



**July 25, 2021, AD**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:15 am**

Saint Paul Lutheran Church  
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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/Prelude: Toccata in D Minor -- Froberger

(Acolytes light the candles during the prelude music.)

*(During the Prelude you may wish to reflect on the following prayer. Good and loving God, you surround us with the masterpiece of your creation, you provide for all our daily needs. Your love endures throughout each generation and your Son our Savior Jesus lives now and forevermore. We praise you for your unending mercy, may our praise of you this day joyously proclaim our thanks to you the author of our creation and salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.)*

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Concerns, Joys and Concerns

\*Invocation and Order of Confession and Forgiveness~

P: Called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit of God, we worship in the name of God the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness.

*(Please kneel or remain standing and observe silence for self-reflection and examination)*

P: Holy God who brings life out of death and transforms the whole creation with a Word, forgive our disobedience and breathe on us the Spirit of your righteousness.

**C: Free us from the power of sin, death, and the devil in our lives; renew us with your loving Spirit as you bring us from death to sin to life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Make us your instruments of peace and love in the world and free us from all that seeks to enslave us, trusting that your will for us is that we would be free to live fully into your mercy and grace. Amen.**

P: As a called and ordained servant of God acting by the command and authority of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)

**C: Amen.**

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# O God beyond All Praising

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
2 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be fill'd with good or ill,

at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mercies with - out end:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

(turn page)

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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**\*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

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al- so with you.

\*Prayer of the Day:

P: O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17**

(When the floodwaters subsided, Noah and his family landed on dry ground. Noah built an altar to the Lord and made a burnt offering. God said to Noah, "I establish my covenant with you." God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign that he would never again destroy the earth by the waters of a flood.)

<sup>8</sup> God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all

flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”<sup>12</sup> And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: 136:1-9 (read responsively)**

(The psalmist sang praises to the Lord for all God’s wondrous works: creating the heavens, making the stars and sun, the moon and everything that exists. All of these wonders demonstrate God’s steadfast and eternal love.)

L:<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

**C:<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercy endures forever.**

L:<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his mercy endures forever.

**C:<sup>4</sup>Who only does great wonders, for his mercy endures forever;**

L:<sup>5</sup>Who by wisdom made the heavens, for his mercy endures forever;

**C:<sup>6</sup>Who spread out the earth up on the waters, for his mercy endures forever;**

L:<sup>7</sup>Who created great lights, for his mercy endures forever;

**C:<sup>8</sup> The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures forever;**

L:<sup>9</sup>The moon and the stars to govern the night, for his mercy endures forever.

Anthem: “It is Well With My Soul”: arr. Courtney – Solo – Vinny Beck

### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21**

(Paul prayed for the Christians in Ephesus that they would be strengthened in the Spirit so that Christ might dwell in their hearts. He reminded them that they were rooted and grounded in the love of Christ to help them understand the depths of God’s great love for them.)

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith — that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

Children's Sermon: Pastor Sally

\*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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues with 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and suitable for children's singing.

\*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Glo - ry to you, O Lord.' The melody is simple and suitable for children's singing.

**Gospel: Mark 6:45-56**

(Right after the miraculous feeding of the 5,000 Jesus went to a mountaintop to pray. The disciples' boat was making some headway in the wind as they sailed to reach him on the other side of the sea. In the dark of night, Jesus walked on the water to reach them. This terrified the disciples greatly as they thought Jesus was a ghost. When they made it to the shore, Jesus' healed those who touched his coat.)

<sup>45</sup>Immediately {Jesus} made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup>And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. <sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Praise to you, O Christ.' The melody is simple and suitable for children's singing.

Sermon: Pastor Paul

\*The Votum

\*Hymn of the Day:

# 734 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's  
plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and  
prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.  
heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?  
mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

*Refrain* D G D

“Come home, Come home, come home! You who are  
wea-ry, come home.” Ear-nest-ly, ten-der-ly,  
Je-sus is call-ing, call-ing, “O sin-ner, come home!”

Text: Will Thompson, 1847–1909  
 Music: Will Thompson, 1847–1909  
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### \*The Apostles' Creed

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

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.

