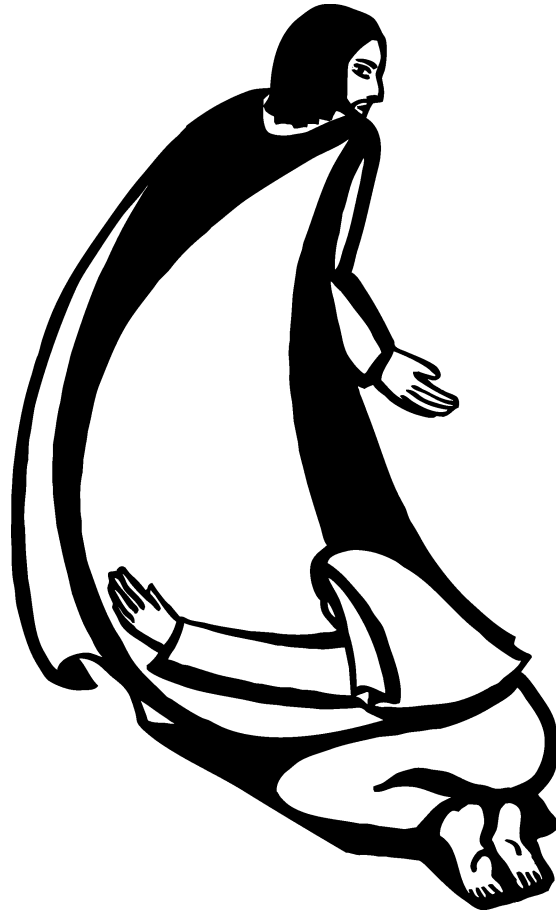


St. Paul Lutheran Church  
“Let’s Make a Difference Together”



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**Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month & Festivals**

**Christian Education: Sunday’s at 10:15 A.M.**

**Air Conditioned & Handicapped Accessible**

# Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.



**Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family??**

Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish

Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you through

the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**SILENT MEDITATION.** . . Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

**Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.**

**Pastor:** Reverend Rashion “Woody” Santiago

**Parish Administrator:** Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline

**Choir Director/Organist:** Mr. Robert Jones

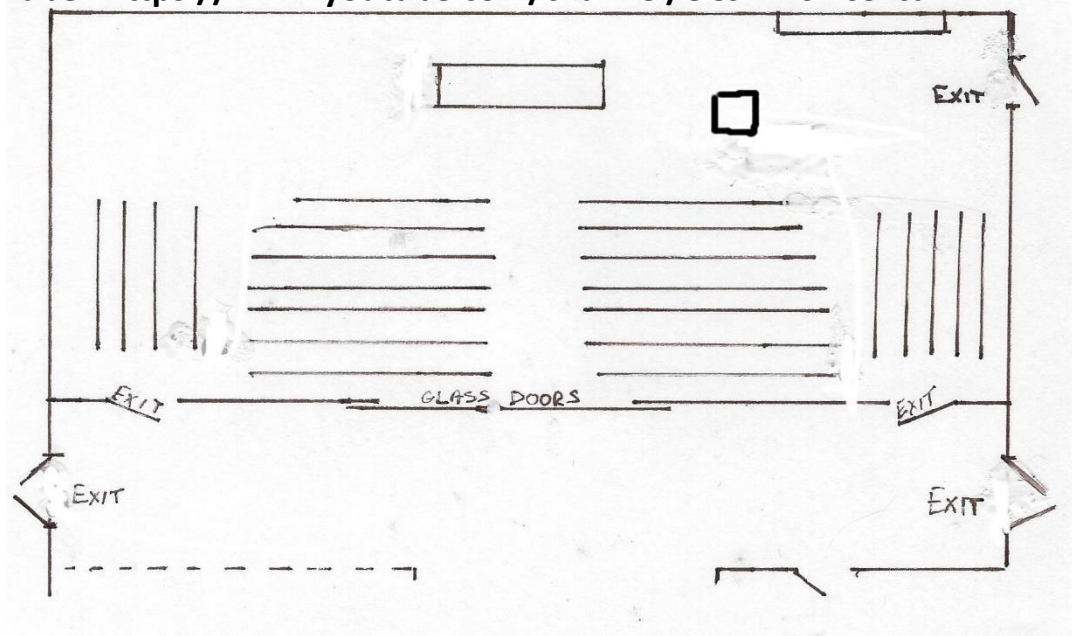
## 2023 Council Members

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# Worship Service

## Second Sunday After Pentecost

### Sunday, June 11, 2023

*Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.*

*\*Please stand, if able.*

**Words in bold print denote congregational response.**

**Chimes**

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

**\*Confession**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*  
Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

**\*Absolution**

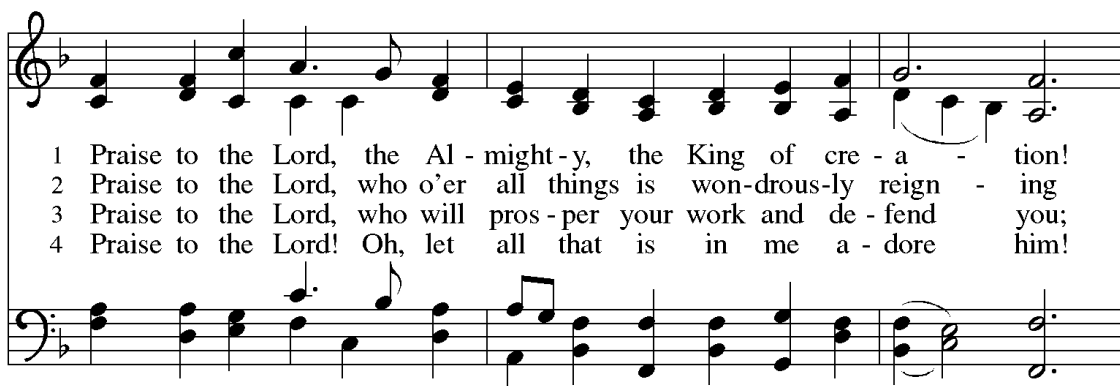
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God’s mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

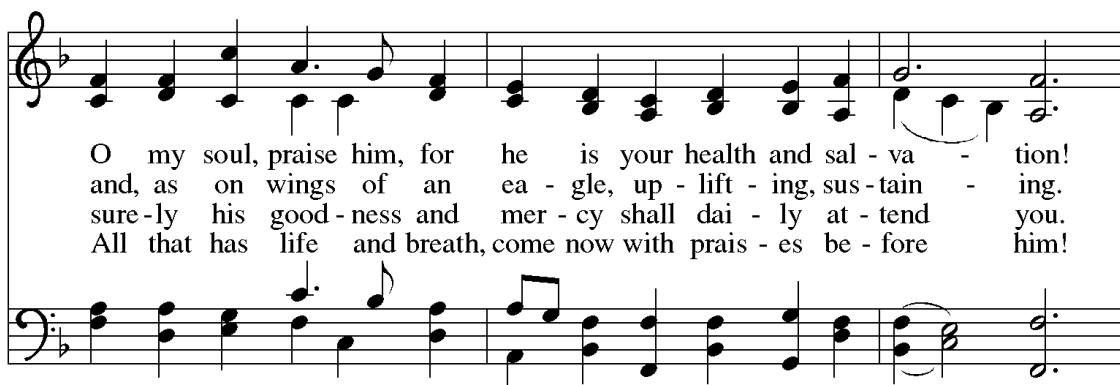
**Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

