



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Rite of Confirmation

June 7, 2026 8:15 am

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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 box. Large print bulletins are available. Blessings to you and we hope you join us again.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”

W. Walker

Peter Brye, Cello and Jane Brye, Harp

*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.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.

***GATHERING HYMN** #836 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

*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



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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

Romans 4:13-25

The reading is found on page 202 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles.

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

PSALM 50:7-15

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¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

***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**

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

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**

#880 “O God, Beyond All Praising”

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

When a child is baptized, their parents, along with godparents and the congregation, make promises to raise the child in faith. As a child grows within a home and community of faith, their faith becomes more deeply connected to the faith of others, but also something they start understanding more personally: What does it mean to be a disciple on the soccer field? How do I pray when my parents are not present? Confirmation is a rite, typically following a period of instruction in the basics of the faith, in which youth or adults, baptized as a child, publicly confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is not the end point of the journey of faith, but a key point in embracing the life of a disciple. It further is a way that the whole congregation can confirm the faith they see in their fellow believers.

L – Leader, **P** – Pastor, **C** – Congregation, **Y** – Candidates

The Candidates are presented to the minister:

L: The following youth have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

Julianna Pacelli

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for this sister, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promise of baptism and invite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen**

The minister addresses those who have been presented.

P: Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God’s faithful people,
to hear his Word and share in his supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Y: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

(Parents, please move to the altar rail to stand by your youth)

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made Julianna your own. You forgave her all her sins and brought her to the newness of life. We ask you to bless her with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C: Amen**

Laying on of hands

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in Julianna the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering and bring her to everlasting life.

Y: Amen

Julianna Pacelli – is the daughter of Dr. James and Adrienne Pacelli and older sister to Isabella. Throughout Middle School at Manheim Township, Julianna enjoyed academics, sports, and the arts. This past season she was captain of the school’s field hockey team and was a member of the Nexus Championship Field Hockey team. Art is her favorite subject in school, and apart from assignments and practices she enjoys sketch art and pastels. This past year as a member of the performing arts club, Julianna played an orphan in the school musical, “Annie.”

Julianna’s confirmation verse is **Psalm 46:5** – “God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.”

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*PEACE

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

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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



bles - sing. 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

God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer, and grant that our whole life may give you glory and
praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

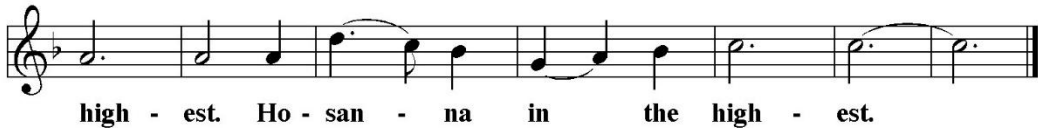
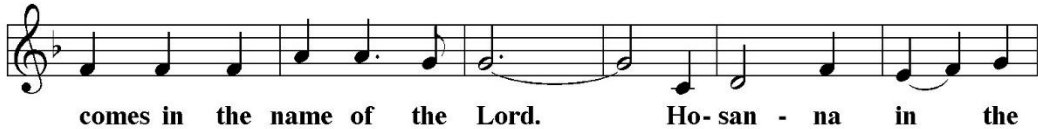
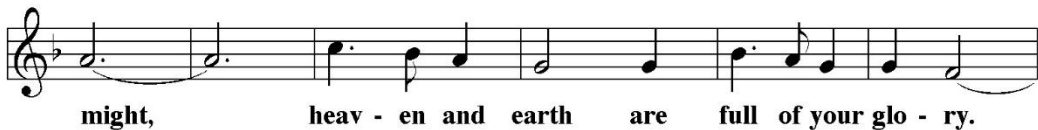
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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



*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.

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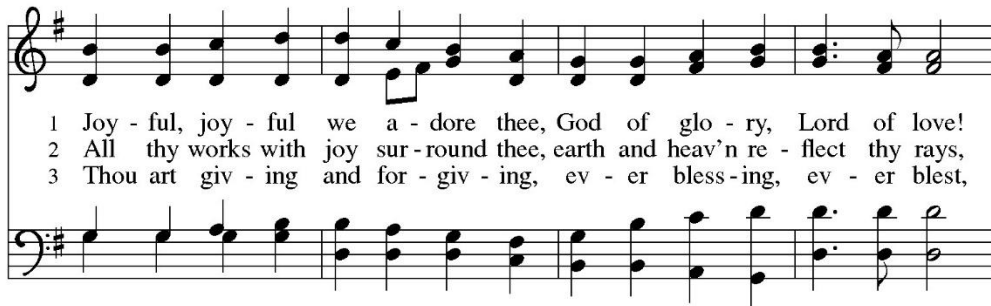
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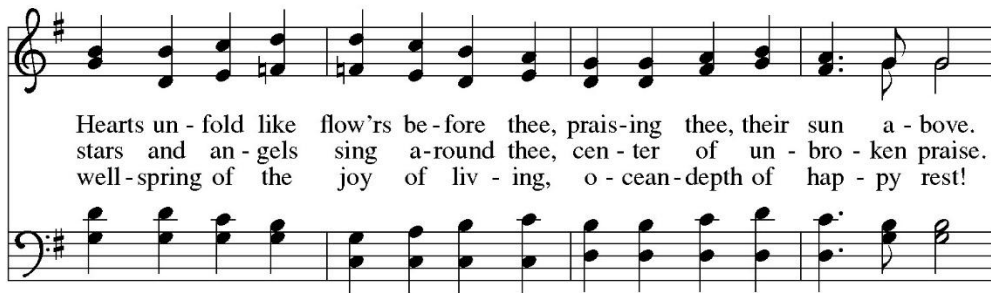
Forgiveness declared

*GATHERING HYMN

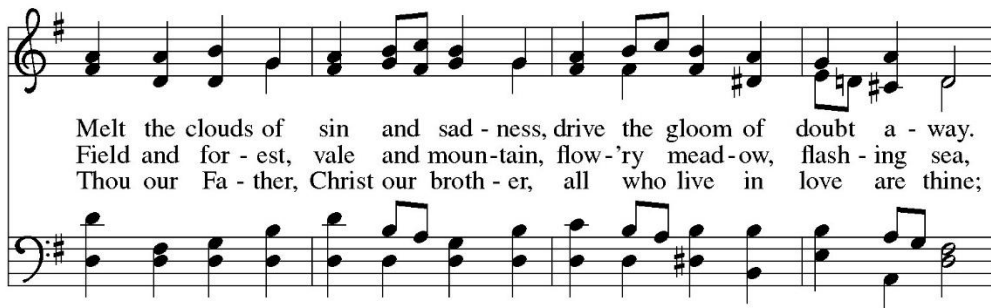
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Verses 1 and 2

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sing 2 times)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
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 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.

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*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 musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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 score ends with a double bar line.

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“Ash Grove”

Arr. by S. Milligan

*BLESSING AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION

*SENDING HYMN

#547 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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