



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 3
June 18, 2023
Holy Communion
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting 10

+Indicates to stand as you are able.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

WELCOME

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm 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 you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+GATHERING SONG

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW #807

+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

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT- Lisa Haugen

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

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

PSALM 100 The congregation is invited to read the verses printed in **bold**.

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

²Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

³Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces

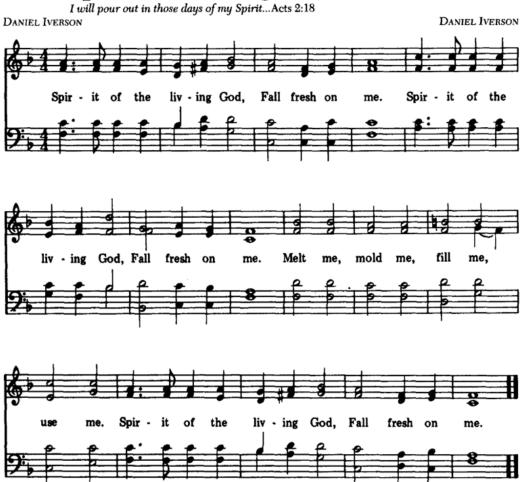
character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Spirit of the Living God



+GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:35—10:8

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON- Mike Youngs

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ELW #579

+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

+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.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION – SUNG WITH "BROKEN FOR ME"

Blessed are you, O God,

for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine. In the beginning you watered the earth that man and woman might have food and drink. You gave your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey, and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us as daughters and sons. Blessed is our brother Jesus, Who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, And who is known to us in the breaking of the bread.

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

On the night of His arrest and betrayal, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to His disciples, saying "This is my body, given for you."

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

Verse: This is my body given for you; Eat it, rememb'ring I died for you.

In the same way He took wine, and having given thanks for it, He gave the cup to His disciples, saying, "This cup is the new covenant with God, sealed with my blood, Shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins."

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

Verse: This is my blood I shed for you; For your forgiveness, making you new.

Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the kingdom of God.

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

Come to my table and with me dine; Eat of my bread and drink of my wine.

Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

+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 called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 \pm Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

"On Eagle's Wings" ELW #787

+DISMISSAL

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

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

- 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.
- > Twila Olson: has moved to Arizona. We wish her God's blessings as she moves. Her new address will be 4910 West Christy Dr., Glendale, AZ 85304.
- ➤ Thank you to everyone who donates bars for our events. Please go to the kitchen and retrieve your pans.
- **June Calendar**: is on the table in the church entry.
- ➤ **Pastor Janis:** has been ordained 30 years. His Ordination Anniversary was June 12th. Happy 30th Anniversary Pastor Janis!!! God's blessings to you!
- ➤ Thank you: to all that helped with the rummage sale; brought their treasures; and bought the treasures. We appreciate you all!!! Thanks so much!

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 until she grew out of the system; now we have Donia and Sompet. We have a bulletin board in the fellowship hall where we have info. on our children and missionaries.
- **Equal Exchange:** coffee and chocolate are for sale, at cost, on a cart in the fellowship hall. This supports the small coffee farmers. Please help us clean out what's left.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Readers: are needed for June. 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 for June.

Upcoming

➤ **June Picnic:** June 21st Congregational Potluck Picnic. The meat will be furnished, please bring a side dish. We will have fellowship and games.

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 updated pictures to the church to put up on the Living Wall. Bring a picture to the office or email your picture to the church, stpaul@restel.com. 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 them we have in stock

You invited to visit 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 Ogilivie, 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. The family of George Flath as he was laid to rest this weekend.

Birthday Wishes This Week To:

Kevin Rime	June 20
Dawson Wimer	June 22
Aiden Ferguson	June 23
Kathy Kallestad	June 24
Travis Kolden	June 24





Today, Sunday, June 18th Happy Father's Day 9:45 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:45 a.m. Fellowship

10:45 a.m. July Action Group meets

Tues. 10:00-1 p.m. Office Hours

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

Wed. 10:00 -1 p.m. Office Hours

6:00 p.m. Congregational Potluck Picnic

7:00 p.m. Church Council

Sweet Sounds Practice

Thurs. 10:00 -1 p.m. Office Hours

10:00 a.m. Community Bible Study at The Meadows

Fri 6:00 a.m. High School Youth Leave for Mission Service Trip

12:00 p.m. Crafting 9:00 a.m. Crafting

Next, Sunday, June25th

Sat.

