



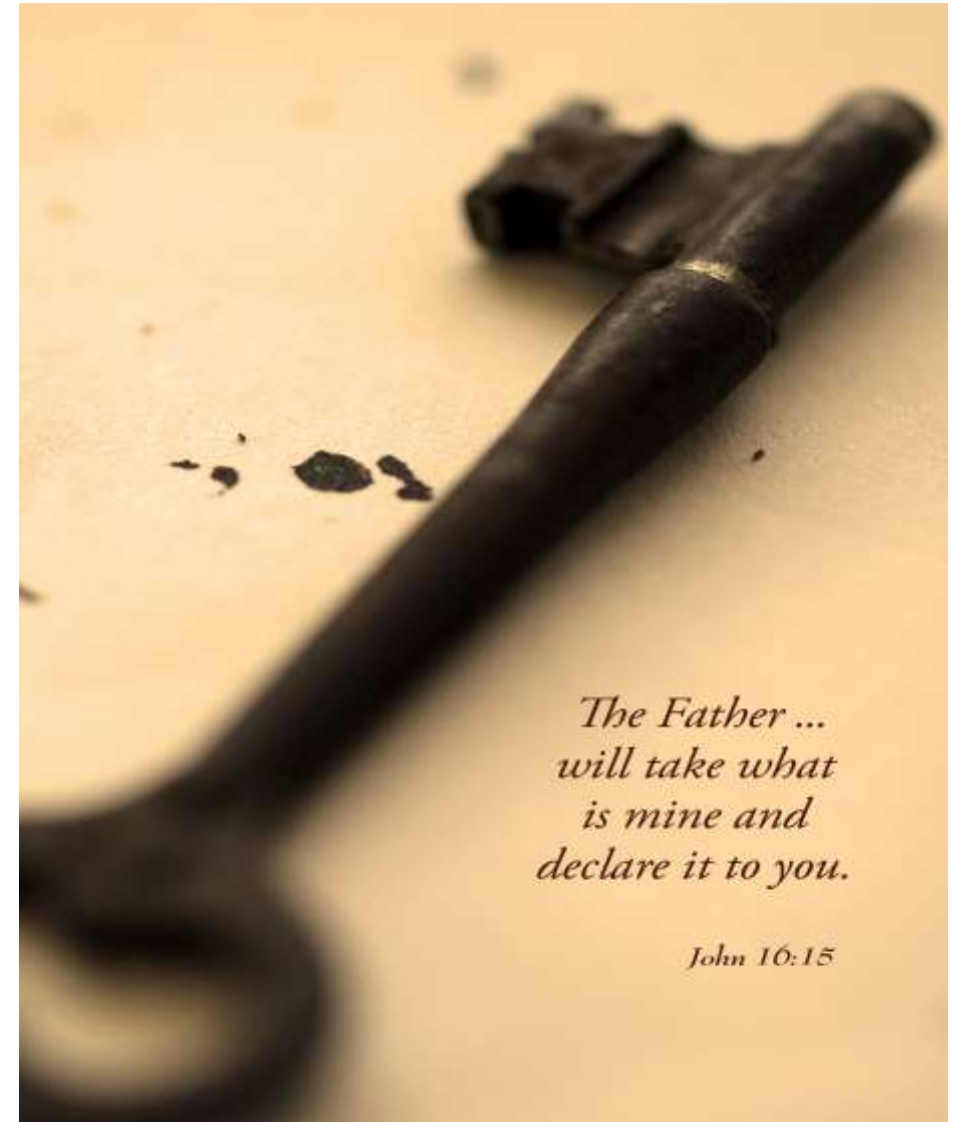
SCAN TO REGISTER  
OR VOLUNTEER



CommUNITY VBS invites you to this amazing, **FREE** 5-day event from **Sunday, July 20 to Thursday, July 24** at **Immanuel Lutheran Church (501 8th Ave, Rock Falls, IL)**! We'll start with a free dinner for students and volunteers at **5:30 PM**, then we'll have music, crafts, science experiments, games, and Bible adventures from **6-8 PM**!

