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Mark 7:15,  
NRSV



**Sunday, September 1, 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 September Children's offering will go to World Hunger.

### Prelude

*"Joyful"*

Jim Brickman

### Welcome/Announcements

### GATHER

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**All: Amen.**

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## Gathering Hymn

### “For the Beauty of the Earth”

ELW #879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Koehler, 1786–1872

## 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 together:

**All: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Psalm 15 (read responsively)

R: LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**All: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

R: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**All: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

R: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## Second reading: James 1:17-27

R: A reading from James,

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and

undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

**“Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil”**

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Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950  
Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson  
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**Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

<sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Message**

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day

### “Seek Ye First”



1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
2. Man shall not live by bread alone  
3. Ask and it shall be given unto you,



and His righteous-ness, and all these  
but by every word that pro-  
seek and ye shall find, knock and the



things shall be added unto you-  
-ceeds from the mouth of God-  
door shall be opened unto you-



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ial  
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## Prayers of Intercession

P: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need.

*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 in whatever way you are comfortable.

## MEAL

### Offering

*“As the Deer (You Alone Are My Heart’s Desire)”*

Joel Raney

### Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### 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.**

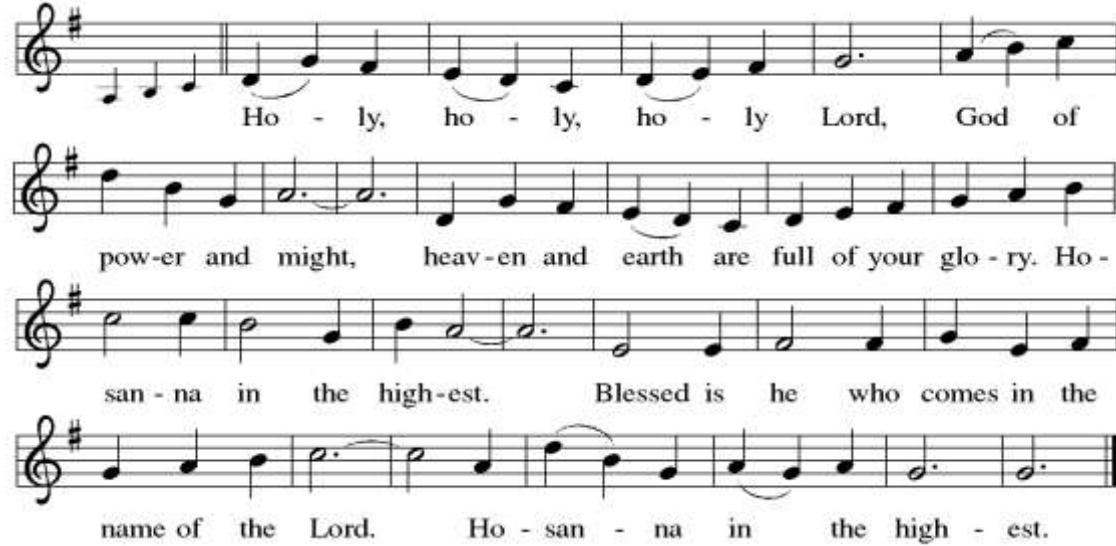
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### 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.**

