

August 4, 2024
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 am

Saint Paul Lutheran Church
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(P=Pastor, C=Congregation, *=please stand. Please silence all electronic devices as we give our attention to God's presence in this holy place.)

Gathering Music: Sonata No. 1 in E-flat Major - Mozart

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Concerns

Temple Talk: Howard and Earlene Kemnitz

(Acolyte lights the candles during the prelude music)

Prelude: Prelude in E Minor - Bach

(During the Prelude you may wish to reflect on the following prayer: Holy Lord, turn my thoughts toward you that I may heartily partake of your blessed Word and your Holy Meal so that my life may be renewed and redirected for the sake of your kingdom work. Through Christ I pray. Amen.)

(If you desire special prayer, you are welcome to kneel at the altar rail during the prelude music)

*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: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C: Merciful Father, we confess our sinfulness. We are sinful from our birth and since that time have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Our actions have brought injury to others. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins. Graciously hear this our confession, O Lord, and grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that each day we grow in righteousness and in hope to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P: Jesus, our Redeemer and God's greatest gift, promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

HOLY COMMUNION

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

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Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, b. 1916
Tune: Robert E. Kretz, b. 1922
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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.

*Responsive Dialogue +

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Gelasian Sacramentary, 7th Century)

C: Amen.

First Lesson: **Exodus 16:2-15**

(The Israelites made it through, what seemed to be the certain death of crossing the Red Sea by God's wondrous works through his servant Moses. Now into their wilderness journeying it only took a short time before the people were complaining of a death-inducing hunger. In answer to their cries the Lord provided meat at night and bread from heaven in the morning to satisfy their needs).

²The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger. ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test

them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him — what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.” ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the Lord said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” ¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:10-21 (read responsively)

(King David sang of God’s protection and abundant provision for all those who were in need. Whether it was food or physical assistance God provided, his faithfulness was shown in all his works.)

L:¹⁰All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

C:¹¹They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power;

L:¹²That the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C:¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

L:¹⁴The Lord is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.

C:¹⁵The Lord upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.

L:¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

C:¹⁷You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

L:¹⁸The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

C:¹⁹The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.

L:²⁰He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and helps them.

C:²¹The Lord preserves all those who love him, but he destroys all the wicked.

Second Lesson: **Ephesians 4:1-16**

(St. Paul continued his instructions to the Christians in Ephesus by encouraging them to walk in a manner that was worthy of their calling in Christ Jesus. Their lives were to exhibit the spiritual fruits of humility, gentleness, patience, and love...)

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." ⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia Verse

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

*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 6th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6:22-35

(Crowds that had been fed by Jesus on the mountain sought him out in Capernaum. When the people approached him wondering, "When did you come here?" Jesus responded to them by saying, "You only want to see me because you had your fill of bread." A discussion ensued about bread in the wilderness whereby Jesus confessed to the crowd, "I am the bread of life." To know Christ is to be filled and satisfied.)

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Sermon: Pastor Steve and Simon

