

BY
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Sunday, August 14, 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

The August Children's offering will go to towards the shipping of the LWR School Kits & Quilts that have been collected. Grab an empty bag from the coat rack at the back of the sanctuary to take with you. The list of items is attached to the bags.

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PRELUDE

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 and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

All: we confess that we have not always followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love you, our neighbors and ourselves. Amen.

P: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. Through † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Be made new! You are free to love as God loves.

All: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

DANIEL IVERSON

Arr. by Tom Fettke

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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,

O God, our eternal judge, you love justice and hate oppression. You call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, lead us to follow your servants and prophets, especially your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

A reading from Hebrews.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: Word of God, Word of Life,

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”



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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens.

⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

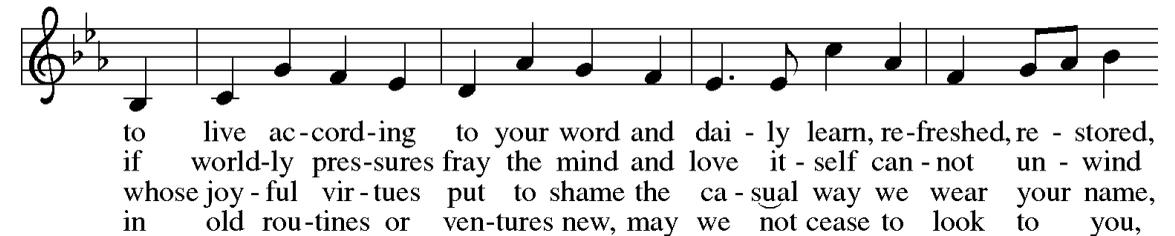
HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

ELW #580



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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BACKPACK BLESSING

P: O God of Wisdom, bless these backpacks, bags, and tools for schools and the students, teachers, staff, and workers who carry them. May they be for your service and give you glory. Help them carry their load and live out your love. In the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come to the Holy One in prayer.

Each petition ends with these words:

P: Merciful God,

All: receive 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.

MEAL

OFFERING

Special Music

OFFERING PRAYER

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

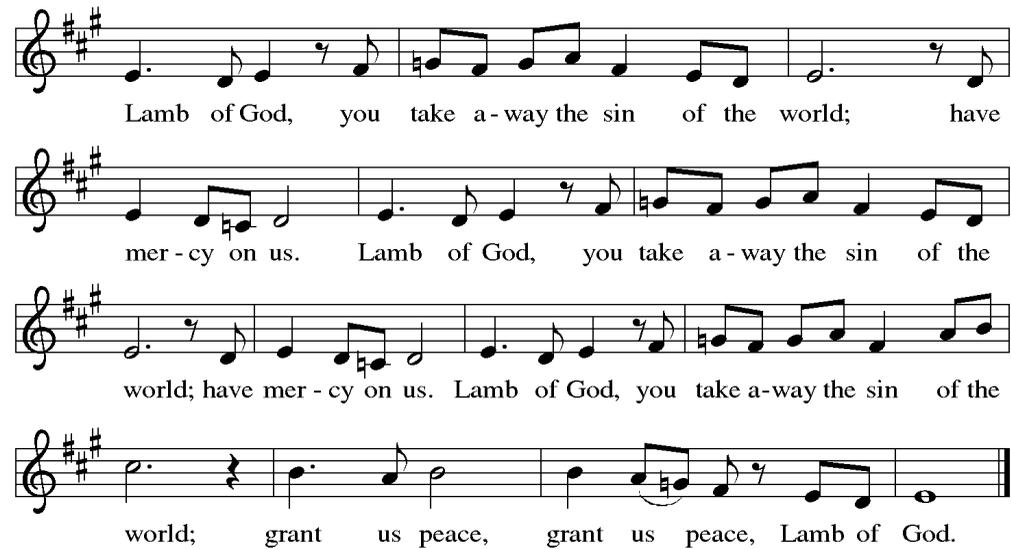
The risen Christ invites us to taste and see that the Lord is Good!