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.**

\*The Prayers (Please respond “Hear our prayer.”)

**C:** Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

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

**C:** And also with you. (We share the peace with one another.)

Offertory: “Hymn of Praise”:comp&arr Sleeth/Larson – Duet – Vinny Beck and Connie Dunklebarger

\*Offertory Response:



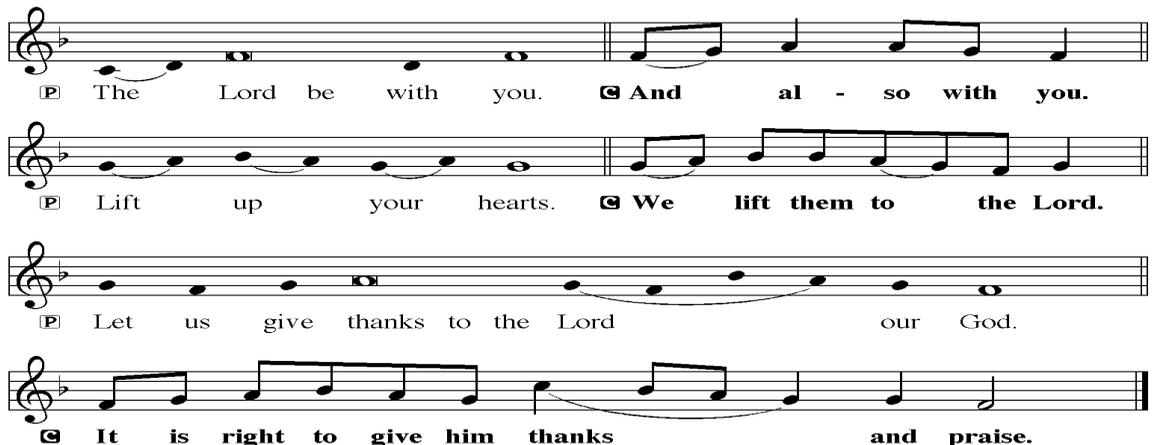
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble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

\*Offertory Prayer~:

