



*"Red, Brown, Yellow, Black and White - They are precious in His Sight.
Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World!"*

Sophie Cole, Age-5, Kindergarten



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Welcome to our guests and first-time visitors! We are glad you are here and pray you experience God's presence in worship today. Please take a moment to fill out a Welcome envelope available in the pews and place it in the giving box. Large print bulletins are available. Blessings to you and we hope you join us again.

August 2, 2026 8:15 am

An * indicates to please stand if you are able.

Bold print indicates congregational responses.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Holy Manna”

J. Wayne Kerr

*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.

Forgiveness declared



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*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



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



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



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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God, you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

Romans 9:1-5

The reading is found on page 207 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles.

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

PSALM 145: 8-9, 14-21

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.**

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ **He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.**

²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ **My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Matthew 14:13-21

The reading is found on page 23 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles.

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

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

Jim Hoffer
Rev. Robert W. Wallace

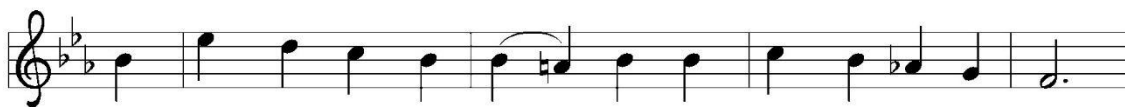




1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

*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.

*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

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 cup to you, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

If you are interested in being baptized or learning more about Baptism and Holy Communion please contact the pastoral staff at St. Paul. Those that would like to receive prayer, please remain at the altar.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Come, Thou Fount"

Joseph Martin

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN** #674 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy;
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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

POSTLUDE “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” John Behnke

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Children and Youth Reminder!

**Please submit your Faith-Based Artwork
for a summer bulletin cover!**

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