

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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9:00 AM

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome you to our worship service this morning.

St. Paul's has a service every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM.

Sunday School meets at 10:15 AM.

We request that members and visitors fill out an attendance card.

Please pass the card down to the center aisle after the offering.

You are welcomed in this house.

*The Mission at St. Paul's Lutheran Church is:*

**Preach and Teach to ALL, Comfort and Support those in need!**

**ACOLYTE:**

**RECORDING:** Gerald Nolte

**ELDER OF THE DAY:** Ron Young & Paul Dunbar

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Ron Young & Paul Dunbar

**SCRIPTURE READER:** Don Nobis

**USHERS:** Gene Breitenkamp, Bill White, James Wuerflein & Richard Burdick

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Stephen Wiederkehr

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Tammi Lieswald

**ATTENDANCE:** July 7, 2024: 9:00 AM – 81

**NEEDED WEEKLY:** \$11,381      **OFFERING:** \$18,667

**AS WE GATHER:** God unravels political systems, schemes, and nations, using atypical prophets and preachers. God's chosen messengers attempt to subdue rebellion and call for repentance. Their efforts are met with resistance and fury. Amos, a herdsman and tender of fig trees, prophesies against Israel, but there is no repentance. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus, is unjustly imprisoned and subsequently beheaded. Only through the bloodshed of Jesus is sin completely unraveled and forgiven.

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE – LSB pg. 151**  
**Confession and Absolution**

**Hymn of Invocation – “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” – LSB #913**

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,  
Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing  
Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love  
us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.  
That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er  
Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–73, adapt.; (sts. 1, 3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 2): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608 Text and tune: Public domain

*Stand*

*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.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**Exhortation**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Kneel/Stand*

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

## Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

## Absolution

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.

*[John 20:19-23]*

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit – Psalm 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11

P For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

C **In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

P Enter not into judgment with your servant,

C **for no one living is righteous before you.**

P Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,

C **for in you I trust.**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

C **In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

### Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

### This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

*Refrain*

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading – Amos 7:7–15

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” <sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.” <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm – Psalm 85:8–13; antiphon: v. 7

P Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

C **for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;**

P but let them not turn back to folly.

C **Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,**

P that glory may dwell in our land.

C **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;**

P righteousness and peace kiss each other.

C **Faithfulness springs up from the ground,**

P and righteousness looks down from the sky.

C **Yes, the LORD will give what is good,**

P and our land will yield its increase.

C **Righteousness will go before him**

P and make his footsteps a way.

### Epistle – Ephesians 1:3–14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **Verse of the Day – Matthew 5:10**

All **Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel – Mark 6:14–29**

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

### **Children's Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day – “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” – LSB #743



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

- 5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
 Thou canst not deceive me,  
 Thine appeal is vain.  
 Sin that once did blind me,  
 Get thee far behind me,  
 Come not forth again.  
 Past thy hour,  
 O pride and pow'r;  
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
 Leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
 For the Lord of gladness,  
 Jesus, enters in.  
 Those who love the Father,  
 Though the storms may gather,  
 Still have peace within.  
 Yea, whate'er  
 I here must bear,  
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

## Sermon by Rev. David H. Reber, Jr.

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

### Installation of VBS volunteers

### Baptism of Andrew Grittman

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Preserve Your Church, O Lord, for Your name's sake. Answer us in Your righteousness and in Your faithfulness. Since You have sent us forth in this world to testify to Your Word, let us find conviction and confidence in our confession that salvation is found in the forgiveness of sins through Christ Jesus alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of the Church, we commend to You all ministers of Your Word. Make them zealous and faithful, that through their service Your kingdom would grow. Turn the hearts of all who hear from the love of sin to the love of You. Remember in mercy Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Rev. David Nehrenz our district president; Rev. Dwayne Schroeder our circuit visitor. Grant them wisdom in their work and joy in their calling. Send laborers into Your harvest. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Preserve Your blessed estate of marriage, O Lord. Let chastity be prized among Your Christians and honored also in the world. Bind husband and wife together in love and forgiveness. Equip them by Your Spirit with every good gift to care for and teach the children You give. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**