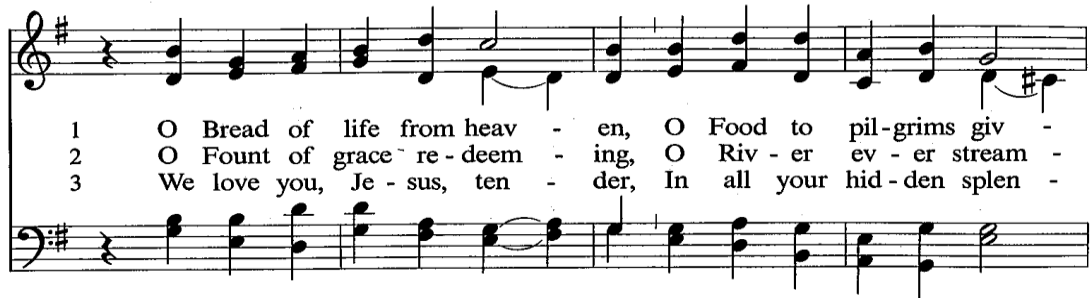
Sermon: Pastor Steve Shipman

*The Votum

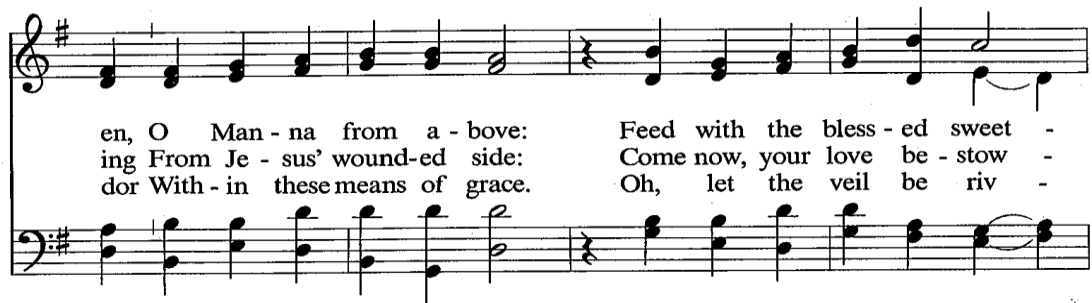
*Hymn of the Day:

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O Bread of Life from Heaven



1 O Bread of life from heav - en, O Food to pil-grims giv -
2 O Fount of grace re - deem - ing, O Riv - er ev - er stream -
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, In all your hid - den splen -



en, O Man - na from a - bove: Feed with the bless - ed sweet -
ing From Je - sus' wound-ed side: Come now, your love be - stow -
dor With - in these means of grace. Oh, let the veil be riv -



ness Of your di - vine com-plete - ness The souls that want and need your love.
ing On thirst - ing souls, and flow - ing Till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
en, And our clear eye in heav - en Be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

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Tune: Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450-1517

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***The Apostles' Creed**

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.

P: *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: He Keeps Me Singing – Bridgers

Quintet: Hoffman sisters – Sandy Albright, Diana Fake, Linda Sherman, Brenda Slagel, Barb Sloat

*Offertory Response:

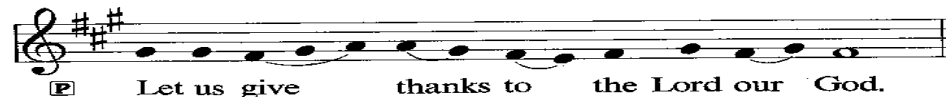
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres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

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray...

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving



P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. 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: Holy God, our Maker...

Let us confess the mystery of faith

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

P: ...both now and forever

C: Amen.

