

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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July 12, 2026
9:00 AM
The Seventh 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 welcome in this house.

The Mission at *St. Paul's Lutheran Church* is:
Preach and Teach to ALL, Comfort and Support those in need!

ACOLYTE: James Wuerflein

LIVESTREAM: Zach Wyant

SOUND: Gerald Nolte

SCRIPTURE READER: Chris Bauer

ELDER OF THE DAY: Gene Breitenkamp

USHERS: Gene Breitenkamp, Gene Hollrah, Ray Mueller

GREETERS: Laura Burdick & Brenda Braley

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Teresa Peyton

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Cindy Fishaber

The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love

As “the rain and the snow come down from heaven” and “water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “indeed bears fruit” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “have received the Spirit of adoption as sons” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “led by the Spirit of God,” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14-15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “also be glorified with him” (Rom. 8:17).

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His

tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneuernten Gesang-Buchs, 1665, Stralsund
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Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

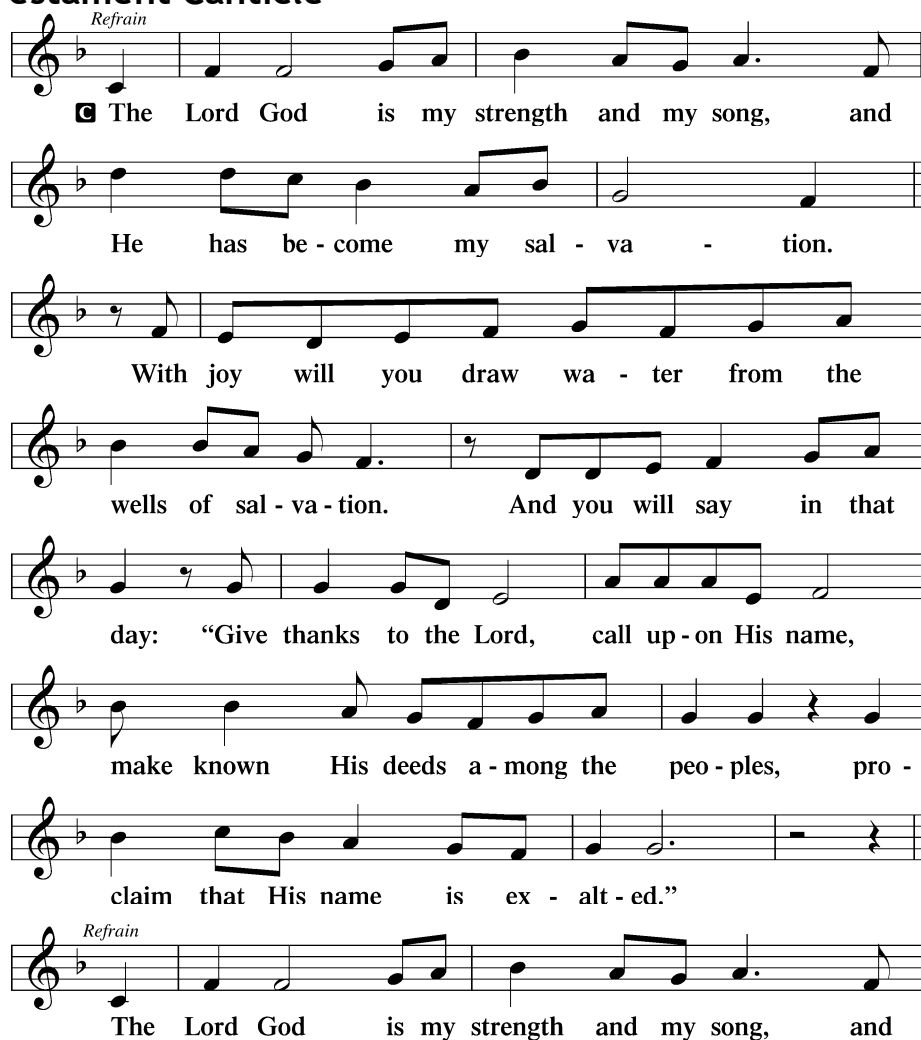
Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
P Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**
P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
C **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.**

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain



☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

L A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-fifth chapter.

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65 (Prayed Responsively)

Psalm 65

¹Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.
²O you who hears prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.
³When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.
⁴Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!
⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;
⁶the one who by his strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;

⁷who stills the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves,

the tumult of the peoples,

⁸so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.