P You, O Lord, are King over all the earth. You bring ruin on wicked nations and their rulers and are no respecter of persons. Spare our nation and its leaders, O Lord. Let the conduct of our civil servants and of our people be wise, just and honorable in accord with Your revealed will. For the sake of Christ, be merciful to those who oppose You and remember that You desire all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Emboldened by our adoption through Jesus Christ, O Father, we bring before You every need of body and soul. Lavish the riches of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You have blessed us, O Father, in Your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood: the forgiveness of our trespasses. As You have sealed us with the promised Holy Spirit for an eternal inheritance in Him, bring us now in repentance and faith to receive His Sacrament and be strengthened to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Author of life, as the disciples of John laid his body in a tomb in expectation of the resurrection of the dead, so lead us to respect the bodies of the saints in life and death, at all times confessing by word and deed our confidence in the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people in every time and in every place. Unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again on the Last Day. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

## Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Corinthians 11:29-30), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this Altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor, or an elder.

## Preface

P The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*[Psalm 136]*

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

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."

## Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Revelation 22:20*

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6 9-13*

All **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.**

## Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God*

*John 1:29*

☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

## Distribution Hymn – “When All the World Was Cursed” – LSB #346



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,  
2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,  
3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,  
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.  
Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.  
Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.  
The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,  
By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,  
Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,  
That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.  
He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:  
Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.  
Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

## Distribution Hymn – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” – LSB #686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–90, alt. Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg Text and tune: Public domain

## Distribution Hymn – “Lord of Our Life” – LSB #659



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our  
 2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your  
 3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our  
 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your



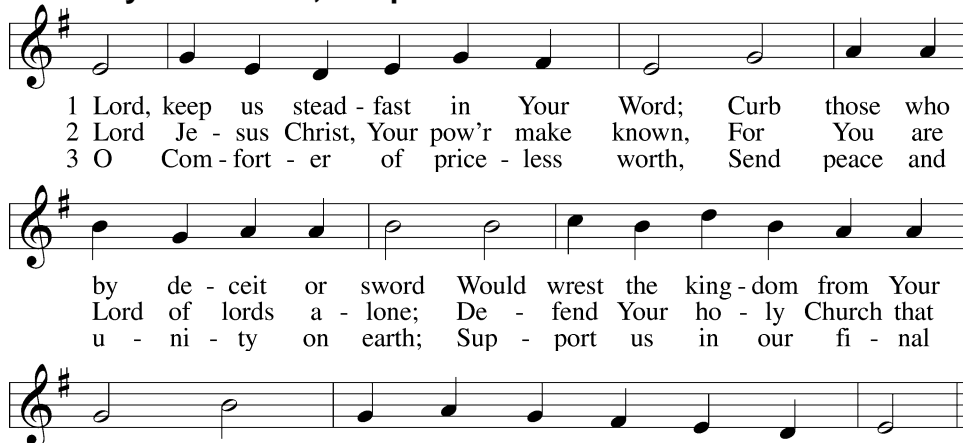
night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your  
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their  
 shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when  
 Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.  
 fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.  
 hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:  
 end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

Text: Matthäus Apelles von Löwenstern, 1594–1648; tr. Philip Pusey, 1799–1855, alt. Tune: Antiphoner, 1746, Poitiers Text and tune: Public domain

## Distribution Hymn – “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” – LSB #655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

