



For the
BREAD OF GOD

IS HE WHO COMES DOWN FROM

HEAVEN

and gives **Life** *to the world.*

JOHN 6:33, 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

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

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 us the entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+GATHERING SONG "I Come With Joy" ELW #482

+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

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

You may be seated

LESSON: 1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

4[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." 5Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." 6He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. 7The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." 8He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

PSALM: 34:1-8 *Please join the reader in reading the Psalm.*

**1I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
4I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
5Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
6This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,**

and was saved from every trouble.
7The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
8O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

LESSON: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

25So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. 26Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27and do not make room for the devil. 28Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. 30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. 31Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, 32and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 5:1Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Only by the Blood of the Lamb”*

Only by the blood of the Lamb, Only by the blood of the Lamb;
We’ve overcome, in His grace we now stand, Only by the blood of the Lamb. *Repeat*

+GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

35Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

41Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph,

whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” 43Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. 44No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48I am the bread of life. 49Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GROWING TOGETHER IN THE WORD (CHILDREN AND ADULTS)

GATHER GROW GO

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Back to School Blessing” “Scholarship Presentations”

MESSAGE

SONG “O Living Bread From Heaven” ELW #542

+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 – Merciful God, receive our prayer.

+PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS

“Happy Birthday dear friends, may Jesus bless you!”

OFFERING- CHILDREN’S OFFERING

Thank you for your time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of St. Paul. You may also visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. We are now also accepting donations via Venmo and PayPal. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

SPECIAL MUSIC *Musician*

+PRAYER

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

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 Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

+CLOSING SONG "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW #671

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace! To Love and Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

- **Congratulations to the following graduated seniors who are receiving scholarships today to further their education!** Kadin Kolden, Jamison Rime and Alyssah Torno
- **School is starting this week!** Blessings to students, families, staff, teachers and administrators!
- **Camp of the Cross Ministries is celebrating their 70th Anniversary today!** Please join them for lunch at 11AM with a program and tours to follow.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Fellowship:** Youth families are hosting this summer.
- **Readers:** are needed in August. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the readings is on the signup table in the entry.
- **Acolytes:** are needed in August

Upcoming

- **Confirmation students and their families have an orientation meeting this Wednesday, August 14th!** 7th-9th grade at 7PM ~ 10th grade at 7:30PM.
- **The September Action Group will start signing up next Sunday!**
- **Sunday School starts (aka Rally Day) Sunday, September 8th!**
- **The youth will also be having their annual spaghetti fundraiser on September 8th!**

Outreach

- **VBS was a huge success!** Thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible! The children and their families raised \$380 for the Splash Pad Project at the Garrison Pool.

General

- **Fellowship:** Fellowship donations this summer are for youth activities.
- **St. Paul Cemetery Fund:** is in need of funds to cover the summer mowing and upkeep at the cemetery.

You are invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving.



We also now offer Venmo and PayPal
Thank you for being a part of what God
is doing at St. Paul!



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In Our Prayers...

Lorinda Johnson, Myrna (Iglehart) Hunt, Marta Dees, Barb Steinmetz, Agnes Lindsey, Shannon Olson, Randy Zimney, Bob Ulrich, Judy Solem, Don Evanson, Paul Hellebush, Robin Rensch, Mike Tomlinson, Ardy Denault, Layne Bennett, Maury Askvig, Tenley Johnson, Linda Kolden, Hayden Ogilivie, Heidi Smith, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, and Alton Krebsbach.

Birthday Blessings This Week To:

Oliver Hoag	April 14
Luke Gehring	April 15
Melanie Haugen Brandt	April 16
Glenn Seidler	April 16
Kimberly Kolden	April 17



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, August 11th

9:45 a.m.	Worship
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
11:00 a.m.	CCM 70 th Celebration

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Office Hours

Monday 1:00 p.m. Quilting

Wednesday 7PM and 7:30PM Confirmation Family Orientation Meetings

Thursday 10:00 a.m. Community Bible Study at the Meadows

Saturday Garrison Community Car Show, Awe Shucks and Party in the Park

Next, Sunday, August 18th

9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion and Baptism
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
11:00 a.m.	September Action Group Sign Up
1:00 p.m.	Bonney Bridal Shower

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SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran Church
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director/Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Clair Eslinger
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Musicians</i>	Kim Gehring and Sundi Lagge
<i>Reader</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Acolyte</i>	Eli Maki
<i>Greeter</i>	Eunice Opozda
<i>Ushers</i>	Barb & Lenny Hoffer
<i>Door Greeters</i>	Lenny & Barb Hoffer
<i>Fellowship</i>	Thelen's & Wimer's
<i>Technology</i>	Mike Youngs
<i>Council Member</i>	

MISSION STATEMENT

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