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.

Special Music

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BLESSING

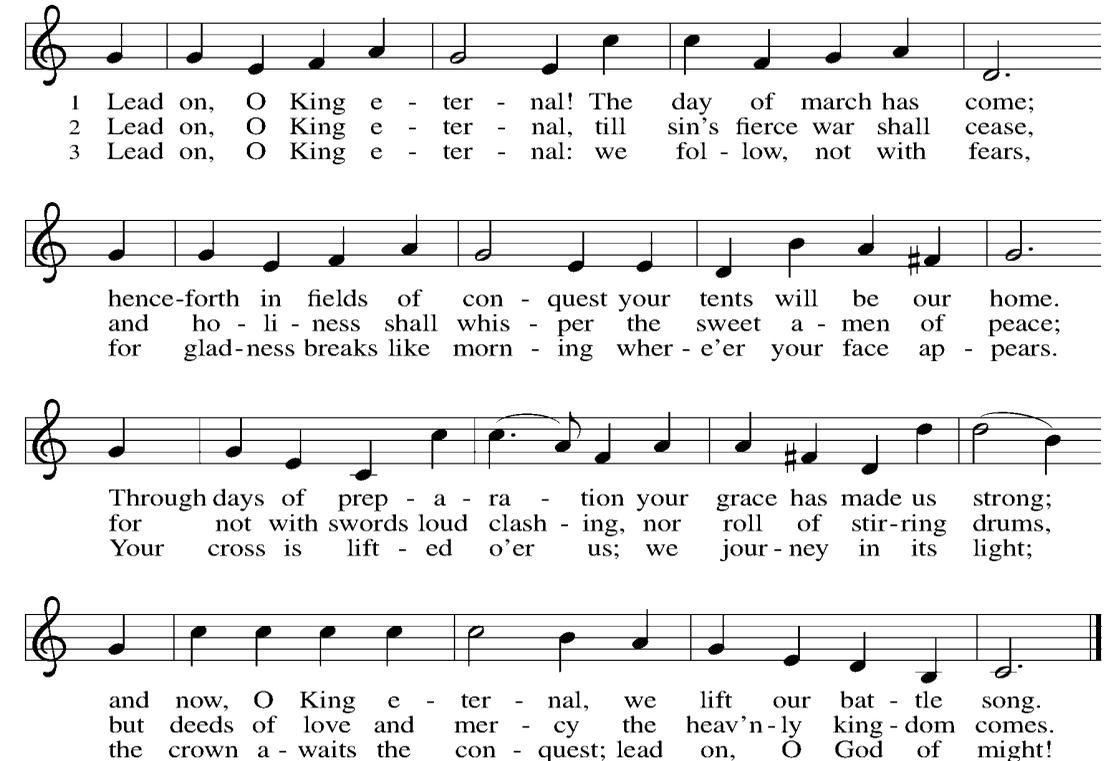
P: The God of peace, Creator, ✠ Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

All: Amen

SENDING SONG

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

ELW #805



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,
hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.
Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;
and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

I Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Remember in Prayer; those hospitalized this week: Ron Billings; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Harold Julifs, Sharon Hammer, Louis & Mary Weaver, John Ukena, Lillian Strike, Florence Pfundstein, Doc Adelman, Dave Lockhart, Berta Beyer, MacKenzie Gorman, and Marcia Fields.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God given by the Ruth George family.

Worship Assistants:

Opener/Closer – Jen Pillars

Head Usher – Jen Pillars

Greeters/Ushers – Bill & Carolyn Duncan

Reader – Carolyn Duncan

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Musicians:

Jacob Dahleen

Maureen Marrandino

Julie Woessner

Next week's assistants – August 21

Opener/Closer – Jim Gorman

Head Usher – Jim Gorman

Greeters/Ushers – Cheryl Gorman, Diane Yoeckel

Reader – Marilyn Geiger

Sound – Jim Gorman

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