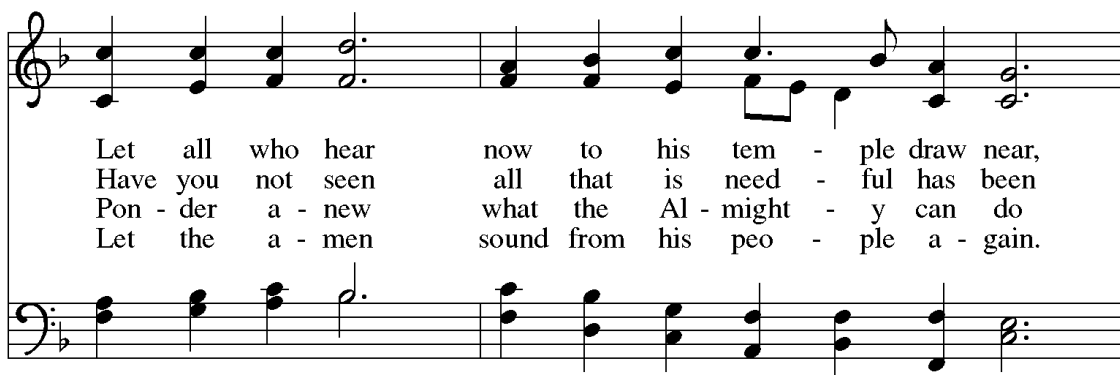
# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



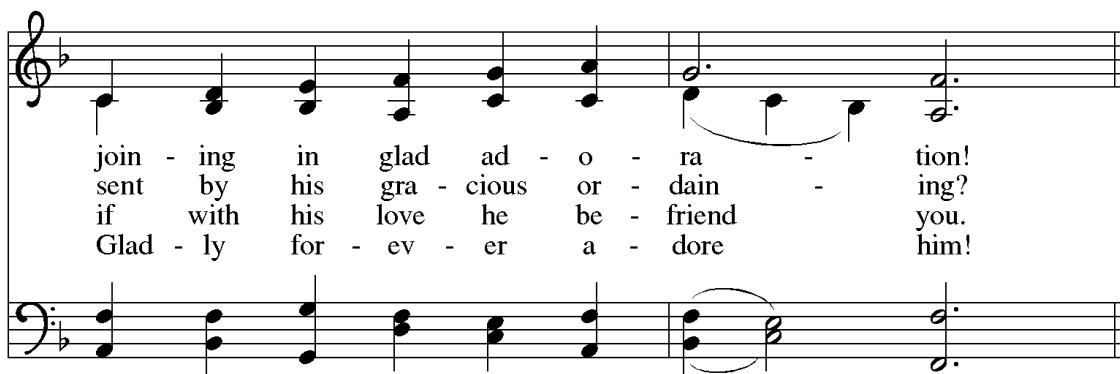
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



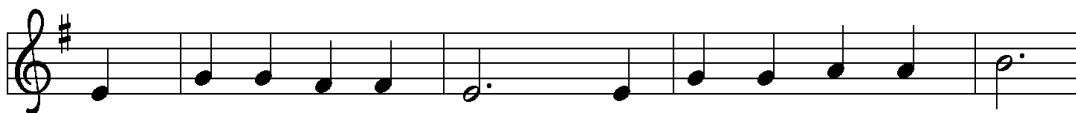
join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

### \*Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

### \*Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

### \*Hymn of Praise



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always

**And also with you.** *(Please share a sign of peace with one another from your seat.)*

## \*Prayer of the Day (Lector)

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Hosea 5:15--6:6

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

<sup>15</sup> I will depart and return to my place until they recognize their guilt and seek my face; they will search for me in their distress. <sup>6:1</sup> Come, let's return to the Lord.

For he has torn us, and he will heal us; he has wounded us, and he will bind up our wounds. <sup>2</sup> He will revive us after two days, and on the third day he will raise us up so we can live in his presence. <sup>3</sup> Let's strive to know the Lord. His appearance is as sure as the dawn. He will come to us like the rain, like the spring showers that water the land.

<sup>4</sup> What am I going to do with you, Ephraim? What am I going to do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist and like the early dew that vanishes.

<sup>5</sup> This is why I have used the prophets to cut them down; I have killed them with the words from my mouth. My judgment strikes like lightning. <sup>6</sup> For I desire faithful love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 50:7-15

<sup>7</sup> "Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel. I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> **I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or for your burnt offerings, which are continually before me.**

<sup>9</sup> I will not take a bull from your household or male goats from your pens,

<sup>10</sup> **for every animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup> I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine.

<sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and everything in it is mine.**

<sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> **Offer a thanksgiving sacrifice to God, and pay your vows to the Most High.**

<sup>15</sup> Call on me in a day of trouble; I will rescue you, and you will honor me."

## Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would inherit the world was not through the law, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> If those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made empty and the promise nullified, <sup>15</sup> because the law produces wrath. And where there is no law, there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> This is why the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace, to guarantee it to all the descendants — not only to the one who is of the law but also to the one who is of Abraham's faith. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: I have made you the father of many nations— in the presence of the God in whom he believed, the one who gives — the God who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> He believed, hoping against hope, so that he became the father of many nations according to what had been spoken: So will your descendants be. <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body to be already dead (since he was about a hundred years old) and also the deadness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> He did not waver in unbelief at God's promise but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> because he was fully convinced that what God had promised, he was also able to do. <sup>22</sup> Therefore, it was credited to him for righteousness. <sup>23</sup> Now it was credited to him was not written for Abraham alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us. It will be credited to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel. (*Lector*)

### \*Gospel Acclamation



## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While he was reclining at the table in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came to eat with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> Now when he heard this, he said, "It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice. For I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> As he was telling them these things, suddenly one of the leaders came and knelt down before him, saying, "My daughter just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> So Jesus and his disciples got up and followed him.

<sup>20</sup> Just then, a woman who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years approached from behind and touched the end of his robe, <sup>21</sup> for she said to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I'll be made well."

<sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. "Have courage, daughter," he said. "Your faith has saved you." And the woman was made well from that moment.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house, he saw the flute players and a crowd lamenting loudly. <sup>24</sup> "Leave," he said, "because the girl is not dead but asleep." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> Then news of this spread throughout that whole area.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **Sermon**



**\*Hymn of the Day**

**If You But Trust in God to Guide You**



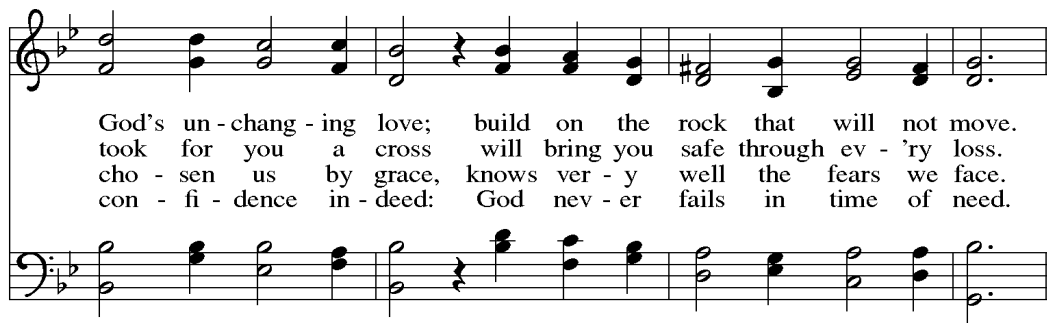
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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**\*The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he**

ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the People** (*Lector*)

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred. On this week when we commemorate the Emanuel Nine, we implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks, O God, for Barnabas and all the saints (*especially*). Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

At this time, you are welcome to share your joys and concerns, either out loud or silently. *Pause.* Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**Offering Prayer**

Generous God,

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts,**

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Chancel Choir

#### \*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### \*Blessing

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

#### \*Closing Hymn

### I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African A  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

**\*Choral Benediction**      ***"Go Now and Pass It On"***

May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ walk be - side us \_\_\_\_\_ as we

6  
leave \_\_\_\_\_ this qui - et place, \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ will al - ways

12  
guide us \_\_\_\_\_ if we walk in the light of His grace. \_\_\_\_\_

17  
\_\_\_\_\_ May we feel God's love a - round us \_\_\_\_\_ as it

22  
keeps us faith - ful and strong, \_\_\_\_\_ for the peace \_\_\_\_\_

27  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God sur rounds us, \_\_\_\_\_ and now we must pass it