9:45 a.m. Worship/Sweet Sounds

10:45 a.m. Fellowship

PERMANENT PROJECTOR AND RETRACTABLE SCREEN IN THE SANCTUARY

The Church Council after many years of discussion made the decision to put in the sanctuary a permanent projector and *retractable projection screen*. They believe it will enhance our worship experience and be helpful for children and youth ministries. After receiving a bid, they would like to move forward with your support. However, they will not install them until the monies are raised. So, we need your help! The cost is \$20,000 for the equipment, installation, and the work of an electrician.

We have raised \$7,790 so far. Can you help us meet our goal?

Please prayerfully consider helping make this possible! Please see a council member if you have questions.

2023 Synod Assembly

Over 230 members of the Western North Dakota Synod gathered together in Bismarck June 3-5, 2022, for Synod Assembly. The theme for the Assembly was "Welcomed | Included | Called | Equipped." The WND Synod Why Statement guided this theme – "to encourage and equip the ministries of the Western North Dakota Synod – ELCA, so that the Good News of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, and all God's children feel welcomed and included in the ministries to which God calls us."

<u>Worship:</u> Worship on Saturday morning began with a Land Acknowledgement honoring our Indigenous siblings. The Rev. Robert Schmidt from Bethel and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches in New Town, ND served as our Assembly Chaplain and offered the sermon during opening worship and prayer throughout the assembly.

Again, this year, Sunday offered the entire synod an opportunity to worship together as Bishop Schweitzer shared a message with the assembly that was also shared via video or read by lay ministers in local congregations gathering in worship across the synod. This shared message offered an opportunity to celebrate our unity and connection even as we are dispersed in communities across this prairie.

<u>Rostered Minister anniversaries</u> were recognized during closing worship. Additionally, all rostered and synod authorized ministers received a blessing from Bishop Schweitzer and the assembly. All voting members also participated in a blessing and sending for mission to go and share the good news of Jesus across the synod.

Synod Book Read: Bishop Craig Satterlee, bishop of the Northwest Lower Michigan Synod and author of the book You are Witnesses to These Things: Sharing the Story of Jesus, introduced the assembly to his latest book and the important role that sharing the story of Jesus has on living out our baptismal promises. Bishop Schweitzer is inviting and encouraging every synod congregation to read this book in 2023. An online book read will be offered this fall.

Summary of the Work of the Synod in Plenary

Elected to Serve on WND Synod Council: Conference Representatives: Heart River Conference - Rev. Kathi Nygaard, Beulah; Heart River Conference- Mr. Paul Kadrmas, Mandan; Turtle Mountain Conference – Rev. Connie Monson, Rugby/Leeds; Western Prairie Conference – Rev. Chris Lenning, Plaza; At-Large Position – Mr. Josh Cook, Kenmare; At-Large Youth – Mr. Pacey Kutzer, Bismarck.

Western ND Synod Ministry Financial Plan for 2024 Action: Passed

The Assembly adopted the fiscal plan for the 2024 fiscal year as proposed by the synod council.

2024 Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers Action: Passed

The Assembly adopted the 2024 Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers serving in the Western North Dakota Synod as proposed by synod council.

Resolution Concerning Amendments to the Synod Constitution Action: Passed

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SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

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Pastor | Rev. Janis Sloka, III

Faith Formation Director | Holly Klemisch

Church Council President | Keith Thelen

Treasurer | Holly Klemisch

Financial & Church Secretary | Loree Jeffers

Custodian | Pam Kolden

Sunday School Coordinator | Lisa Maki

Missionaries | Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto

Sweet Sounds Coordinator | Loree Jeffers

Choir Director | Lisa Haugen

Organist | Sundi Lagge

Reader | Marian Lehnherr

Ushers | John Crawford & Larry Ellwein

Greeters | Randy & Carrie Essler

Acolytes | Finley Hudgen

Door Attendant | Mary Zimmerman

Communion Assistants | Grant Lagge & Traci Ruhland

Communion Setup/Cleanup | Bernie Ellwein

Fellowship Hosts | Rime's & Lagge's

Technology | Pastor Janis

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