

# **The Time of the Church**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

July 29 & 30, 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

## Confession and Absolution

*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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Entrance Hymn

"Church of God, Elect & Glorious"

LSB 646

- 1 Church of God, elect and glorious,  
Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits,  
Grace that meets all human needs.
- 2 God has called you out of darkness  
Into His most mar'v'ous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you,  
Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified.
- 3 Once you were an alien people,  
Strangers to God's heart of love;  
But He brought you home in mercy,  
Citizens of heav'n above.  
Let His love flow out to others,  
Let them feel a Father's care;  
That they too may know His welcome  
And His countless blessings share.
- 4 Church of God, elect and holy,  
Be the people He intends;  
Strong in faith and swift to answer  
Each command your Master sends:  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Give your lives in joyful service—  
Sing His praise, His love declare.

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

**Deuteronomy 7:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know

therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

*After the reading*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 125

**A** Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**C** **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,  
from this time forth and forevermore.**

**A** For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

**C** **Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

**A** But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers!  
Peace be upon Israel!

## Epistle Reading

**Romans 8:28-39**

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."  
<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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.

## Gospel Reading

**Matthew 13:44-52**

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

*After the reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**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 “Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee” LSB 573

- 1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee;  
That, I know, could never be;  
For this heart would still refuse Thee  
Had Thy grace not chosen me.  
Thou hast from the sin that stained me  
Washed and cleansed and set me free  
And unto this end ordained me,  
That I ever live to Thee.
- 2 It was grace in Christ that called me,  
Taught my darkened heart and mind;  
Else the world had yet enthralled me,  
To Thy heav'nly glories blind.  
Now I worship none above Thee;  
For Thy grace alone I thirst,  
Knowing well that, if I love Thee,  
Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
- △3 Praise the God of all creation;  
Praise the Father's boundless love.  
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,  
Priest and King enthroned above.  
Praise the Spirit of salvation,  
Him by whom our spirits live.  
Undivided adoration  
To the great Jehovah give.

Text: Josiah Conder, 1789-1855, alt. Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, 1745, Basel

## Sermon 52

“This Treasure Changes Everything” **Matthew 13:44-**

*Stand as you are able*



# Prayer of the Church

## Greeting of Peace

### Offering

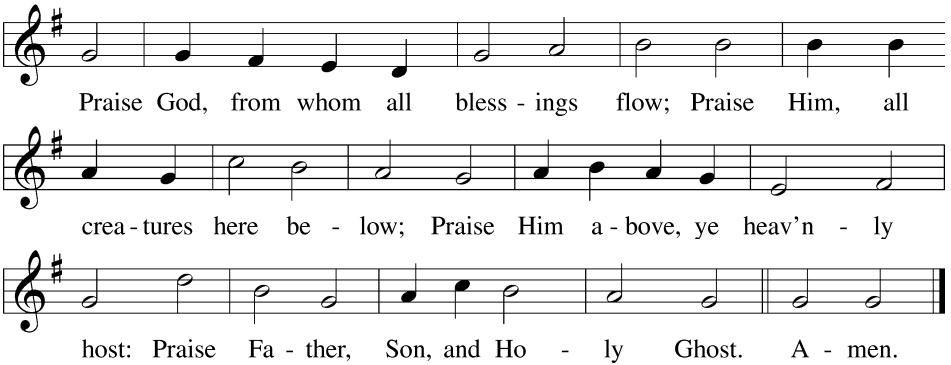
*Monetary offerings along with the congregation's gifts of bread and wine to be consecrated for Holy Communion are brought forward and presented to the Lord.*

- To give online, go to [stpauldbq.com/give](http://stpauldbq.com/give)

### Offertory Hymn

"Praise God, from  
Whom All Blessings Flow"

LSB 805



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.

