Chalk the Walk

Saturday, July 13, 2024 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Grandon Civic Center

Free Event

Participants receive assigned square & chalk

Entertainment

DJ & Bubble/Dance Party

Jeremy the Amazer

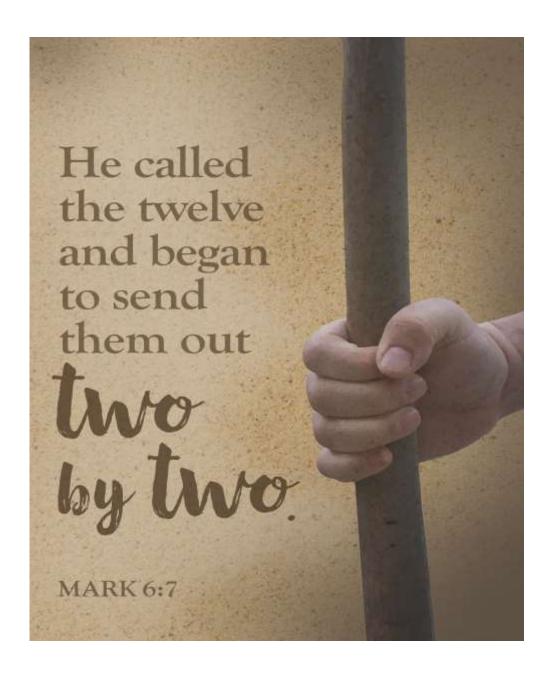
Face Painting

Splash Pad

HELP US SELL SLUSHYS!

Let Gabby know if you and your family can join the fun!





Sunday, July 7, 2024 9:00 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

9:00 a.m. In-person worship with Holy Communion 10:00 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 July Children's offering will go to towards the purchase of supplies needed for LWR School Kits. Families are also invited to shop for the needed supplies or contribute monetary donations to be used to purchase the items. 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

"Holy Ground"
Phillip Keveren

Welcome/Announcements

GATHER

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

All: Amen.

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. God, our provider,

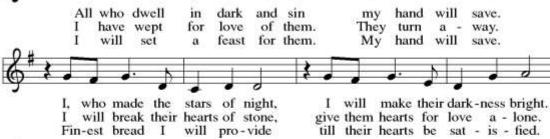
All: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

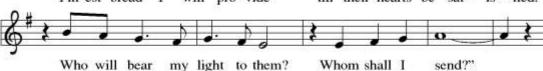
L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

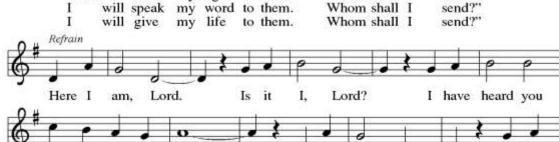
All: Amen.

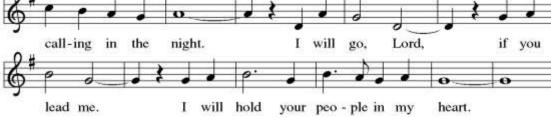
Gathering Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" ELW #574











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

L: Let us pray together:

All: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading Ezekiel 2:1-5

R:A reading from Ezekiel,

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123 (Read Responsively)

R: To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

All: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

R: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

All: too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is

on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

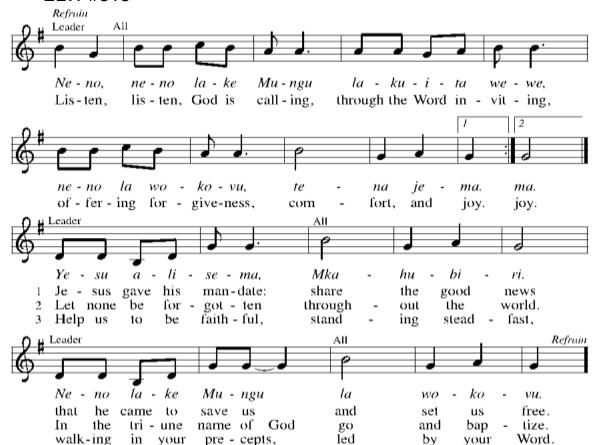
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Listen, God Is Calling"

ELW #513



Text: Tanzanian traditional: tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922 Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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Apostles' Creed

L: Let us profess our faith together through the words of the Apostle's Creed:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Prayers of Intercession

L: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

Each petition ends with these words:

L: In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you!

P: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace in whatever way you are comfortable.

MEAL

Offering

"Blessed Be Your Name"
Beth & Matt Redman

Thanksgiving for the Word

L: Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

All: we give you thanks and praise.

L: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

All: we give you thanks and praise.

L: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

All: we give you thanks and praise.

L: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

All: Amen.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

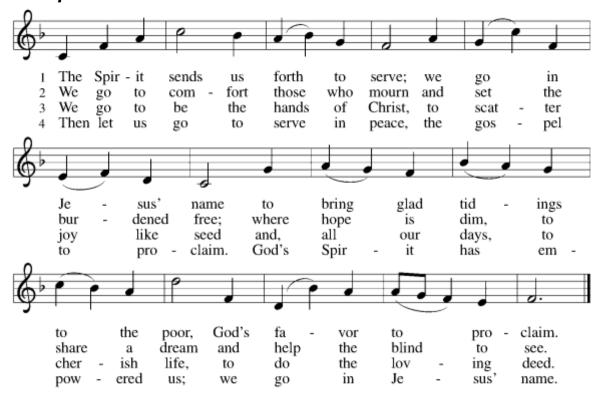
Blessing

L: May The Lord bless you and keep you. May The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

Sending Song

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"



Text: Delores Dufner, osa, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"For Spacious Skies!"

Rob R. Perry (Quoting the tune "Materna" by Samuel A. Ward

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Ann Kennedy, Dan Dir, Lee Eilers, JoAnn Garcia, Patty Arians, Barb Lenn, Lori Dewey, Shirley Graftaas, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Bob Cornelsen, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Harold & Sandy Julifs, Lila Edeus, and Berta Beyer.

Worship Assistants:

Opener/Head Usher/Closer - David Carrillo

Acolytes - Volunteer Needed

Greeters/Ushers - Jim & Cheryl Gorman, Bev Graunke

Reader – Jim Gorman

Sound - David Carrillo

Altar Guild – Janie Billings, Susan Kuehl

Musicians:

Live:

Julie Woessner

Recorded:

Dawn Zeigler

Next week – July 14

Opener/Head Usher/Closer - Mary Ordean

Acolytes - Ordean family

Greeters/Ushers - Nancy Beck John Renner

Reader – Marilyn Geiger

Sound - Greg Zeigler

Altar Guild – Janie Billings, Susan Kuehl

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