# St. Paul Lutheran Church "Let's Make a Difference Together"



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Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M. 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

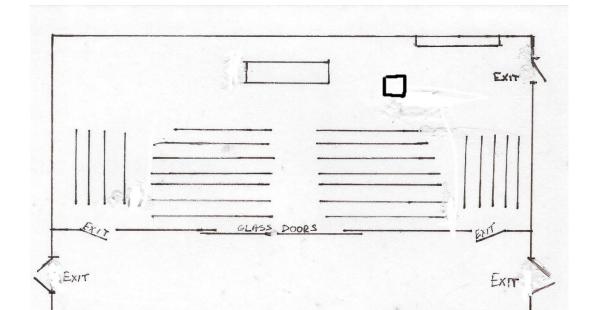
#### 2023 Council Members

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## Worship Service Third Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, June 18, 2023

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

\*Please stand, if able. Words in bold print denote congregational response.

Chimes

#### Announcements

#### Prelude

#### \*Confession

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. Amen.

#### \*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



Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

#### \*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.





est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



## \*Prayer of the Day (Lector)

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

#### First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

<sup>2</sup> They traveled from Rephidim, came to the Sinai Wilderness, and camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> Moses went up the mountain to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain: "This is what you must say to the

house of Jacob and explain to the Israelites: <sup>4</sup> 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now if you will carefully listen to me and keep my covenant, you will be my own possession out of all the peoples, although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> and you will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.' These are the words that you are to say to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup> After Moses came back, he summoned the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>8</sup> Then all the people responded together, "We will do all that the Lord has spoken."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm: Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup> Let the whole earth shout triumphantly to the Lord!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Acknowledge that the Lord is God. He made us, and we are his — his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good, and his faithful love endures forever; his faithfulness, through all generations.

## Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

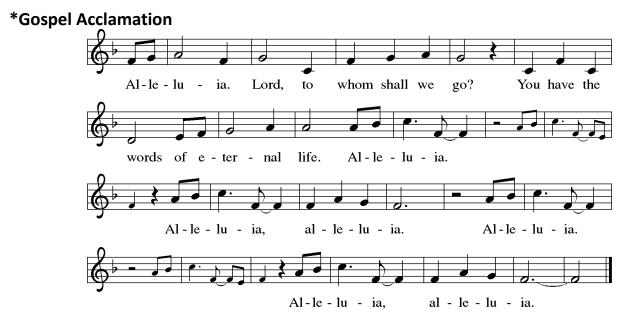
2 We have also obtained access through him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. 5 This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For rarely will someone die for a just person — though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

## Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel. (Lector)



#### Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35 - 10:23

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus continued going around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup> Summoning his twelve disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, to drive them out and to heal every disease and sickness.<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: First, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> Jesus sent out these twelve after giving them instructions: "Don't take the road that leads to the Gentiles, and don't enter any Samaritan town.<sup>6</sup> Instead, go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.<sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you received, freely give. <sup>9</sup> Don't acquire gold, silver, or copper for your money-belts. <sup>10</sup> Don't take a traveling bag for the road, or an extra shirt, sandals, or a staff, for the worker is worthy of his food. <sup>11</sup> When you enter any town or village, find out who is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> Greet a household when you enter it, <sup>13</sup> and if the household is worthy, let your peace be on it; but if it is unworthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone does not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that house or town.<sup>15</sup>

Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> "Look, I'm sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, because they will hand you over to local courts and flog you in their synagogues. <sup>18</sup> You will even be brought before governors and kings because of me, to bear witness to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> But when they hand you over, don't worry about how or what you are to speak. For you will be given what to say at that hour, <sup>20</sup> because it isn't you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father is speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup> "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup> You will be hated by everyone because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to another. For truly I tell you, you will not have gone through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