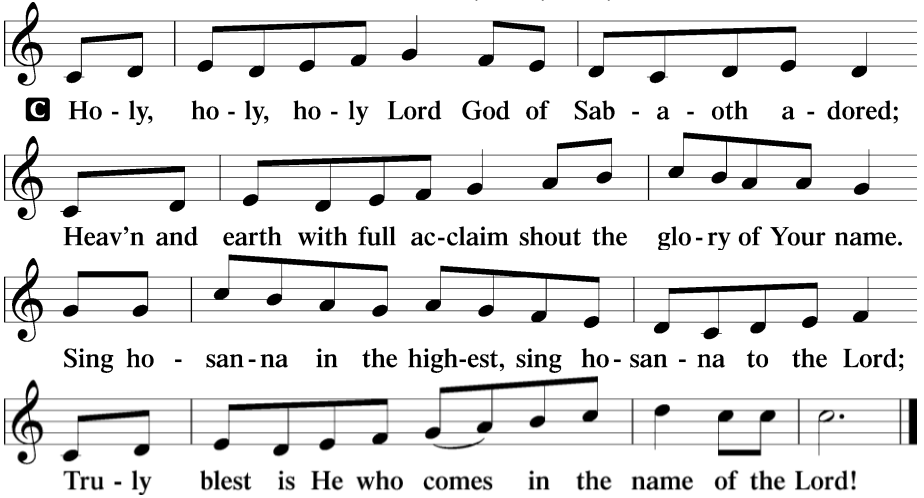
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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

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

*Which are these?*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

*What is the Office of the Keys?*

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

## Hymns During The Distribution

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB 851

"In Thee Is Gladness"

LSB 818

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

## Post-Communion Canticle

*Nunc Dimittis*

1 O Lord, now let to 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** We give thanks to You, Almighty God...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.

### August 5 - 6 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-13, Matthew 14:13-21



## Flowers on the Altar For

The blessing of 32 years of marriage of Mark & Brenda Litka

## July 22 & 23 statistics

<b>In-Person Attendance:</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Views* on Facebook:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Overall Participation:</b>	<b>123</b>

\*The number of post clicks. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

## 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)  
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)  
George Krueger (brother-in-law of Damaris Eichman)  
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed,

### ***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
- Isaiah (great nephew of Dan & Doris Pergande)
- for the family of Jerry Anderson
- Dianne Makovec  
(cousin of Teri Riechmann, Charlie Wershpenn & 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.*

## Worship Assistants

	Sat. July 29 - 5:30pm	Sun. July 30 - 9:00am
<b>Guest Preacher:</b>	Rev. Robert Weinhold	Rev. Robert Weinhold
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Dave Kelley	Jon Barz
<b>Accompanist:</b>	Dr. Charles Barland	Kristen Eby

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

*Garden Produce      Deodorant      Hamburger Helper      Crackers*  
*Canned Meats      Facial Tissue      Peanut Butter      Bar Soap*

## Anniversaries This Week

None

## Baptismal Birthdays

31-Kurt Gottschalk      2-Janell Wollschlager

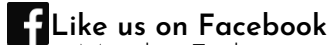
## Birthdays This Week

2-Taylor Kelly      3-Trudy Clark

- **Building Healthy Families:** Whether it's your growing awareness of the number of hours in your day tinged with anxiety or depression, or a gnawing feeling in your gut about the distance you're feeling from you spouse, know that you don't have to wait for a crisis to benefit from visiting with a Lutheran Family Service counselor! It's often easier to prevent a problem than to recover from one in full bloom. Pay attention to your mental, emotional, spiritual, and relational health. Talk to your pastor and trusted friends, read God's word, but remember (as the tee shirt says): It's okay to have Jesus and a therapist, too! Lutheran Family Service [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).

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### Schedule for the Week

<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost</b> Sat. July 29	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Holy Comm. with Rev. Robert Weinhold</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost</b> Sat. July 30	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Holy Comm. with Rev. Robert Weinhold</b>
	10:30am	Bible Study
Mon. July 31	1:00pm	Golden Age Euchre Club
Tues. Aug 1		
Wed. Aug 2	8:00am	TOPS
Thur. Aug 3	10:00am	Ruth Circle
Fri. Aug 4		
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost</b> Sat Aug 5	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Holy Comm.</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost</b> Sun. Aug 6	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Holy Comm.</b>
	10:30am	Bible Study

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