You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it;

you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;

you provide their grain,

for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,

settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain,

they shout and sing together for joy.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and

choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Stand

Ten Commandments

C **You shall have no other gods.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

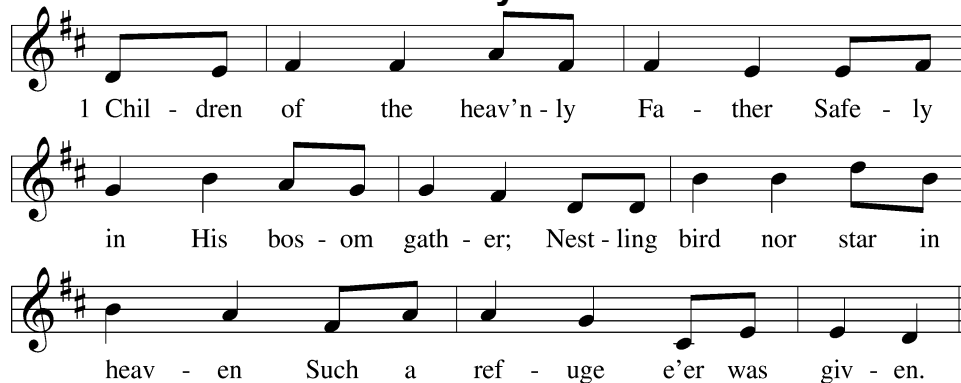
Apostles' Creed

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.

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.

Hymn – “Children of the Heavenly Father”



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Children's Message

Children Collect Attendance Cards

577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -

seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the

heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.
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Sit

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Prayer

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

- L Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**
Amen.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.
- C **Amen.**

921 On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lutheran Witness Renewals

Renewal for *The Lutheran Witness* is coming up in **October 2026**. The annual subscription rate is **\$30.30 per year (\$2.52 per issue)**.

If you are currently subscribed, please contact Danielle in the church office by **August 1** to make any changes to your subscription. You may do so by email, phone, or by stopping by the office.

Membership Information Update Reminder

To help us prepare an updated church directory, we ask that all members complete a **Membership Information Update Form**. Forms are available in the **narthex**, **Danielle's office**, and will also be included in the **July newsletter**.

We also ask that you make note on your form if you would like the Portals of Prayer and/or the monthly newsletter mailed to your address.

Please complete and return your form **no later than August 15th**. This will allow us to compile and distribute the new directories by **September 1st**.

Thank you for your help in keeping our church records current

LWML Diaper Collection

The LWML will be collecting diapers throughout the month of July. Currently, there is a particular need for:

- Newborn
- Size 1
- Size 2

Please place diaper donations in the narthex or drop-off at the office Monday-Friday 8:00-12:00.

VBS BEGINS TOMORROW!

Children's Ministry Donation Drives

As we prepare for Vacation Bible School (VBS), July 13–16, the Children's Ministry Team is grateful for your support in two special donation efforts!

SPCA Collection

During VBS, our children will be learning about God's creation of animals. To support this theme, we are partnering with the SPCA and collecting donations of animal food (**please no rawhide items**). A donation box is available in the narthex for drop-off. All items will be delivered to the SPCA following VBS.

VBS Supplies Needed

We are also collecting supplies to help make VBS a wonderful experience for the approximately 60 children attending:

- Two empty cans per child:
 - One can (14–22 oz)
 - One smaller can that fits inside the larger can
- Fiberfill stuffing for pillow crafts

Donations may be dropped off at the church office Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM–12:00 PM. Thank you for your generosity and for helping care for both God's children and His creatures!



The St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Reading Buddy – Mentor Program

The program begins late **September 2026** and will continue through early **April 2027**. Approximately 20 Reading Buddy sessions during this eight-month period. Please, prayerfully consider becoming a Reading Buddy / Mentor. A Reading Buddy / Mentor Orientation will be held on **September 16, 2026, at 10:00am or 2:30pm**, or by appointment.

PRAYERS

Recovering: Paul Dunbar, Bud Durham, Rhonda Lamle, Ralph Kroll, David McHenry

Cancer Patients: Pat Becker, Tommy Deterding, Bud Durham, Ed Fulk, Rev. Kenneth Haskell, Judy Helberg, Carolyn LaBrue, Ruth Lyons, Peter Markes (Cindy Fischaber's nephew), Timi Schoeling, Sandy Williams and Brenda Woodford.

Medical Problems: Steve Allen, David Braley, Cecil Durham, Paul Fisher, RoAnn Hejna, Marie Hearty (April Heitfeld's aunt), Mike Helberg, Betty Herth, Mike Krienke, Fran Kroll, Milburn Kroll, Ralph Kroll, Darrell Lauppe (Cathy Breitenkamp's brother), Pat Lemke, Ruth Lyons, Sharyn Mueller, Steve Nobis, Shirleen Otipoby, Rebecca Peters, Todd Sanders, Valera Sheets, Kathy Snowden, Mary Tinnea (April Heitfeld's Mother) Brenda Woodford

We pray that Robert & Anna Scriven's twin babies remain healthy in the last weeks of pregnancy.

BIRTHDAYS

JULY 15

Kaleb Ingels
Rylie Navarro

JULY 17

Jimmy Balisle
Joe Felton
Alexander Lunday
Tim Riesen

CALENDAR

MON JULY 13

9:45 AM Dominoes
10:00 AM Finance Board
6:00-8:00 PM VBS

TUES JULY 14

11:00 AM Balance & Strength
1:00 PM Pinochle
6:00-8:00 PM VBS

WEDS JULY 15

6:00-8:00 PM VBS

THURS JULY 16

11:00 AM Balance & Strength
6:00-8:00 PM VBS

FRI JULY 17

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