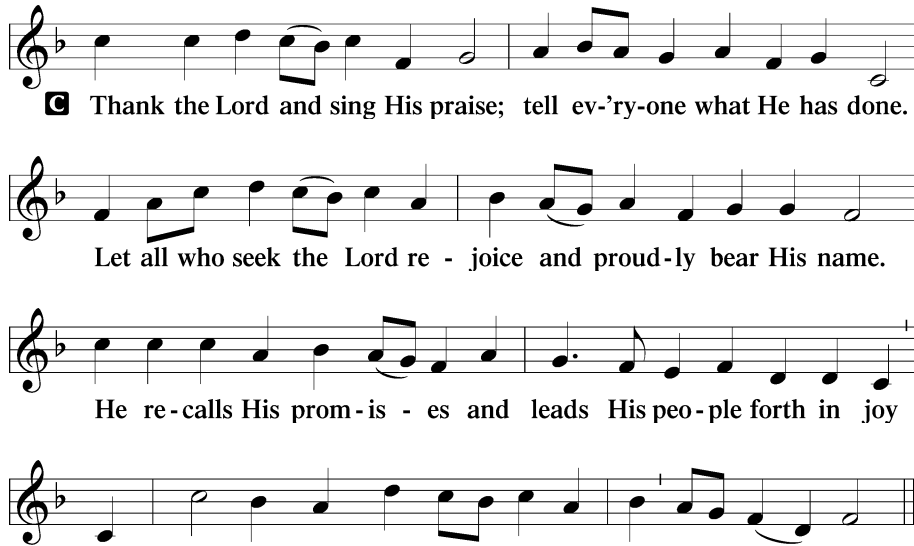
Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug Text and tune: Public domain

*Stand*

### Post-Communion Canticle

#### Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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.**

## Hymn to Depart – “God Bless Our Native Land” – LSB #965



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

Text (st. 1): Charles T. Brooks, 1813–83, alt.; (st. 2): John S. Dwight, 1813–93, alt. Tune: Thesaurus Musicus, c. 1740, London  
Text and tune: Public domain

### Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!  
C **Thanks be to God.**

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**We pray your worship with us was a blessing and God will grant you a rich and blessed week.**

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**If you are a first time visitor please let one of the ushers in the back know – they have a gift from the LWML waiting for you.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DIRECTORY:** New directories have been printed and can be located in the narthex.

**ENROLLMENT:** School enrollment is now open to ALL GRADES! Please contact Rachel in the office if you have any questions, (580) 234-6646.

**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** We are looking for volunteers to usher, record sound, record the livestream, lead songs, read scripture, attend the nursery, or serve on various ministry teams. If you are looking for a way to serve, please contact the office. Maybe we can help you find the right fit!

**LIVESTREAM:** If you are unable to attend with us in person, all services are streamed live on our website [www.stpaulsenid.com](http://www.stpaulsenid.com). Just select Livestream at the top of the page. You can also watch the recording after the service at the same link.



**NEW WAYS TO GIVE:** You may now give tithes and offerings online through our website. Just visit [www.stpaulsenid.com](http://www.stpaulsenid.com) and select online giving on the home page. You can also text **SPLC** (888) 444-8774. You can also scan:



**MITE MONTH:** July is Mite Month! Noisy offering will be collected for LWML projects throughout the year! Thank you for your support!

**VBS INSTALLATION:** VBS volunteers will be installed during today's worship service. Thank you for being faithful stewards of your time and talent. It's not too late to sign up if you would like to help!

**BAPTISM:** Today we welcome Andrew Grittmann into membership by holy baptism. Andrew is the son of Mason & Jenny Grittmann.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us during our Sunday School hour at 10:15 AM. We have a class for age 3 through grade 12 that meets in the all-purpose room. An adult class meets in the church basement and Pastor Reber's adult class meets in the library.

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**BIBLE ON TAP:** Join us for a Bible Study held at Settlers Brewery (202 E. Randolph) in the upper room on the first and third Sunday at 2:15 PM.

**VBS:** We are meeting Sunday, July 14th, 4:30-6:30pm and Monday - Thursday (July 15-18th), from 9-11am. Our theme this year is, "God's Wonderful World of Colors".

**DOMINOES:** A group meets to play Dominoes on the first and third Monday each month at 10:00 AM at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). Feel free to join us!

**BRIDGE:** Ever wanted to learn to play cards, especially the game Bridge? We have a Bridge group that meets here two afternoons a week and they are willing to teach anyone who wants to learn. It's a great time of fellowship and fun. They meet on **Mondays and Thursdays at 12:30 PM** at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). Come and join us. No experience necessary.

**BALANCE & STRENGTH:** Balance & Strength class will NOT meet this week (July 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>).

