

#### 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 2 June 11, 2023

#### Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting 10

+Indicates to stand as you are able.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

#### **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**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW #858

#### +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 are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15--6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

6:1"Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

2After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

3Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
<sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
<sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

#### **PSALM 50:7-15**

The congregation is invited to read the refrain printed in bold.

7"Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
8Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

<sup>9</sup>I will not accept a bull from your house, or goats from your folds.

<sup>10</sup>For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

<sup>11</sup>I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

<sup>12</sup>"If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine.

<sup>13</sup>Do I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?
<sup>14</sup>Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.

<sup>15</sup>Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

13The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

19He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

22Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." 23Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

#### **+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### Spirit of the Living God



#### **+GOSPEL:** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

#### Children's Bible page 258

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

<sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON** 

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

"Have No Fear, Little Flock" ELW #764

#### **+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.

#### **OFFFRING**

#### **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  $\pm$  Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.** 

**+SENDING SONG** 

"Now Thank We All Our God" ELW #840

#### +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: is moving 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 is June 12th. Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pastor Janis!!! God's blessings to you!

#### 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.
- ➤ Mother the Camp: We will collect Mother the Camp items until today, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Some Items needed: Laundry detergent & gluten free items.
- 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

- ➤ Rummage Sale: Set up is today, June 11<sup>th</sup>, after fellowship. Collection is June 11<sup>th</sup> afternoon through June 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. The Sale is June 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. and June 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The youth will also be selling lunch with the sale.
- ➤ **June Picnic:** June 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

# SCAN ME

#### In Our Prayers...

Darren Kolden, 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 families of Ida and Ruby as they were laid to rest this weekend.

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

June 11
June 12
June 14
June 14
June 15
June 15
June 16
June 16
June 17





Today, Sunday, June 11th

9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship

12:00 noon Set up for Rummage Sale

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

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

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

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

7:00 p.m. Rummage Sale Set up

Fri. 4-7 p.m. Rummage Sale & Lunch

Sat. 9-2 p.m. Rummage Sale & Lunch

2 p.m. Pack up Sale

11 a.m. Prairie Lake Festival Auction @ Camp

Next, Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> Happy Father's Day

9:45 a.m. Worship/Communion/Trip Blessing

10:45 a.m. Fellowship

10:45 a.m. July Action Group meets

## 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.



#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH + ELCA

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#### SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

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Sunday School Coordinator | Lisa Maki

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Choir Director | Lisa Haugen

Organist | Sundi Lagge

Reader Lu Graeber

Ushers | Leigh & Michelle Wagner

Greeters Joan Zimmerman & Jena Belle

Acolytes | McCall Chase

Door Attendant

Fellowship Hosts | Klemisch Family & Chase Family

Technology | Mark Torno

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