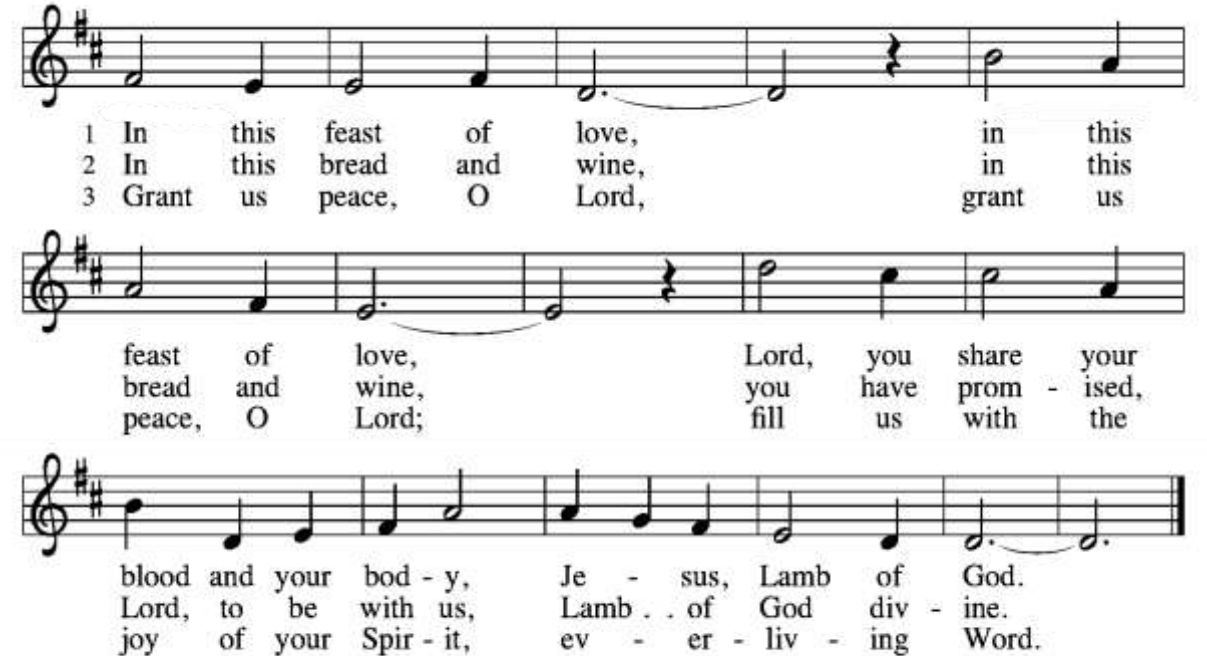
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## Communion Music

### "In This Feast of Love"



1 In this feast of love, in this  
2 In this bread and wine, in this  
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us  
feast of love, Lord, you share your  
bread and wine, you have prom-ised,  
peace, O Lord; fill us with the  
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio

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### "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Susan W. Henry

## Prayer after Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**All: Amen.**

P: Let us pray

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## Blessing

P: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

All: Amen.

## Sending Song

**“Go in Peace and Serve the Lord”**



Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day.  
Go and tell gos - pel news ev - 'ry - where.  
Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day  
to bring truth and love to ev - 'ry na - tion.

Text: Handt Hanson

Music: GO IN PEACE, Handt Hanson

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## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

**“Exalt His Name”**

Charles Cooke

**We Remember in Prayer;** those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Bev Julien, Phyllis Jacobson, Lee Eilers, JoAnn Garcia, Barb Lenn, Lori Dewey, Shirley Graftaas, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Sandy Julifs, Lila Edeus, and Berta Beyer.

**Placing our confidence** in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our loved ones, we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Harold Julifs. Harold passed away on Sunday, August 28. His funeral will be held here at St. Paul on Saturday, September 7 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be from 12:00-1:00 p.m. with a dessert fellowship following the burial.

**We also extend our sympathy** to the family and friends of Dolores Weissenburger. Dolores passed away on July 21. Dolores is the grandmother to Liz (Bohlin) Klein.

*May God's presence bring you comfort and peace.*

## Worship Assistants:

Presider: Pastor Kathy Burkheimer

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Greg Zeigler

Acolytes – Platz family

Greeters/Ushers – Janie Billings, Diane Yoeckel

Reader – Greg Zeigler

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Altar Guild – Judy Bartel, Donna Kendall

## Musicians:

Julie Woessner

Amy Zeigler

Dawn Zeigler

**Next week – September 8**

Presider: Pastor Carol Soderholm

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Stacey Avelar

Acolytes – Avelar family

Greeters/Ushers – Gary Fields, John Renner

Reader – Stacey Avelar

Sound – David Carrillo

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer needed*

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