

**July 18, 2021, AD  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:15 am**

Saint Paul Lutheran Church  
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York, PA 17408  
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## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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(P=Pastor, AM=Assisting Minister, C=Congregation, \*=please stand) (The order of service and several hymns are found in the green book –LBW, purple-W&P or in the blue book-WOV. Please silence all electronic devices as we give our attention to God's presence in this holy place.)

Gathering Music: Shepherd Me, O God – arr. Hayes

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Concerns, Joys and Concerns

(Acolytes light the candles during the prelude music.)

Prelude: Sing With Grace in Your Heart – arr. Fredrickson  
Cindy Kelbaugh, Soprano

*(During the Prelude you may wish to reflect on the following prayer. Almighty God thank you for gathering us together today as your people. Join our voices in praise today so that we may glorify you and be uplifted for our daily walk as your holy people through Christ we pray. Amen.)*

\*Invocation and Order of Confession and Forgiveness +

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Remember that you were once separated from Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.

**C: But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace.**

*(Please kneel or stand and observe a moment of silence for self-examination.)*

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

**C: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to confess our sins and yet have promised Your forgiveness. We therefore confess our sins, even those we are not aware of, those we have done and all that we have failed to do. By Your divine command, grant us Your forgiveness for the sake of the blood of our crucified and risen Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded Your called ministers of Christ to absolve those who repent of their sins. Therefore, upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,

She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;

From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,

With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

## **Service of Holy Baptism for Amaris Carol Frey**

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*R: I present Amaris to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

P: In Christian love you have presented Amaris for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring Amaris to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

P: Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

*R: I do.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water, you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood, you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death and has opened to way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that she who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

*R: I do.*

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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**

P: Amaris Carol Frey, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Amaris Carol Frey: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**C: Amen.**

P: Amaris Carol Frey, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Head Usher: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Catrina Frey. Let her ever rejoice in the gift you have given her. Make her a teacher and example of righteousness for her child. Strengthen her in her own Baptism so she may share eternally with her child the salvation you have given her, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Through Baptism God has made Amaris a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and

redeeming Word to all the world.

**C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

\*Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

\*Apostolic Greeting §

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

**C: And also with you.**

\*Hymn of Praise:



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## \*Salutation



## \*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray... Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Gelasian Sacramentary, 7th Century)

**C: Amen.**

## First Lesson: **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

(The Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah promising that a righteous branch of the line of David would be raised up and Judah would be saved out of exile. Justice and righteousness will be restored to the people. Woe be upon those who would be given authority to rule and would not properly care for God's children.)

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. <sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: 23 (read responsively)**

(The psalmist put his ultimate trust in the Lord, who is like a faithful shepherd who leads his flock to clear water and green pastures.)

L:<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**C:<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L:<sup>3</sup> He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**C:<sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L:<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C:<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## Second Lesson: **Ephesians 2:11-22**

(St. Paul reminded his Gentile audience that once they were far off from God, having no hope because they were not part of the covenant community of Israel. Now, in Christ they have been brought near to God and are no longer strangers or aliens. Now they are citizens with the Jews in the kingdom of God. All this came through the peace granted them in Christ Jesus, who put an end to all hostility.)

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

Children’s Sermon: Pastor Paul

\*Alleluia Verse+ (sung)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



\*Hymn of the Day:

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# Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

The musical score is written in a three-system format. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful All the gifts they  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; Come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; What they gain from you for - ev - er  
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
Hear your peo - ple as they pray; And your full - est  
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and

help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.  
in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
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\*The Prayers (Please respond "Hear our prayer.")