***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.

P: Come, for all is now ready

Lamb of God

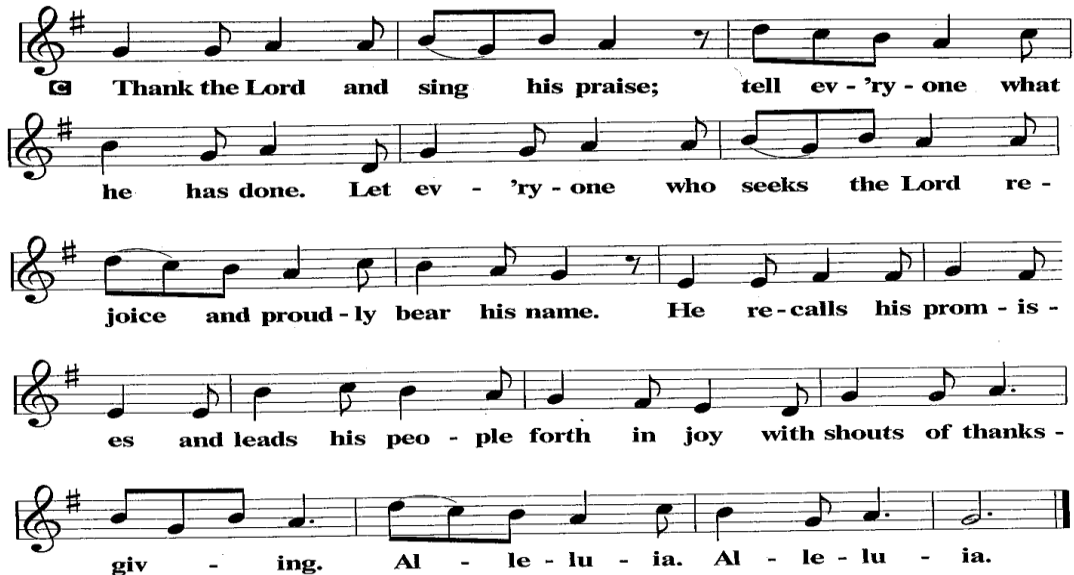


☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion (at the altar)

*Blessing

*Post Communion Canticle:



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
he has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks 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:

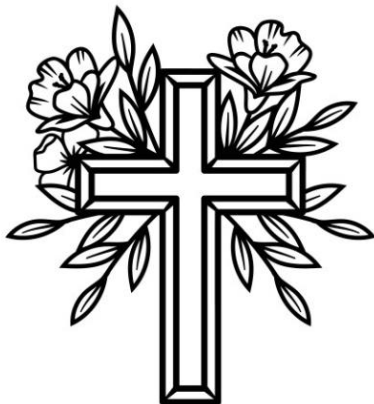
C: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal, that we live in hope and confidently show forth Your love through acts of mercy. Support us in this 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.

*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.

(Acolyte extinguishes the candles during the recessional hymn)



*Recessional Hymn:

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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1 Guide me ev - er, great Re-deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; Hold me
wa - ters flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,

Feed me now and ev - er - more, Feed me now and ev - er - more.
Shield me with your might - y arm, Shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Fugue in E Minor - Bach

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Theme of the day: The psalmist praised the Lord for satisfying the needs of every living creature. He is near to all who call upon him! God provided food for the Israelites in the wilderness as their hunger was about to overtake them. Jesus proclaimed his true identity as the “bread of life” to those who witnessed the miraculous feeding of the 5,000. God is always at work supplying his children with “daily bread.”

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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Beginning Memorial Day through Labor Day the church office will close at 2:00 pm on Friday's.

The Outdoor Worship service is TODAY at 10:45 am (weather permitting). Please bring your lawn chairs and join us for worship outside.

SPONSORSHIPS to the Glory of God:

ALTAR FLOWERS OPEN

BULLETINS OPEN

BREAD & WINE in honor of all cancer survivors and those who are going through treatments by Joyce & Rodney Smyser

MAILING in loving memory of Katie A. Bare and Mr. & Mrs. G. Edward Akins by Charlotte Hoffman & family

PARISH MESSENGER in appreciation of our members who volunteer for lay responsibilities at Saint Paul by Dave & Deb Smyser

