

**Sunday, June 26, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

It is a joy to gather together for worship!

St. Paul Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00am Tri-Church Online Worship Service on our website
or call toll-free 1-888-975-5536 anytime

10:00am In-person worship with Holy Communion;

9:00 a.m. In-person Sunday School – September – May

Communion

We celebrate Jesus' presence each week in Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Supper and Jesus invites us: whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, or just considering Christianity; if you are an infant or elderly; if your family has been in the United States for generations, or has only recently arrived; if you are LGBTQIA+ or straight; if you live with disabilities, chronic illness, or are able-bodied and currently healthy; if you are home-blessed or homeless; ... YOU are welcome at God's meal of grace at St. Paul.

Accessibility

Handicap parking, entrance, wheelchair, and restrooms are available. Sound amplifiers and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Children's Offering

St. Paul's purpose statement is "Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word." At St. Paul, when we say "all" we mean ALL! We are dedicated to creating a world where all God's beloved children and families can live in dignity just the way God created them. Our June Children's Offering will support PFlag Sauk Valley, a local organization supporting LGBTQIA+ persons and their families so that we can have proud people, loving families, safe communities, and a diverse and inclusive world.

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PRELUDE

"Hold Us Together"

Matt Maher and Steve Wilson

When the prelude music begins, we invite you into a time of silent reflection to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness**

(inspired by Galatians 5:13-25, Luke 9:51-62)

Prayer of Confession

P: We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh.

We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility.

Even in our own back yard we "bite and devour" one another.

We wish it were different.

When Jesus calls us to follow him, we find every excuse to instead go home or to the workplace to finish something more important first.

Yet we yearn to be more centered on You.

Assurance of Pardon

P: Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm redeems the people.

God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray.

We need but ask and we are forgiven.

** from Putting on the Mantle: Service Prayers for the 6th Sunday after Pentecost, written by The Rev. Catherine Rolling. Posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Kyrie Eleison"

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that
we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For peace on our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,
Oh Lord of Liberation, you set us free in Christ. Guide us to live not by our selfish desires but in the way of the spirit. Lead us to live with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

All: Amen.

WORD

Psalm 16

L: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

L: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

All: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

L: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

All: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

L: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

All: I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

All: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

L: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SONG

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

- 1 What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me
- 2 The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me
- 3 No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me
- 4 With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A reading from Galatians

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with

its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Freedom Has Come"

Jay Beech

- 1 We were waiting in the darkness, we were longing for the day;
We'd been toiling in the galleys. Death would be the only way,
To find freedom from our bondage. Then we heard somebody call,
"Come be crucified with Jesus, there is new life for you all."

Refrain:

Freedom, freedom has come.
We're no longer slaves, we are daughters and sons.
Freedom, our new life's begun.
We're never turning back now that freedom has come.

- 2 We like Abraham and Sarah put our faith in God alone.
We are children of the promise by the seeds which faith has sown.
And the walls that would divide us have been carried on their way,
By the flood that raged inside us on that great baptismal day.

Refrain:

- 3 It's the Spirit we will follow not the flesh that we will heed.
By our fruits the world will know us, not by words but by our deeds.
If we learn to be the servants then we'll keep on running well,
And the only law we'll know is, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Refrain:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with these words:

P: In your love,

All: hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you!

P: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

OFFERING

"Offering"

Paul Baloche

OFFERING PRAYER

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one, by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