**C: Amen.**

Offertory: Jesus, I Am Resting – arr. Childs

Cindy Kelbaugh, Soprano

\*Offertory Response:



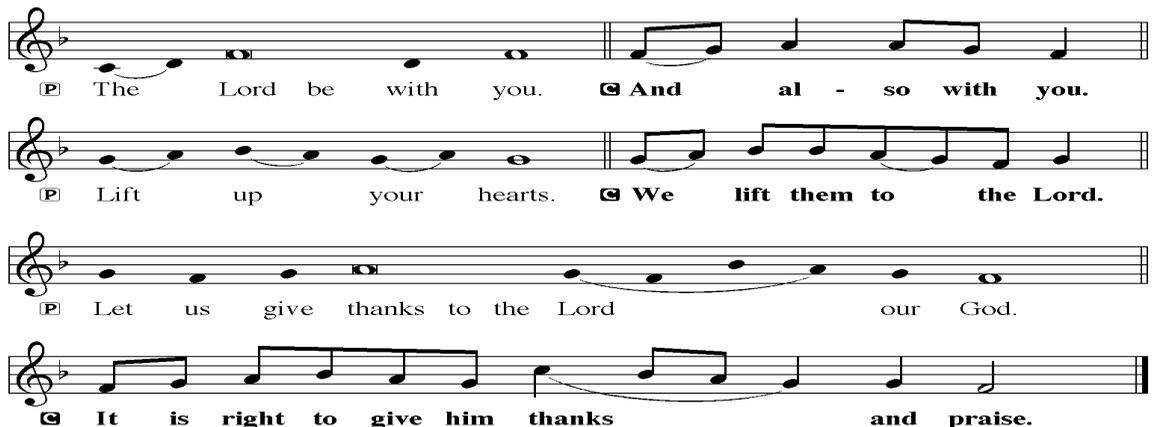
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

\*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray. Benevolent God,

**C: You have granted us in abundance all the good things that life has to offer. May we be truly grateful for our daily bread, even as we return a portion of what you have first given us as a sign of our humility and thanksgiving for your bounteous gifts. Let the treasures we have received from you be used to serve the world you love. Amen.**

\*The Great Thanksgiving

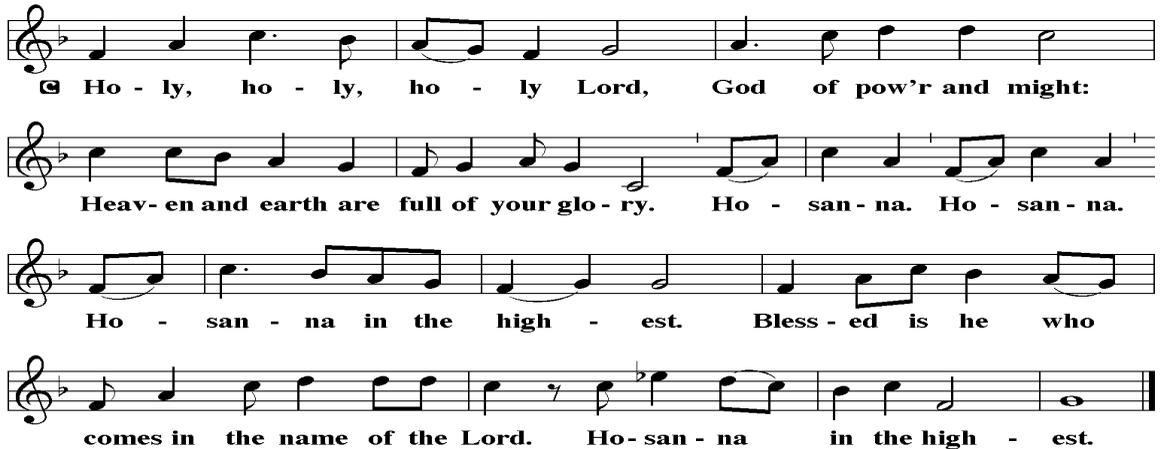


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

\*Preface:

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 comes to us as our Good Shepherd to lead and guide us and feed us with His own precious body and blood in this Sacrament. 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



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.