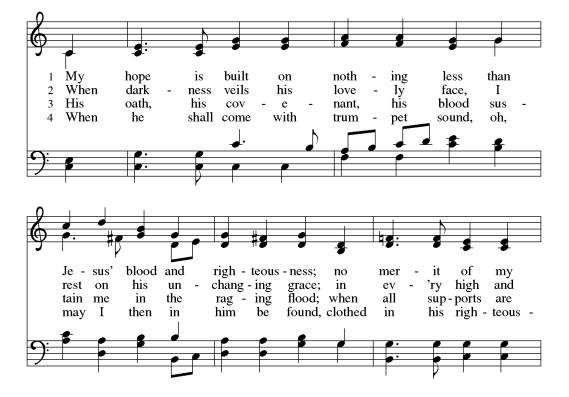
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

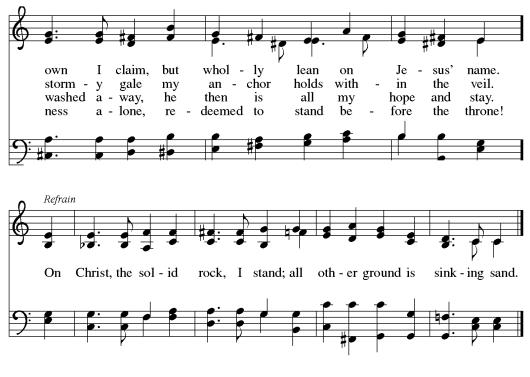
#### **Children's Sermon**

#### Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less





Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

\*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

For all the saints, we give thanks. Receive into your eternal care all those who have died and fill us with hope that does not disappoint. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

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

#### **Offering Prayer**

#### Generous God,

you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### 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.*)

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

## Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### \*Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### \*Holy, Holy, Holy



#### \*Words of Institution

All glory and blessings are yours, O holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins for the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.

#### Why do we eat bread at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

#### Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

#### What do we remember at this table?

We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life.** Lord Jesus, come in glory. Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another. **Amen.** 

#### \*The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.



## Let Us Break Bread Together

Text: African American spiritual

#### Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**.

#### \*Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

#### \*Prayer After Communion

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

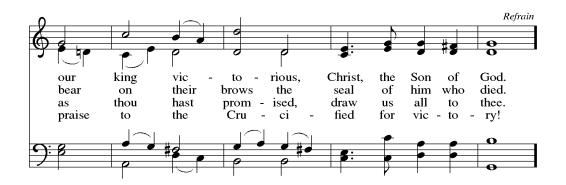
#### \*Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.** 

\*Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross





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#### \*Choral Benediction "Go Now and Pass It On" May the walk be - side as we Lord. us. б place, will al-ways leave this qui-et for the Lord\_ 12 of His guide us if walk in the light grace.. we 17feel God's love May we а – round us\_ it as 22 Q ful keeps strong the us faith and for peace \_ 27 of God sur rounds us, and now we must pass it 32 on. Go now and pass it on. \*Charge to the People

Go in peace. Serve in love. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

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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; Mack Elaine
Cornelus; Mackenzie Cottle; the family of Chris Finnerty; 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; 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. Items of particular need are peanut butter, cereal, pasta/spaghetti, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, soup, canned veggies

(potatoes, peas, green beans, corn, carrots, kidney beans), canned fruit, and tuna.

## **Grocery Tapes**

If you shop at Kinsley's Shoprite or Weis markets we get a percentage of your purchase. Just bring your receipts in and put them in the box on the table in the Narthex. In order for us to receive credit, the receipts must include the date and store number. Please don't tear off the bottom of the receipts.

## **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. We will be holding a meeting after church on June 25 to schedule volunteers, bakers and set up helpers.

## 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!! A sign-up sheet is available on round table in the Narthex. Deadline for sign up is June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be meeting at church at 4:30 pm to carpool to the game.

## Pastor's Video Game Youth Night

Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00pm, Pastor will be hosting a video game night for youth of St Paul and their friends. The night will include hot dogs, chips and beverages.

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

We are having a coffee hour 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!

#### Next Week's Readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-13 The prophet must speak despite opposition Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16) Romans 6:1b-11 Buried and raised with Christ by baptism Matthew 10:24-39 The cost of discipleship

		Worship	Assistant	Schedule		
	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistants	Counters	Altar Guild
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.