SANCTUARY LAMP to the Glory of God by the Concordia Adult Sunday School Class

Our Lord's Helpers on August 4, 2024

Greeter: Roxanne Donnan

Acolyte: Connie Dunklebarger

Head Usher: Donna Rinehart

Sound: Matt Conn

Lay Reader: Larry Rinehart

Altar Guild: Roxanne Donnan

Communion Assts.: Earlene Kemnitz / Sue Dickensheets

Assisting Minister: Daphne Conn

Activities for the Week of August 4, 2024

Sun. 8/4

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

8:15 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion

9:40 am Faith Builders

10:45 am Divine Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

Tues. 8/6

7:00 pm Hilltop AA

Weds. 8/7

6:00 pm Pickleball

Thurs. 8/8

9:30 am Pastor's Pericope Study, Camp Hill

Fri. 8/9

NALC Convocation

7:00 pm Hilltop AA

Sun. 8/11

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

8:15 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion

9:40 am Faith Builders

10:45 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion and Baptism

7:00 pm ASAPH Concert

Our Lord's Helpers on August 11, 2024

Greeter: Dean & Barb Eisenhart

Acolyte: Open

Head Usher: Connie Dunklebarger

Sound: Matt Conn

Lay Reader: Ed Keefer

Altar Guild: Dan & Trudy Waltersdorff

Communion Assts.: Connie Dunklebarger / Cindy Renehan

Assisting Minister: Linda Sherman

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR AUGUST – CONCORDIA CHILDRENS' SERVICES

Concordia Children's Services (CCS) is a licensed childcare facility for Abandoned, Orphaned, Surrendered and Urban Poor Children; through both the Residential (infants/babies) and Community based programs. The facility is located in Old Sta. Mesa, Manila, Philippines.

On August 19, 2023 we recognized 40 years of service to the Old Sta. Mesa community. Dr./Rev. Walt Winters, a Lutheran Missionary co-founded the orphanage. Our involvement began in 1997 and we continue our involvement and support. We look forward to sharing our involvement and commitment to Concordia Children's Services.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR JULY - Lutheran Disaster Assistance

Total funds to date: \$2,004.75

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING - NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 AT BOTH SERVICES!

School age boys and girls should bring their backpack to church, and they will receive a tag for their packs and a blessing for the start of the school year.



ASAPH CONCERT and BAKE SALE – Sunday, August 11 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy special music, special guests, ministry updates in Haiti, a bake sale, and ice cream! If you would like to contribute any baked items, please prepare and package them for display and sale, and mark the price. Bless someone with your baking talent and bless ASAPH at the same time!

CAMPFIRE! Join us for a fun time of food and fellowship! **Friday, August 30th, 6:00 pm.**

More details to come. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby.

FAMILY RETREAT (September 20-21) - Our annual family retreat will be happening September 20 to 21 at Camp Nawakwa! The retreat starts on Friday evening and continues through late Saturday afternoon.



If you are unable to stay for the night, feel free to join us for either day. The cost for adults is \$35 for Friday-Saturday or \$10 for an individual day. Youth under 18 are free.

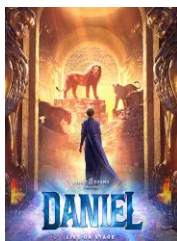
The retreat is a great chance for fellowship, unplugged relaxation, and reflection. We will have Bible Studies, crafts, games, and a great spot for hiking and enjoying God's creation. Not to mention snacks! You can find a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Calling all Lutherans! Monday, September 23rd, gather with pro-life Lutherans prior to the 2024 PA March for Life at The Hilton in Harrisburg, One N. 2nd St. in Harrisburg to be encouraged and take a stand for mothers, fathers, and their children born and unborn. A full breakfast, free of charge, (graciously provided by a grant from the English District of the LCMS) will be served from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Speakers Scott Licht of Lutherans for Life, and Maria Gallagher from the PA Pro-Life Federation will briefly address us. We will walk together to the Capitol steps for the 11:00 AM Rally and 12:00 PM March. For more information or to RSVP your attendance, contact Pastor Christopher Seifferlein of Mount Calvary Lutheran in Lititz at (920) 918-7200 or email pamarchforlife@lancasterlutheran.com. Visit marchforlife.org/Pennsylvania for event details about the PA March for Life. *Join us for this inaugural event for Lutherans, the first of its kind in PA!*

FEED THE HUNGER – saving lives one scoop at a time!!

Please join us for the Feed the Hunger Packathon on **Saturday, September 28!** We will be packaging 20,000 meals for people around the world. There will be **two shifts: 9 am – 10:30 am and 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the lobby area.