\*Eucharistic Prayer §

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. By Your own will of mercy for us, Jesus came as our Shepherd-King and was enthroned on a cross that we may be raised to reign with Him who is now seated at Your right hand of power. Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning King Jesus, who is here, present, to save by His body and blood.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

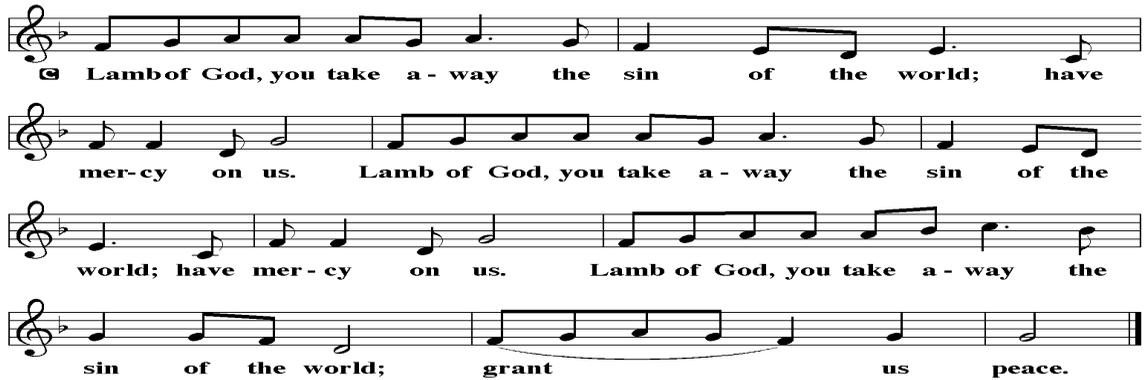
\*The Words of Institution

\*The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

## Lamb of God

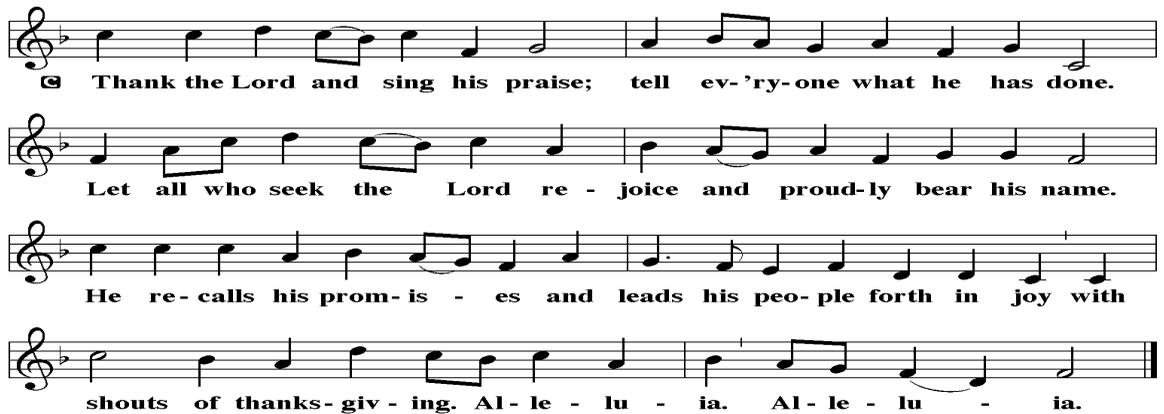


**C** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution of Holy Communion

### \*Blessing

### \*Post Communion Canticle



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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 Prayer: §

P: Let us pray.

**C:** Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal, that we live in hope and confidently show forth Your love through acts of mercy. Support us in this life and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### \*Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

(Acolytes extinguish the candles during the hymn)

\*Recessional Hymn:

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# The Lord's My Shepherd

1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, And me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my foes;

In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
With - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com - fort still;  
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
With - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.  
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.

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\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Toccata in Seven - Rutter

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**Theme of the Day:** Proper feeding of the people, the sheep of God's pasture (Psalm 100:3), is a primary duty of a pastor or shepherd. The right food is central to that good feeding, so right doctrine is essential. Through correct preaching of the Word, the flock comes to understand that their righteousness comes from the Lord, the great Shepherd of the sheep (Hebrews 13:20). He is the provider, restorer, and deliverer, the one who has reconciled sheep and Shepherd through the cross. Knowledge of this truth brings the sheep to a satisfying table, and to still waters where they may rest in the love of the Shepherd.

**WELCOME!** Thank you for joining for worship! **In the name of Jesus Christ, Saint Paul Lutheran Church is committed to praising, praying, and proclaiming the Word of God.** All baptized Christians who have received their first communion are invited to join us for Holy Communion believing as we do that Christ is truly present in this holy meal. Please join us again.