**PINOCHLE:** A group meets to play Pinochle on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.).

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Please join us for a Men's Bible Study at Boomerang (721 S. Oakwood Rd.). We will meet at **7:00 AM each Friday**.

**YOUTH:** Youth Group (for grades 6-12) will meet on Sunday, July 7, from 4:00 – 5:00 PM at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). Hope to see you there.

**PASTOR REBER'S RETIREMENT POTLUCK:** The congregation is encouraged to bring their favorite potluck dish to Pastor Reber's Retirement Brunch following the worship service on July 28.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS:** If you would like to continue or add a subscription to the Lutheran Witness, beginning October 2024, OR if you would like to cancel, please notify the office by **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please update address changes as well. The cost will be \$27.45/year. Please make check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and write Lutheran Witness in the memo line.

**ABOUT THE COVER:** By all appearances, the execution of John the Baptist was a callous decision of people who thought they were in power. But Herod feared the consequences of his execution of John because he had heard what Jesus was doing. John fulfilled his vocation as the forerunner of Christ and alone is the ultimate authority over all life. Christ willingly gave His life on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins to grant us life by faith in Him.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you very much for your cards, calls and texts. I am so grateful to have all of your prayers during my treatment. God is continually blessing me with great results. Your concerns and support have kept me encouraged and hopeful. – Pat Becker

## PRAYERS

**Hospitalized:**

**Recovering:** Ed Fulk, Cathy Breitenkamp, Pat Becker and Trudy Clark

**Cancer Patients:** Pat Becker, Tommy Deterding, Bud Durham, Judy Helberg, Dominic Lichtenberg, Ruth Lyons, Arno Pautsch, Donna Powell, Richard Simpson and Sandy Williams

**Medical Problems:** Steve Allen, Hank Bland, David Braley, Gehl Caldwell, Cecil Durham, Matthew Hagans, Mike Helberg, Mike Krienke, Fran Kroll, Milburn Kroll, Ralph Kroll, Pat Lemke, Eddie Morris, Sharyn Mueller, Kim Mullen, Steve Nobis, Shirleen Otipoby, Rebecca Peters, Ramie Scheel, Valera Sheets, Steve Simpson & Kathy Snowden

**Prayer Request:** Donna Powell is receiving radiation treatments on her ankle for cancer.

**Prayer Request:** Sally Dunbar is having her thyroid removed on Monday, July 15.

**Prayer Request:** Please keep the family and friends of Gene Ragoos (Linda Ragoss' brother-in-law) in your prayers. He passed away last week.

**Birthdays:** July 15<sup>th</sup> – Kaleb Ingels, Rylie Navarro; July 17<sup>th</sup> – Jimmy Balisle, Joe Felton, Alexzander Lunday, Tim Riesen; July 19<sup>th</sup> – Robert Sims; July 20<sup>th</sup> – Caleb Ellington, Max Heim, Marilyn Hoeltzel, Linda Stong

**Anniversaries:** July 13<sup>th</sup> – Casey & Melissa LaBrue; July 17<sup>th</sup> – Bryce & Kara Kvasnicka

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SUN.      07/14**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Communion**  
**VBS Installation**  
**Gritman Baptism**  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
2:15 PM Bible on Tap  
4:30 – 6:30 PM VBS

**MON.      07/15**

9-11:00 AM VBS  
10:00 AM Dominoes  
12:30 PM Bridge  
12:30 PM Finance Board

**TUE.      07/16**

9-11:00 AM VBS  
11:00 AM Balance & Strength – **Canceled!**  
1:00 PM Pinochle  
7:00 PM Church Council

**WED.      07/17**

9-11:00 AM Balance & Strength

**THU.      07/18**

9-11:00 AM VBS  
11:00 AM Balance & Strength – **Canceled!**  
12:30 PM Bridge

**FRI.      07/19**

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

**SAT.      07/20**

**SUN.      07/21**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
2:15 PM Bible on Tap  
4:30 – 6:30 PM VBS

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**Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’”** In the book of Amos, the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because His activity toward us is built on kindness, charity and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.