

The Time of the Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Paul Lutheran Church

July 22 & 23, 2023

Welcome to St. Paul

We are **broken** and **blessed** followers of Christ providing a **home** for all who wander the weary road.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Mission

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Holy Communion

To Our Guests: We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

To Those Communing Today: God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the meditation material in this bulletin to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by an usher with a tray of individual cups. The pastor will then follow with the Chalice.

Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

Divine Service

Setting Four (LSB page 203)

Prelude

Holy Baptism (*Sun Only*) Rosie Jean Zasada Pages 268-271

Baptismal Hymn “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” **LSB 596**

- 1 All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.

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Confession and Absolution (*Sat only*)

Stand as you are able and face the baptismal font

“Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned” (Large Catechism)

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn

"In Holy Conversation"

LSB 772



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
 2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
 3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,



And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep-est thoughts we share.
 We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
 In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears



And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
 Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
 With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

Text: Gregory J. Wismar, 1946 Tune: Swedish

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Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria In Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:57-64

A The LORD is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.

C I entreat your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.

A When I think on my ways,
I turn my feet to your testimonies;

C I hasten and do not delay
to keep your commandments.

A Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.

C At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your just and righteous decrees.

A I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.

C The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn....'" ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will

send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed (*Sat only*)

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

LSB 892

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-71, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93

Sermon

Matthew 13

3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
 And shall take His harvest home,
 From His field shall in that day
 All offenses purge away,
 Give His angels charge at last
 In the fire the tares to cast,
 But the fruitful ears to store
 In His garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
 To Thy final harvest home;
 Gather Thou Thy people in,
 Free from sorrow, free from sin,
 There, forever purified,
 In Thy garner to abide:
 Come with all Thine angels, come,
 Raise the glorious harvest home.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-71, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93

Stand as you are able

Prayer of the Church

Greeting of Peace

Offering

Monetary offerings along with the congregation's gifts of bread and wine to be consecrated for Holy Communion are brought forward and presented to the Lord.

- To give online, go to stpauldbq.com/give

Offertory Hymn

"Praise God, from
 Whom all Blessings Flow"

LSB 805

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Offering Prayer

P Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, our income, 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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy Holy Holy



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words Of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



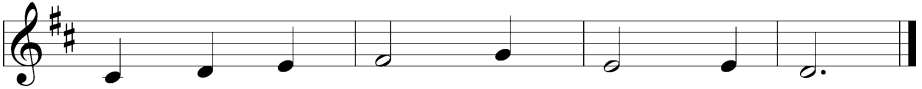
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

For Meditation During The Distribution

Small Catechism - Confession

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Hymns During The Distribution

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617

"Love Devine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700

Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

If you have not had a chance to fill out an attendance card today, please do so and place it in the offering plate near the back of the center aisle. Thank you.

Postlude

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Preparing Yourself For Worship

In order to help prepare yourselves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

July 29 - 30 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 7:6-9, Romans 8:28-39, Matthew 13:44-52



Flowers on the Altar For

Dennis & Barb Waugh

in memory of Carlyle Clark & Berna Sagers

July 15 & 16 statistics

In-Person Attendance:	55
Views* on Facebook:	N/A
Overall Participation:	55

*The number of post clicks. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen. No Facebook number is available.

Worship Assistants

	Sat. July 22 - 5:30pm	Sun. July 23 - 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Lutz
Accompanist:	Dr. Charles Barland	Kristen Eby

- **Food Pantry** - For the month of July, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Garden Produce Toothpaste Cake Mix & Frosting Soup
Canned Meats Toilet Tissue Pork and Beans Deodorant

Anniversaries This Week

None

Baptismal Birthdays

22-Jeff Huebschman
 26-Corbin Key
 31-Kurt Gottschalk

Birthdays This Week

25-Becky Clark 26-Corbin Key 28-Nancy Prine

- **We Welcome Into The Kingdom Of God** Rosie Jean Zasada through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 23, 2023. Rosie is the daughter of Brandon and Trista Zasada, the granddaughter of Jeff & Sheila Zasada and Duane & Brenda Kennicker. Sponsors are Kalyssa Worden & Mike Schmitt. We pray God's blessing upon Rosie and her family as they grow in following Christ.
- **Building Healthy Families:** Our young people desperately need to know and be frequently reminded of their value as a chosen and redeemed child of the King. "Whose U R" is one of the offerings provided by Lutheran Family Service. At a "Whose UR" event, Lutheran Family Service team members present information, generate conversation, and lead activities all designed to reinforce one big counter-cultural message: You are valuable—not because of what you can do, how popular you are, or how many hearts you get on your social media page—but because of Whose you are! *"You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. . ."* 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Contact LFS to schedule a "Whose UR" event sometime this fall! Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org.
- Fair is right around the corner starting this Tuesday the 25th. Your admission tickets for your shift are in your mailbox in the fellowship hall. Tuesday is a free admission day so come and check out the 4H projects, the exhibitors in the ballroom, play some bingo and have an ice cream. There is a free concert that night featuring a tribute to Johnny Cash and Neil Diamond. Thanks everyone for helping again.
Nancy Henry

Prayer Requests

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Rae Ann Wegner (sister of Kim Weed)
Jayme Niemeier (relation to Dave & Sue Krause)
Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Mark Goetschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Marlene Lenaburg (sister of Charlotte Tigges)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Tiffany Crowe (daughter of Jim & Marion Crowe)
Connie Telschow (relative of Richard & Kim Weed)
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)
Brittini Strege (niece to Richard & Kim Weed)
Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jerry Anderson

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Katheryn Moyer (Care Initiatives),
Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande,
Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby, Anne Prisk (Care Initiatives)


Additional Prayer Requests

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)
- Jill Adams
- Dominique Jeter
- the Walker family
- Sherry Wilderson (friend of Greg Kittle) recovering from surgery
- Merlin Bartels
- Kim Weed
- Lydia Wehrspann
- Tiffany Crowe (daughter of Jim & Marion Crowe)
- Isaiah (great nephew of Dan & Doris Pergande)
- for the family of Erling Sorenson (brother of Kathryn Sorenson)
- Dianne Makovec
(cousin of Teri Riechmann, Charlie Wershpann & Sheila Zasada)

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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Schedule for the Week

8th Sun after Pentecost Sat. July 22	5:30pm	Worship Service w/Holy Comm.
8th Sun after Pentecost Sat. July 23	9:00am	Worship Service w/Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study
Mon. July 24		
Tues. July 25		DBQ County Fair Starts
Wed. July 26	8:00am	TOPS
Thur. July 27		
Fri. July 28		
9th Sun after Pentecost Sat July 29	5:30pm	Worship Service w/Holy Comm. with Rev. Robert Weinhold
9th Sun after Pentecost Sun. July 30	9:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Comm. with Rev. Robert Weinhold
	10:30am	Bible Study
	LAST DAY	OF DBQ COUNTY FAIR

Pastor will be out of the office July 29th - August 4th
Contact Our Redeemer if Pastoral care needs arise (563) 588-1247.