**Today we welcome at this service through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism** Amaris Carol Frey, daughter of Catrina Frey. Amaris is the granddaughter of Charles and Carol Frey and great-granddaughter of Jackie Witman. We pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon her!

**Today at second service we welcome through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism** Aila Grace Turnbaugh, daughter of Rocky and Sara, and sister to Kaia and Asher. We pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon her

**We welcome back as our guest soloist Cindy Kelbaugh.** She is a member of Quickel Lutheran Church and has sung with several auditioned choral groups Thank you for sharing your talents with us today!

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**Our Lord's Helpers on July 18, 2021:**

**Greeters:** Brett & Stephanie Keech

**Head Usher:** Connie Dunklebarger

**Lay Reader:** Connie Dunklebarger

**Acolyte:** (Open)

**Sound:** (Open)

**Altar Guild:** (Open)

**CYC is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year** for both the 3 and 4-year-old classes. Children need to be either 3 or 4 by the 1st of September.

Registration can be done through [saintpaultrinity.org](http://saintpaultrinity.org), the CYC webpage, [cycpreschool.com](http://cycpreschool.com), or by calling the church office and requesting a registration form.

The 3-year old's meet 3 days a week from 9:00-12:00 and the 4-year old's meet 5 days a week from 9:00-2:00. Tuition for the 3's is \$135/ month and for the 4's it is \$270/month - both with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$20.00.

**Activities for the Week of July 18, 2021**

Sun.	7/18	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost <b>8:15am Divine Service with Holy Communion/Holy Baptism</b> 9:30am Faith Builders <b>10:30am Outdoor Service with Holy Communion/Holy Baptism</b> 6:00 pm Home Bible Study 6:30 pm Vacation Bible School
Mon.,	7/19	6:30 pm Vacation Bible School
Tues.	7/20	6:30 pm Vacation Bible School 7:00 pm AA
Wed.	7/21	1:00 pm Women of the Word
Thur.	7/22	6:30 pm Vacation Bible School
Fri.	7/23	7:00 pm AA
Sun.	7/25	Ninth Sunday After Pentecost <b>8:15am Divine Service with Holy Communion</b> 9:30am Faith Builders <b>10:30am Outdoor Service with Holy Communion</b> 6:00 pm Home Bible Study

**Our Lord's Helpers on July 25, 2021:**

**Greeter:**(Open)

**Head Usher:** Donna Rinehart

**Lay Reader:** Donna Rinehart

**Acolyte:** Donna Rinehart

**Sound:** (Open)

**Altar Guild:** (Open)

## **SPECIAL APPEAL FOR JULY - GIDEONS**

### **Distributing Bibles and New Testaments around the World**

Having God's Word can and does lead people to faith in Christ, and those new Christians then grow by studying their Scriptures and even use them to share their faith with others. For this reason, they focus on distributing complete Bibles, New Testaments, or portions thereof. These copies of God's Word are either given directly to certain individuals or placed in selected public locations where large numbers of people, may be searching for answers. We are thankful that several of our members are a part of this organization which does vital work for the kingdom of God. Prayerfully consider how you are able to help support this work financially. Checks should be made payable to Saint Paul Lutheran Church with Gideons in the memo line. Thank you! Funds to date: \$701

### **SERVANTS**



We are trying a new approach to our work with Servants this year. Instead of participating in the work camp week, we are volunteering on **Saturday, August 7, from 9 am–1 pm.**

Once we find out who is going to be a part of our work team, Servants will find a job(s) for us to do that matches our skill sets.

Sign up by contacting Pastor Sally to get the e-mail link or pick up a paper form at church and return it by **July 18/TODAY!**

This is a good project for youth and adults to work together with hands-on service to our neighbors in York County. (We'll meet at church at 8:15 am, have lunch together at 1:00 pm, and be back at church by 2:00 pm.)

**Asaph Teaching Ministry is presenting a free out-door concert**, "Hymns in the Hollow", on Sunday, July 25, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at St. John's Blymire's United Church of Christ in Dallastown PA. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. In case of inclement weather, we will move indoors. Food will be available for purchase. A free will offering will be taken to benefit ASAPH Teaching Ministry in Haiti.