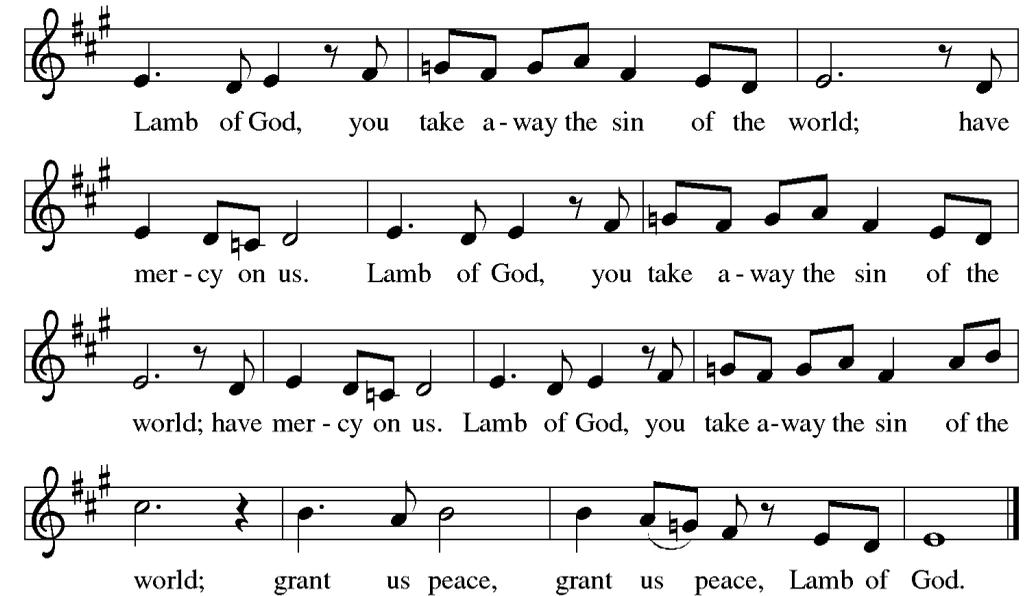
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to taste and see that the Lord is Good!
Eat, Drink and be satisfied.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“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, Lamb of God.

“Only By Our Lonesome”

Nate Crary

- 1 We confess that we cannot do it all
Only by our lonesome, only by our lonesome
There is space between where we put a wall
Only by our lonesome, only by our lonesome

Refrain:

Won't you knock down all the walls that we built stable
Tip them over and restore them into
Sturdy dinner tables

- 2 We confess that we cannot free ourselves
Only by our lonesome, only by our lonesome
And despite our best, we get overwhelmed
Only by our lonesome, only by our lonesome

Refrain:

Won't you knock down all the walls that we built stable
Tip them over and restore them into
Sturdy dinner tables

3 We confess that we cannot find our way
Only by our lonesome, only by our lonesome
Please forgive our sins, reignite our flame
Only by our lonesome, only by our lonesome

Refrain:

Won't you knock down all the walls that we built stable
Tip them over and restore them into
Sturdy dinner tables

“With All My Heart”

Lloyd Garrelts and Todd Miller

With all of my heart, I thank you for living.
With all of my heart, I thank you each day.
For giving my life back to me, at times I do stray.
You are the giver of peace.
In struggles I still believe, **(repeat)**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

Gerad's Blessing of Farewell and Godspeed

P: Gerad Von Holten

We are so grateful for your ministry here at St. Paul since 2011.

As you leave our congregation, we wish to bid you farewell and offer a blessing for you.

Jim: A reading from Isaiah: Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and

through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (*Isaiah 43:1-3*)

Gerad, When you joined us in ministry, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have made a huge impact on our youth and worship life in our relationship with Jesus. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

P: We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts in your next adventure. May you be united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for Gerad and for the time we have shared with him. As he been a blessing to us, so now send him forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

All: Amen

SENDING SONG

“Will You Come and Follow Me?”

ELW #798



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in the way of the spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Everlasting God”

Benton Brown and Ken Riley

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Lillian Strike, John Ukena, Florence Pfundstein, Doc Adelman, Dave Lockhart, Berta Beyer, MacKenzie Gorman, and Marcia Fields.

Worship Assistants:

Opener/Closer – JJ Shore

Head Usher – JJ Shore

Greeters – Judy & Bob Bartel

Ushers – Janie Billings, Karen Wright

Reader – Greg Zeigler

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Musicians:

Jacob Dahleen

Gerad VonHolten

Next week's assistants – July 3

Opener/Closer – Jen Pillars

Head Usher – Jen Pillars

Greeters/Ushers – Nancy Beck, Diane Yoeckel

Reader – Jim Gorman

Sound – Jim Gorman

Altar Guild – Janie Billings, Ann Beswick

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