



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!



**Sunday, June 29, 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 this morning will be going to the Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus in appreciation of them being here to share their "Sermon in Song" with us.

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## Prelude

*"What If"*

by Nicole Nordeman

*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

L: 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.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: 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.**

L: 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  
"Here I Am, Lord"  
ELW #574

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you  
lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

**All: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Psalm 16

R: 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.**

R: 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.**

R: 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.**

R: 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.**

R: 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.**

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

Message of Story & Song

Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus

## Prayers

L: Holy God, you call to us and you hear our prayers. Walk with us in the wilderness of life and guide us on every step of the way.

God of Mercy and Love,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

L: Grant your peace from above to all the world for our salvation.

God of Mercy and Love,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

L: Watch over your church and help us work towards the unity of all.

God of Mercy and Love,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

L: Nourish your creation and give us wisdom and compassion to be creators and caretakers with you.

God of Mercy and Love,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

L: Protect public servants, advocates and agencies, and all who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection.

God of Mercy and Love,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

L: Heal the sick and suffering, and give freedom to the prisoner.

God of Mercy and Love,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

L: Send your loving grace to all who need it, especially those we name out loud or in our hearts.

God of Mercy and Love,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

L: We give all our prayers to you, O loving lord.

**All: Amen**

## Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you!**

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

## Offering

L: Today's Children's offering/Loose offering will go to the Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus. We thank you for your ministry in song.

## Offering Music

Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus

## Offering Prayer

L: 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.**

## Lord's Prayer

L: 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.**

**Blessing**

L: 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.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

**“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”**

ELW #808

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.  
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus

**Postlude**

“Go, My Children”  
Vajda/Emerson

**Coffee Fellowship** will be served following worship this morning hosted by Nancy and her crew. 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:**

Rock Valley Barbershop Chorus  
Opener/Head Usher/Closer – David Carrillo  
Acolytes – Altar Guild  
Greeters/Ushers – John Renner, Diane Yoeckel  
Reader – Greg Zeigler  
Sound – Greg Zeigler  
Altar Guild – Audrey & Cathy Cox

**Musicians:**

Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus  
Maureen Marrandino  
Julie Woessner

**Next week – July 6**

Presider: Pastor Gene Vincent  
Opener/Head Usher/Closer – *Volunteer Needed*  
Acolytes – Arians family  
Communion Assistant – Chad Arians  
Greeters – Bob & Judy Bartel  
Ushers – Donna Kendall, Mel Johnson  
Reader – Greg Zeigler  
Sound – Braydn Arians  
Altar Guild – Janie Billings, Susan Kuehl  
Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*