P: 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

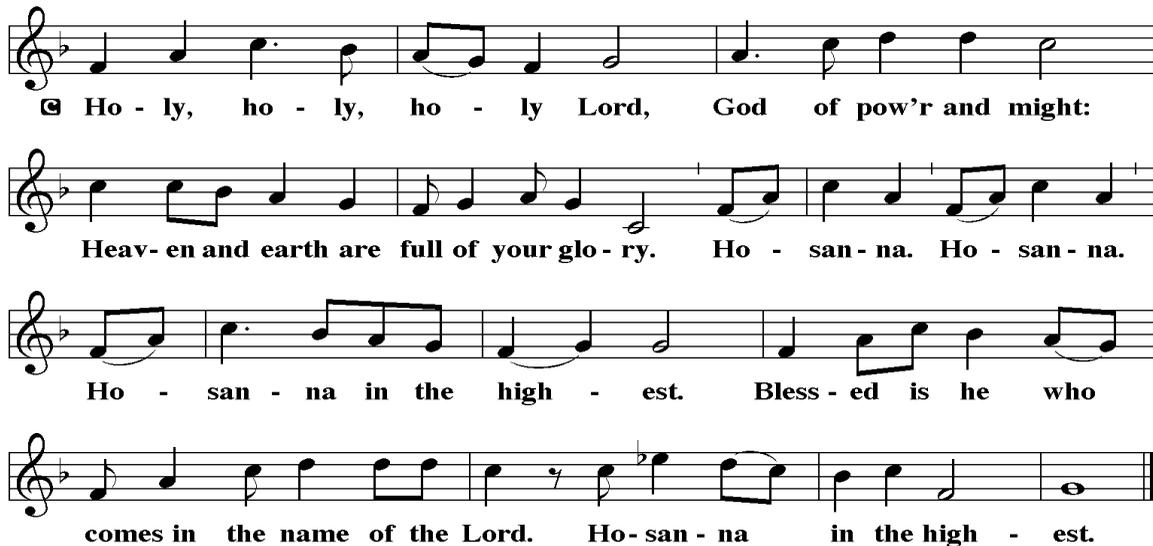


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

\*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 fulfilled the covenant promise signified by the rainbow by giving His life on the cross as the ultimate testament of Your love for all creation. 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: Recalling the breadth and length and height and depth of Your mighty and merciful works, we thank and praise You, O Lord, for creating the heavens, the earth, all creatures, and each of us gathered here today; giving the rainbow as a sign of Your covenant promise of love; delivering the Israelites through the chaos of sea and wilderness to the Promised Land; sending prophets to warn us of impending danger and to remind us of Your forgiveness and love; forgiving our sins through the cross of Jesus; raising Jesus from death so that we may know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge; and sending Jesus, who walked in triumph on the chaotic sea, to be our rooting and solid ground amid the chaos rude and bare. You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are worthy of all thanks and praise, now and forever.