True North is for students age 4 to just finished 5th grade. Adults and older students are invited to volunteer!

After True North, join us on **Sunday, July 27** at **9:30 AM** at **Grandon Civic Center** for a VBS Worship Service!



*The Father ...  
will take what  
is mine and  
declare it to you.*

*John 16:15*

**Sunday, June 15, 2025**  
**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

10:15 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 children's offering for the month of June will support Cledy's House of Hope: A Legacy Women's Sober Living Home

Located in Rock Falls, IL, Cledy's House of Hope is a 42-bed recovery residence for women, designed to honor the legacy of Cledy Rumley, a devoted mother and champion of hope. This safe, structured, and supportive environment is a sanctuary for women committed to rebuilding their lives in sobriety.

Cledy's House of Hope welcomes women from all over the world who meet strict eligibility requirements. Residents must actively participate in a recovery program and demonstrate a commitment to personal growth and accountability.

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## Second Sunday after Pentecost

### Prelude

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

arr. Phillip Keveren

### Welcome/Announcements

P: Welcome to Worship today!

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

**All: Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✚ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**All: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn  
“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”  
ELW #413

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee,  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be,  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

<sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?  
<sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
<sup>4</sup> “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.  
  
<sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.  
<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— <sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. <sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life,  
All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm: Psalm 8

R: O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**All: you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

R: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**All: what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

R: Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

**All: You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

R: all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**All: the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

R: O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

R: Word of God, Word of Life,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

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

## Gospel: John 16:12-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

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

## Children's Message

## Sermon



Hymn of the Day  
“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”  
ELW #398



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;  
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;  
breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892  
Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

Apostles Creed

P: Trusting in Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles 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

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

P: God of grace,  
**All: hear our prayer.**

P: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

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

“O Trinity, O Blessed Light”  
arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**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.**

Words of Institution

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The 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: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Communion

Communion Music

“In the Singing”

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,  
in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart’s cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,  
Refrain  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931  
Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926  
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“How Great Thou Art”  
arr. Jim Brickman

## 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.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**All: Amen**

## Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

## Sending Song

***"Holy, Holy"***



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
2 Gracious Fa - ther, gra-cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your  
3 Pre-cious Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -  
5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .



Lord God Al - might - y; and we lift our hearts be-fore you as a  
chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be-fore you as a  
deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be-fore you as a  
new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be-fore you as a  
. . . . . hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be-fore you as a



to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.  
to - ken of our love, gra-cious Fa - ther, gra-cious Fa - ther.  
to - ken of our love, pre-cious Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus.  
to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text and music: Jimmy Owens

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## Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

***"O What Their Joy"***

Alan Rees

**Coffee Fellowship** will be served following worship this morning hosted by Carolyn Duncan and Bev Graunke. Everyone is welcome!

**We Remember in Prayer;** those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Sandy Julifs, Mike, Lori Dewey, Bev Julien, Dylan Wescott, Dianne Miller, Ken & Sharon Mager, Phyllis Jacobson, JoAnn Garcia, Betty Steinke, Larry Wahler, and Lila Edeus.

**Worship Assistants:**

Presider – Pastor Ronald Larson

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Dan Bartel

Acolytes – Bartel family

Greeters – Bartel family

Ushers – Nancy Beck, Mel Johnson

Reader – Bev Julien

Communion Assistant – Nancy Beck

Sound – Bradyn Arians

Altar Guild – Audrey & Cathy Cox

**Musicians:**

Julie Woessner

Amy Zeigler

Dawn Zeigler

**Next week – June 22**

Presider – Pastor Elizabeth Mascal

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Greg Zeigler

Acolytes – Altar Guild

Greeters – Carolyn Duncan, Bev Graunke

Ushers – Gary Fields, Dan Dir

Reader – Carolyn Duncan

Communion Assistant – Janie Billings

Sound – David Carrillo

Altar Guild – Audrey & Cathy Cox

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*

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