hilary Muzzy	July 02
Cassie Perman	July 02
Derek Zimney	July 04
Kendall Melby	July 05
Landry Melby	July 05
Ty Iglehart	July 07
Kamden Kolden	July 08
Mason Leidholm	July 08



### *Today, Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>*

9:45 a.m.                      Worship

10:45 a.m.                     Fellowship

*Mon. & Tues.*                Church & Office Closed  
Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!!!

*Wed.*    10:00 -1 p.m.            Office Hours  
5:00 p.m.                        6-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth – Babe Ruth Game

*Thurs.* 10:00 -1 p.m.            Office Hours  
10:00 a.m.                        Community Bible Study at The Meadows

*Fri*    5:00 p.m.                     9-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth – Legion Game

### *Next, Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>*

9:45 a.m.                      Worship

10:45 a.m.                     Fellowship

9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>                            Pastor Sloka – Camp of the Cross Chaplain

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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>	Sundi Lagge
<i>Reader</i>	Mason Hanson
<i>Ushers</i>	John Crawford & Wade Kolden
<i>Greeters</i>	Del Gallagher & Jim Muzzy
<i>Acolytes</i>	Chandler Hanson
<i>Door Attendant</i>	Dennis Ness
<i>Fellowship Hosts</i>	Hanson & Carter Families
<i>Technology</i>	Mark Torno

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