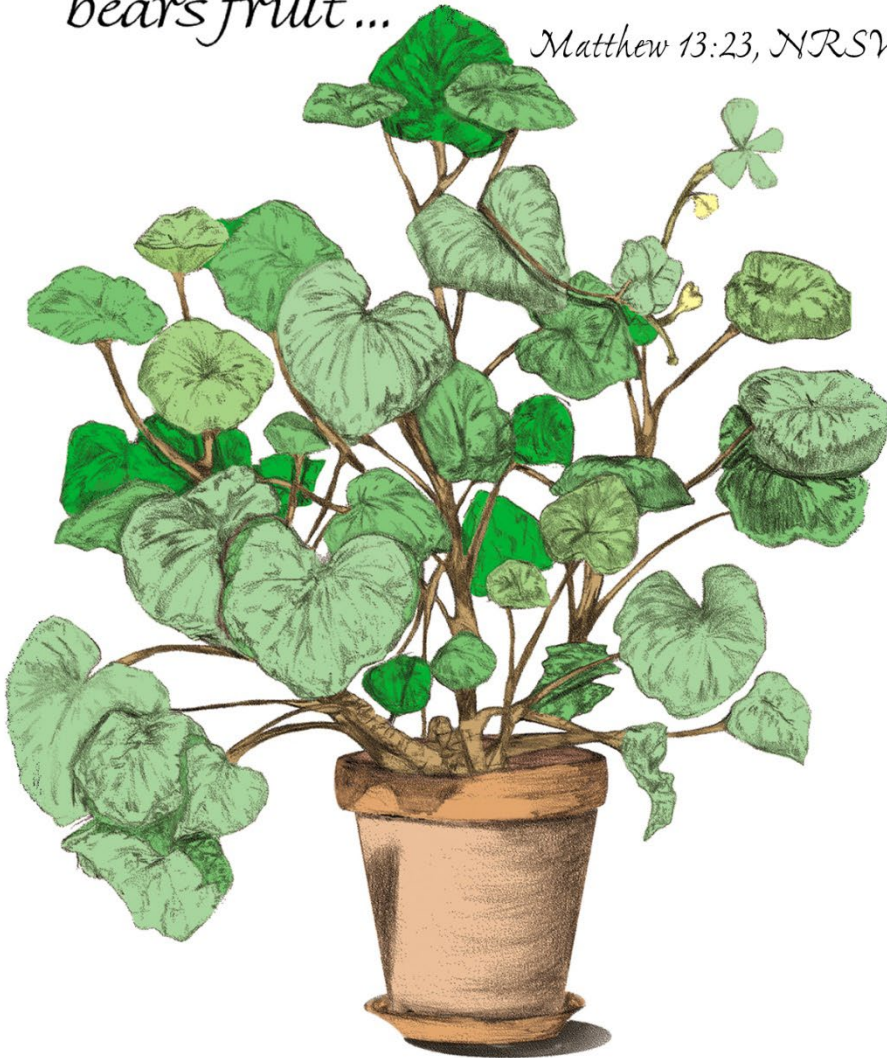


But as for what was sown on
good soil, this is the one who
hears the word and
understands it, who indeed
bears fruit ...

Matthew 13:23, 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 •

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pentecost 7
July 16, 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

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

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.**

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 ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+GATHERING SONG

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” ELW #694

+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.**

PSALM 65 (1-8) 9-13

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

[¹Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

²O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

³When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

⁴Happy are those whom you choose and bring near

to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple.

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas.

⁶By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

⁷You silence the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves,

the tumult of the peoples.

⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.]

⁹You visit the earth and water it,

you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;

you provide the people with grain,

for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,

settling its ridges,

softening it with showers,

and blessing its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Spirit of the Living God

I will pour out in those days of my Spirit...Acts 2:18

DANIEL IVERSON

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the

liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,

use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

+GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

Children's Bible Page 292

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of god's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that He got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood

on the beach. ³And He told them many things in parables, saying: “listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“As Rain From the Clouds” ELW #508

+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.**

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

***Refrain:* 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 † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW #512

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **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 this summer. Thank you, youth families, for the goodies.
- **July Calendar:** is on the table in the church entry.
- **Pastor's vacation:** is July 17th-31st. For a Pastoral emergency: please call Deacon Jodi Lorenz at 928-951-1405 or Deacon Janie Hague at 701-301-9917.

Outreach

- PV2, Ruud, Gavin
B CO 3-10th IN REGT PLT#2
13062 7th Street Unit #25
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473
**It helps with sorting if you color the bottom right corner of the envelope blue. He is 2nd platoon.

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

- **Worship will only be out at "Camp of the Cross" on Sunday, August 6th.** St. Paul is sponsoring the dinner that day. Worship will be in the fellowship hall.
- **Picnic Wed. July 19:** potluck picnic at 6:00 p.m. Please come even if you are unable to bring a dish. Meat will be provided by the church. We want your fellowship!

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 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, Ernie Hinderer, Leanne Haugen, Jim Hummel, Matt Steinmetz, Kristi Devitt, Hayden Ogilivie, Clarence Behles, Stuart Bennett, Mona Reinisch, Travis Kolden, Heidi Smith, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, Alton Krebsbach, the families of Glen Blanchard & Jill Fuller.

Birthday Wishes This Week To:

Kamryn Gislason	July 16
Donald Majeres	July 17
Cassidee Saylor	July 17
Maria Olson	July 18
Steve Huston	July 19
Nicholas Klemisch	July 19
Debbie Wilson	July 19
Cindy Iglehart	July 20
Casyn Kolden	July 21
Kerry Stone	July 21



THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE

Today, Sunday, July 16th

9:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
 10:45 a.m. Fellowship
 17th-31st Pastor Sloka – Vacation

Tues. 10:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
 10:00 -1 p.m. Office Hours

Wed. 10:00 -1 p.m. Office Hours
 6:00 p.m. Congregational Potluck Picnic

Thurs. 10:00 -1 p.m. Office Hours
 10:00 a.m. Community Bible Study at The Meadows
 7:00 p.m. Blanchard Family Service

Fri. 11:00 a.m. Glen Blanchard Funeral Service

Next, Sunday, July 23rd

9:45 a.m. Worship
 10:45 a.m. Fellowship
 August Action Group

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SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

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<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Keith Thelen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Financial & 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>	Marian Lehnherr
<i>Ushers</i>	Ruud Family
<i>Greeters</i>	Travis & Dawn Kolden Family
<i>Acolytes</i>	Mason Hanson & Chandler Hanson
<i>Door Attendant</i>	Kolden's
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Marian Lehnherr & Faye Seidler
<i>Communion Setup/Cleanup</i>	Marian Lehnherr
<i>Fellowship Hosts</i>	Kolden's & Ruud's
<i>Technology</i>	Pastor Janis

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