BIBLE STUDY - We will be offering the second part of the Divine Drama study on Wednesdays at 10 am **starting September 11**. You need not have participated in the first part to find this valuable. It includes topics such as Baptism, the Trinity, The Heart of Scripture, The Lord's Supper, Prayer, and how we live based on what we believe. Please sign up no later than August 25 so we can have our books on hand.



SIGHT & SOUND - There is a trip planned for Sight & Sound to see **DANIEL** on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, for the 11:00 a.m. show. The ticket cost per person is \$84.55. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby. We will be leaving the church at 9:00 a.m. and going for lunch after the show. Please place money for the tickets in a separate envelope and include the following information: Name(s); DANIEL and amount enclosed / check number. If you need additional information, please contact Barb Eisenhart 717-870-3723

OUR DAILY BREAD is collecting monetary donations for the months of July and August. If you would like to contribute, please put an envelope in the offering plate marked with your name and "Our Daily Bread". Thank you!

There are a few 2024 DAILY TEXTS available on the table in the lobby. Feel free to distribute to your friends!

CALL COMMITTEE PRAYER - We, as the congregation at Saint Paul Lutheran Church, humbly pray to you our Most Holy God to guide and lead us in searching for our new pastor, who has a strong faith and a mind like Christ. Please share your vision for our church and the desired leadership which you have already chosen for us. Keep our faith strong and hearts open to your future plans for our congregation, church, and community. Help us to continue to be your disciples and to be your shining light every day as we embark through this process. We pray for your wisdom and for the ability to discern who you have called to serve our beloved church for the foreseeable future. Father, we also pray for the Call Committee that will be giving of their time and effort through prayer and support to find God's chosen pastor for our church. Help us to accept and understand your timeline to determine the call for our next pastor, and to not rush the process through our sometimes-limited patience. We pray for all of this in Jesus Name, Amen.

PLEASE NOTIFY the church office as soon as possible of any children desiring to be instructed to receive **First Communion**. We have been following a "home-schooling" model where the parents are the primary teachers, as Luther suggests in his Small Catechism. **Baptism** is a prerequisite for receiving Communion in a Lutheran Church. We are planning to celebrate a Baptism on August 11; others (child, youth or adult) desiring Baptism should contact the church office as soon as possible.

IN SEPTEMBER, the Lutheran Theology Class will start a new course, with *Authentic Christianity* by Veith and Sutton as the text. The theme is that "Lutheran tradition offers a framework for pulling together what is best in all other Christian traditions." Also, that our tradition has "the potential of connecting with contemporary culture and reaching the secularism of the twenty-first century." Consider joining us!

LET'S GET STARTED EARLY...Operation Christmas Child 2024



boxes are now available for your pick-up! You may fill them, little by little, at your convenience over the next few months and bring them into church by November 13, 2024.

For detailed information, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

For many, this is a wonderful way to share the true meaning of Christmas with children! Let's come together in prayer over this ministry.

BE STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD." 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 †

If you have any questions, call Connie Dunklebarger (717) 487-0492 🎵



TAKING FAITH HOME – August 4, 2024

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 6:24-35 Christ, the bread of life
Monday Deuteronomy 8:1-18 You will eat your fill
Tuesday Isaiah 55:1-9 Come and eat
Wednesday 1 Kings 17:1-6 Elijah is fed
Thursday Mark 14:12-17, 22-26 Jesus takes bread
Friday 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:23-26 The Lord's Supper
Saturday Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43 God feeds the hungry
Sunday John 6:35, 41-51 Bread from heaven

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever go hungry. And no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty." **John 6:35 (NIRV)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

O God, just as you gave manna to the Israelites in the desert, help me to trust that you will give me all that I need this week. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

May Jesus, the bread of life, sustain us with the spiritual food that always abundant and available. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

Jesus, bread of life, feed us, body and soul.
Jesus, bread from heaven, come and make us whole. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What are your favorite foods?
- Jesus called himself the "bread of life." He said that those who come to him will never go hungry. What do you think he meant?
- In what ways does Jesus feed you?