32  
on. \_\_\_\_\_ Go now and pass it on. \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ walk be - side us \_\_\_\_\_ as we leave \_\_\_\_\_ this qui - et place, \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ will al - ways guide us \_\_\_\_\_ if we walk in the light of His grace. \_\_\_\_\_ May we feel God's love a - round us \_\_\_\_\_ as it keeps us faith - ful and strong, \_\_\_\_\_ for the peace \_\_\_\_\_ of God sur rounds us, \_\_\_\_\_ and now we must pass it on. \_\_\_\_\_ Go now and pass it on. \_\_\_\_\_".

**\*Charge to the People**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**"The worship ends. . .the service begins."**

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## Prayer Requests

Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...

Sr. Msgt. William F. Allen; Specialist William "Blake" Allen; Sr. Master Sargent William F. Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; Dillon Berenti; Major Matthew Blessing; Captain Katy Blessings; David Brong; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; the family of Chris Finnerty at his passing; Jamie Fisher; Todd & Anna Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Louis Genset; the family of Chris Haley Jr.; Charlie Hemple; T. J. Imhof; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Robbie Kinsley; Nikolaos Kotretsos; Eleanor Kreuger; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Steven Moore; Ada Morales; Nelson Morales; Donna Myers; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gina Santiago; Rafael Santiago; Claudette Segear; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; Greg Theadford; Jim Tomedi; Brenda Van Why; Scott Wickline; Jacob Wilson; John Woodling; for the people of Ukraine; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the families and victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.

**Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.**



**Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Strunk Food Pantry!** Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong.

### Inside Out Church

Inside Out Church is held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, in Spies Hall. We join together with a meal and a deep dive into the scriptures. This is an opportunity to grow your faith and increase your knowledge and understanding of God's Word and the Bible.

### Vendor – Craft – Yard Sale July 15<sup>th</sup>

Spaces are available to sell items at our Vendor, Craft & Yard Sale, Saturday, July 15 from 8:00-2:00pm. Volunteers to help with set up and a bake sale table (as well as goodies to sell at the bake sale) are needed and welcomed.

## St Paul Night at the Ball Game

Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, St Paul Tannersville is joining with St Paul, Craig's Meadow (Smithfield) and Cherry Lane United Methodist, for a night of baseball and Christian fellowship. We will be going to Scranton/ Wilkes Barre PNC Field for a game between the RailRiders and the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. Our seats are in the Infield Box area at \$15.00 per ticket. GREAT SEATS!! Sign-up sheet is available on round table in the Narthex.

## Father's Day June 18<sup>th</sup>

We will be having a coffee hour on Father's Day and collection a special offering for Lutheran Disaster Relief for the natural disasters that have occurred in our Midwest.

## What do the Dead Sea Scrolls teach us about the Bible?

Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Hughes Library Community Room, Rev. Dr. Sidnie White Crawford will be holding a seminar to tell us! All are welcome to attend!

Worship Assistant Schedule						
	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistants	Counters	Altar Guild
6/4/2023	Barb Allen	Donna Warner	Jim Werkheiser	Linda Below	Barbara Allen	Deb Storman
		Charlie Hempel		Deb Storman	Deb Storman	Donna Warner
6/11/2023	Linda Below	Carl Reindl	Linda Below		Barbara Allen	
		Beth Reindl			Deb Storman	
6/18/2023	Eli Kresge	Linda Below	Dawn Bartron	Dawn Bartron	Deb Storman	Deb Storman
		Deb Storman		Dawn Weiss	Linda Carrasquillo	Donna Warner
6/25/2023	Emily Kresge	Donna Warner	Bill Below		Beth Werkheiser	
		Charlie Hempel			Barbara Allen	

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, please contact the office.

## Next Week's Readings:

**Exodus 19:2-8a** - *The covenant with Israel at Sinai*

**Psalms 100** - We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

**Romans 5:1-8** - *While we were sinners, Christ died for us*

**Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]** - *The sending of the Twelve*