

*“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,
yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.”*

Matthew 6:28b-29



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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!
We are glad you're here and pray you experience God's presence in worship today. For those visiting, please fill out a *visitor card* located in the pews and place it in the offering plate or hand to a worship leader.
Blessings to you and we hope you join us again.

WELCOME

PRELUDE MUSIC

"On Wings of Song"
Jane Brye, Harp and Peter Brye, Cello

Felix Mendelssohn

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We worship in the name in which we baptize, in the name of the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

We hear from the First Letter of John, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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

(Pause for reflection)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The Pastor declares the forgiveness of sin.

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Earth and All Stars”



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| 1 | Earth | and | all | stars! | Loud | rush - ing | plan - ets! |
| 2 | Trum - pet | and | pipes! | Loud | clash - ing | cym - bals! | |
| 3 | En - gines | and | steel! | Loud | pound - ing | ham - mers! | |
| 4 | Class - rooms | and | labs! | Loud | boil - ing | test tubes! | |
| 5 | Knowl - edge | and | truth! | Loud | sound - ing | wis - dom! | |



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| Sing | to the | Lord | a | new | song! |
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| Hail, | wind, | and | rain! | Loud | blow - ing | snow - storm! |
| Harp, | lute, | and | lyre! | Loud | hum - ming | cel - los! |
| Lime - stone | and | beams! | Loud | build - ing | work - ers! | |
| Ath - lete | and | band! | Loud | cheer - ing | peo - ple! | |
| Daugh - ter | and | son! | Loud | pray - ing | mem - bers! | |



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.

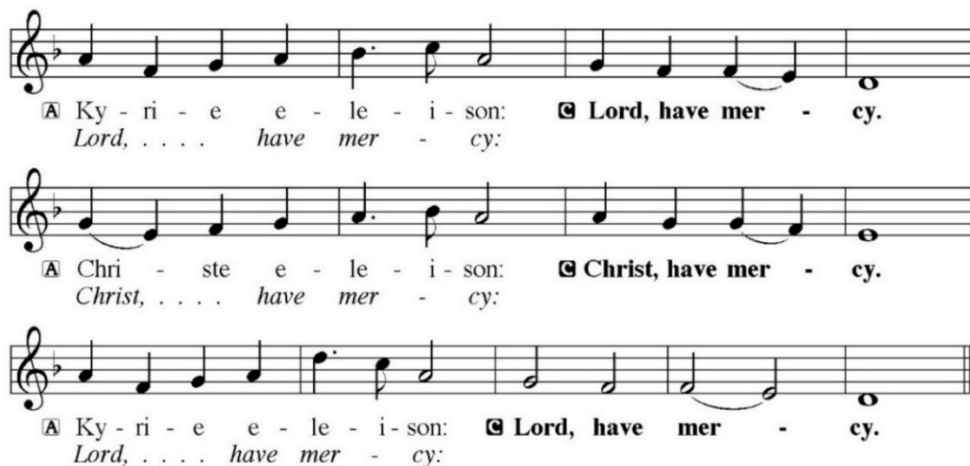


I too sing prais - es with a new song!

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Q** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Q** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Q** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

*HYMN OF PRAISE

REFRAIN



Q Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

REFRAIN



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

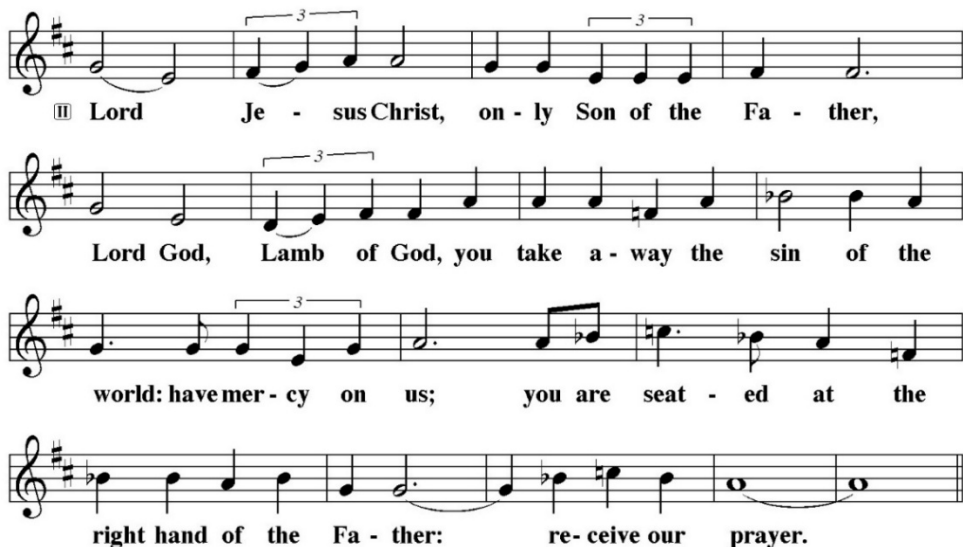


U Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

REFRAIN



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

REFRAIN



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 II you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
 III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 112

¹ Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

- ³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
- ⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**
- ⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
- ⁸ **Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**
- ⁹ They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.
- ¹⁰ **The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

***GOSPEL**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Emily Myallis

SERMON

Rev. Robert J. Myallis

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“O God beyond All Praising”



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown-
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 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

**The word "catholic" in the creed means universal or world-wide. If you have any questions, the pastoral staff are happy to discuss.*

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION RESPONSE



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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*OFFERING SONG

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come."

*OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us —

our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... 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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed... ..Do this in remembrance of me.
For as often as we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

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.

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who recognize the Lord's forgiveness and presence in Holy Communion are invited to receive the bread and wine. During the distribution, you are invited to come forward as directed by the ushers. Take a cup from the trays, and kneel or stand at the altar railing to receive the bread and wine. The first chalice is wine and the second chalice is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not commune may come to the altar for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms. As the ministers give the bread and wine to you, they say these words: *The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.* Those that would like to receive prayer, please remain at the altar.

If you are interested in being baptized or learning more about Baptism and Holy Communion please contact the pastoral staff at St. Paul.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"By Gracious Powers"
Jane Brye, Harp and Peter Brye, Cello

Robert Buckley Farlee

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN**

“Let All Things Now Living”

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

***SENDING**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

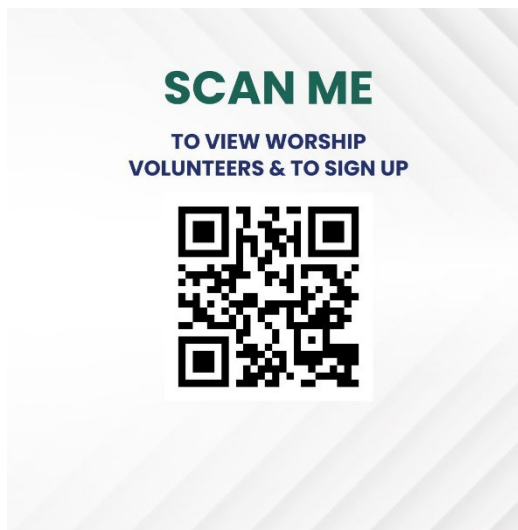
“Ashoka Farewell”

Jay Ungar

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We thank Jane and Peter Brye for their special music on harp and cello this morning.

The Communion Bread is given to the glory of God by Karen Healy.



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