### **BACKYARD CAMPFIRE IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

We had so much fun in May using the backyard for food and games that we have scheduled another event for **July 30.**

We'll meet at 6:30 pm for hot dogs and watermelon and then play (basketball, kickball, corn hole, etc), have devotions, and smores. The event will end by 8:30 pm. E-mail or call to let us know you are coming. We want to have plenty of food for all.



## Sermon Notes

“And he had compassion on them,…” Mark 6:34b

We are not one-dimensional people.

Jesus knows that we are physical, spiritual, social, and emotional beings. In our gospel lesson today, he addresses both the spiritual and physical needs of the people. We might think that the physical needs come first, but Jesus deals with their spiritual needs first. As sheep without a shepherd compassionate care would first involve making sure they were safe.

Jesus used the rod and the staff to care for them:

Staff used for:

- Rescuing from danger
- Nudging towards mother
- Separating those who were fighting
- Reminding them that the shepherd is near

Rod is used for:

- Scare off a predator
- Examine for parasites
- Correcting a straying sheep

Lost people need those same things.

It was only after all of these items had been addressed that Jesus then set the table. But of course, there was a lesson in that as well because then those disciples had to learn what it means to be a sub-shepherd, a worker in the kingdom of God.

The disciples first see all the obstacles to serving as a sub-shepherd. Jesus teaches them that their cups are overflowing when they place their resources in his hands.

At baptism, our lives (like that bread and fish) are placed in the hands of our Savior. Back in the care of our loved ones we are fed with God’s holy word.

There’s a lot of temptations in the world today for these little lambs, they need to be nurtured as a part of the flock, they need the reassurance that God is close at hand. Without that strong spiritual connection in their lives, they will never be satisfied, they will always be seeking a solution for life’s challenges in things that don’t satisfy. Only when they are fed by the living bread from heaven can they respond as the crowd on the banks of the shore that day – only then can they too eat and be satisfied.



## TAKING FAITH HOME – July 18, 2021 AD

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS:**

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.  
We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Jesus teaches and heals  
Monday Jeremiah 50:1, 4-7 God the true pasture  
Tuesday Zechariah 9:14-10:3 God will save the flock  
Wednesday Luke 15:1-7 Parable of the lost sheep  
Thursday 2 Samuel 5:1-12 David is to shepherd Israel  
Friday Acts 20:16-38 The elders are shepherds  
Saturday Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd  
Sunday John 6:1-21 Jesus feeds the five thousand

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:**

So, you are no longer strangers and outsiders. You are citizens together with God's people. You are members of God's family. **Ephesians 2:19 (NIRV)**

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Even if I walk in darkness, I have no fear, for you are always with me, O God. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Our Good Shepherd feeds us. Our Good Shepherd leads us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord touch you with love, shower you with kindness, and bring you lasting healing (Mark 6:34,55-56). Amen.

### **CARING CONVERSATION:**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Where is your favorite place to rest? Why?
- Jesus took his disciples away so that they could have some time alone with him and rest (Mark 6:31). When and where do you spend time with Jesus?
- In what ways does time with Jesus refresh you?

## **DEVOTIONS:**

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul says that Jesus came to bring people peace, both with God and with one another. As a family or household, discuss how these Bible verses can be applied in your home. Pray for God's peace in your relationships with one another.

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."  
(Romans 12:18).

"Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind" (Philippians 2:1-2).

"Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:13-14).

## **SERVICE:**

Many people looked to Jesus for teaching, healing, and guidance. His ministry was busy and demanding. Those in helping professions, such as doctors, pastors, firefighters, police, and so forth, have many demands placed on them. Their work can be tiring and stressful. Think of a way you can show your appreciation and support to someone in such a profession and plan to do so.

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:**

Jesus took his disciples away with him to a quiet place (Mark 6:31- 32). Spend some time together in silence this week. Light a candle to represent the presence of Jesus with you. Focus on the candle in your silence, and then share with each other the thoughts that came to you during this time.

**People and issues to pray for in your devotions this week:** For an end to the pandemic around the world, for those facing drought and other natural disasters, and for those mentioned today including \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.