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

\*The Words of Institution

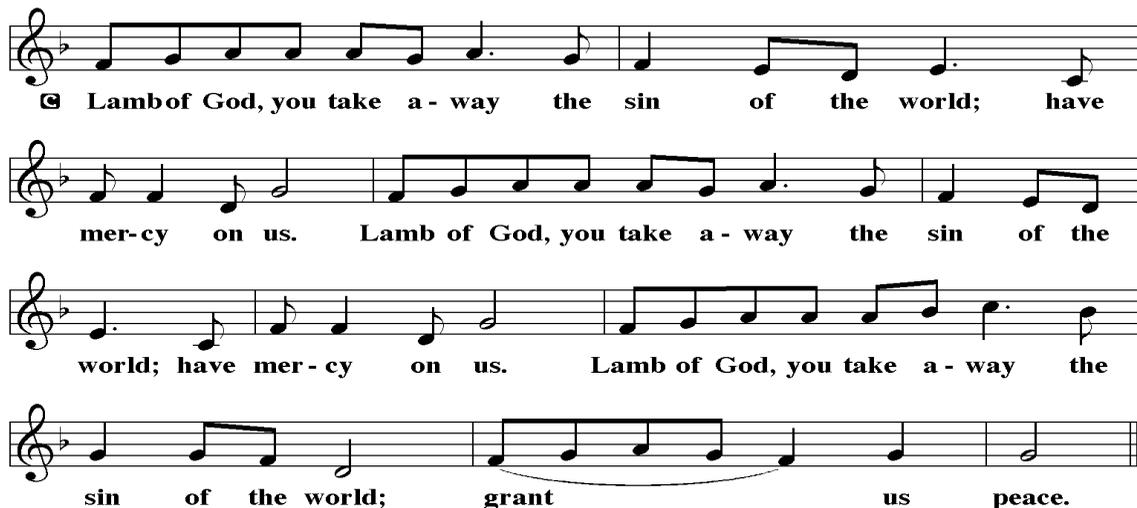
\*The Lord's Prayer

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

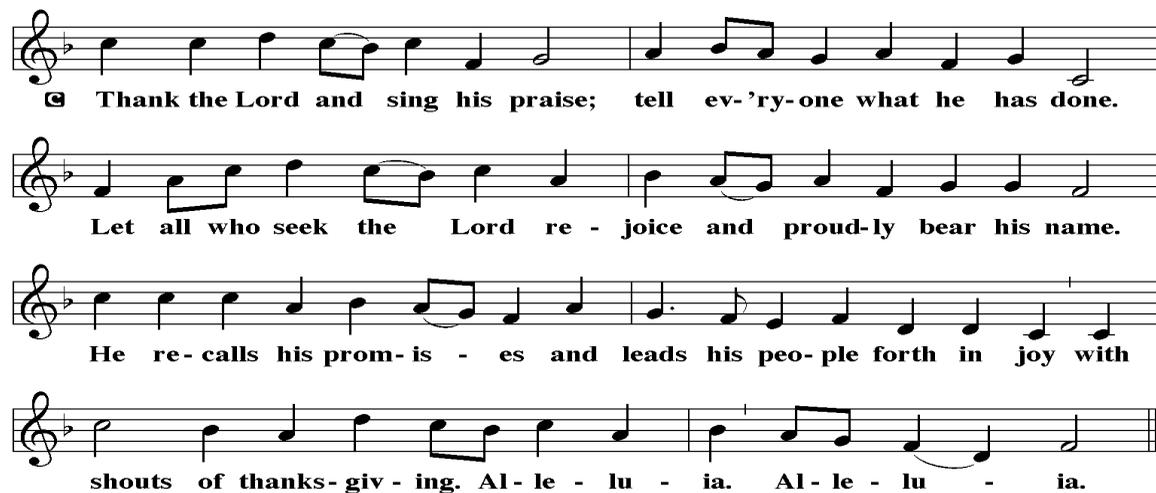


**☞** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Distribution of Holy Communion

\*Blessing

\*Post Communion Cantic



**☞** 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~

**C: Holy and Eternal God, you have fed, nourished, and forgiven us at your holy table. Send us now into the world to share the good news of your salvation with all we meet, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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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## O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, The fount of life, the  
2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; You plead with all to  
3 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, And long to feast up -  
4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, Wher - e'er our chang - ing

light of all: From ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
call on you; To those who seek you, you are  
on you still; We drink of you, the foun - tain -  
lot is cast; Glad, when your smile on us you

parts We turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
good; To those who find you, life is new.  
head; Our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
turn, Blest, when by faith we hold you fast.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.  
Tune: W. Gardner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

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\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing -- Manz

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**Theme of the Day:** God's steadfast love has been exhibited to humanity repeatedly. He chose Noah and his family to enter the ark before the floodwaters raged, and as they reached dry land, God promised never to destroy the earth that way again. Through Jesus we see the truest, deepest love of God. Jesus healed the sick and restored relationships. In Jesus Christ we are rooted and grounded in God's sacrificial love.

**Thank you** to Vinny Beck for providing special music today- Vinny Beck is a 2018 graduate of Spring Grove High School and currently studies at Rider University in Princeton, NJ to earn his BFA in Musical Theater. During his time at Spring Grove he was active in the high school musicals including Guys and Dolls, Suessical, Oklahoma, and The Secret Garden. After college graduation, Vinny plans to return to school and earn a degree in Mortuary Science and work at his families' business, Beck Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Inc. of Spring Grove.

**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.

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**MANY THANKS** to all those who helped and donated to the Vacation Bible School. Your prayers, time and dedication to helping spread God's Word are a blessing to Saint Paul.

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

**Greeter:** Brenda McCleary

**Lay Reader:** Donna Rinehart

**Altar Guild:** (Open)

**Sound:** (Open)

**Acolyte:** Donna Rinehart

**Head Usher:** Donna Rinehart

**Activities for the Week of July 25, 2021**

Sun. 7/25 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost  
**8:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion**  
9:30 am Faith Builders  
**10:30 am Outdoor Service with Holy Communion**  
6:00 pm Home Bible Study

Tues. 7/27 7:00 pm AA

Fri. 7/30 6:30 pm Campfire  
7:00 pm AA

Sat. 7/31 8:30-Noon Christian Ed Retreat at Rinehart's

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**10:30 am Outdoor Service with Holy Communion**  
6:00 pm Home Bible Study

**Our Lord's Helpers on August 1, 2021:**

**Greeter:** Conn Family

**Head Usher:** Connie Dunklebarger

**Lay Reader:** Ed Dunklebarger

**Acolyte:** Grace Rinehart

**Sound:** Matt Conn

**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: \$1,216.

**OUR DAILY BREAD:** Our dessert for July is Ice Cream Dixies. Anyone who wishes to make a monetary donation for this snack, please mark an envelope "Our Daily Bread Dixies" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

**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.



**QUILTERS:** LWR Quilts are used when natural disasters strike. They help show our love and compassion to those in need. Our quilting ministry needs some helping hands. There are tasks that can be done at home that do not take much time, such as cutting squares, washing material, sewing quilts, or tying knots. We will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 9 am (for 60-90 minutes) at Saint Paul beginning in July. Anyone interested in helping can contact Bertha Spahr 717-225-6938 or just come to the quilting room at Saint Paul on the second Tuesday morning. If you go to yard sales or are spring cleaning, we are always looking for cotton material, tablecloths or curtains that are not plastic backed and sheets of any size. Donations can be dropped off at church. This ministry is a tangible way to express Christian love to those in dire situations.

**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.

## Sermon Notes

### Sermon Notes for the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.”

Psalm 136:1

What is holding you up, what undergirds your life?

- Many condominium owners in Florida are asking that question after the tragic collapse of the Champlain Towers building last month
- When it was built safety and endurance was a concern, built to resist Hurricanes, its pillars drilled into the Bedrock, but not impregnable

Today we recite part of Psalm 136 in which the responsive line spoken by the congregation is always the same, “for His mercy endures forever.”

- Some might say that this repetition is monotonous, boring, unnecessary, but actually it makes sense. The point is that it is God who undergirds our lives, God is merciful, he has not forgotten us he is our strength through all the circumstances of our lives.
- Today’s segment from the psalm focuses on how God shows His mercy through creation. We have been given life by God through no merit of our own, he created and sustains our planet in numerous ways and Christ was present in this the eternal word, Logos, through Him all things were made. The Small Catechism says “he provides me richly and daily with all that I need to support this body and life.”

Psalm 136 reminds us that ultimately the question is not what upholds but who Upholds us and that is the one true God.

Indeed this same God delivers us even though sin has disordered so much of life.

The Gospel reminds us that it is Jesus who is our Savior, our deliverer. Caught in a storm the disciples feel weary and abandoned, they have forgotten the mighty acts of God, but Jesus appears to them, he has not forgotten them . The undergirding of our lives is God our rock and our redeemer.

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**HYMNS  
IN THE HOLLOW**

a free out-door concert featuring the songs of faith that  
many of us grew up singing.

**SUNDAY JULY 25th 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

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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  
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INSTRUMENTAL VERSIONS  
OF THE SONGS THAT BLESSED  
GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS.**

*Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art, He Lives, Trust And Obey,  
Just As I Am, O Love That Will Not Let Me Go, I Surrender All,  
I Love To Tell The Story, What A Friend We Have In Jesus,  
and so many more!*





## TAKING FAITH HOME – July 25, 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 John 6:1-21 Jesus feeds the five thousand  
Monday Genesis 18:1-14 God eats with Abraham and Sarah  
Tuesday Exodus 24:1-11 The elders eat with God  
Wednesday Mark 8:1-10 Jesus feeds the four thousand  
Thursday Isaiah 25:6-9 A feast on the mountain  
Friday Philippians 4:10-20 Christian generosity  
Saturday Psalm 111 God gives food  
Sunday John 6:24-35 Christ, the bread of life

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

May you have power with all God's people to understand Christ's love. May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is. **Ephesians 3:18 (NIRV)**

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

#### A Prayer for the Week:

O God, I know you are near. When I call your name, you are there.  
Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, bless the food upon our dishes, as you did the loaves and fishes. By your grace we breathe and live, accept our thanks for all you give. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May you have power to understand Christ's love for you. May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is. Amen.

### **CARING CONVERSATION:**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were in need.
- Jesus performed a miracle to feed a large crowd (John 6:1-13).

When have you experienced God providing for you in a special way?

- One little boy's lunch was used by God to meet the hunger of many people. In what ways might God be seeking to use you or what you have to help others?

### **DEVOTIONS:**

God is able to do much more than we can even imagine through the power that is at work in us (see Ephesians 3.20). Share your future hopes and dreams, both as individuals and as a family. Then, consider what dreams God might have for you. Pray for God's blessing on one another's hopes and dreams.

### **SERVICE:**

Set aside time as a household to bake bread or cookies. Wrap up what you bake into packages, and give it away to your neighbors.

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:**

Affirm one another as blessings from God. Focus on each member of the household in turn. Place a hand on that person's shoulder while every other family member completes these statements:

"One way that I see God using you is . . ."

"A special quality that you bring to our family is . . ."

**People and issues to pray for in your devotions this week:** For the people of Haiti and Cuba in the midst of great turmoil, for an end to the wild fires out west, for all those still suffering from the Corona Virus and for those mentioned today including \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

