



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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September 20, 2026 8:15 am

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”

Lee Zelewicz, Baritone

*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

*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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Grant us your merciful judgment and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

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

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Emily Myallis

SERMON

Rev. Robert J. Myallis

*HYMN OF THE DAY

#765 "Lord of All Hopefulness"



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

***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**

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:

*... Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

***PEACE**

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

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***OFFERING SONG**

#583 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not as mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
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***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of creation,

All blessings are from you. Make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

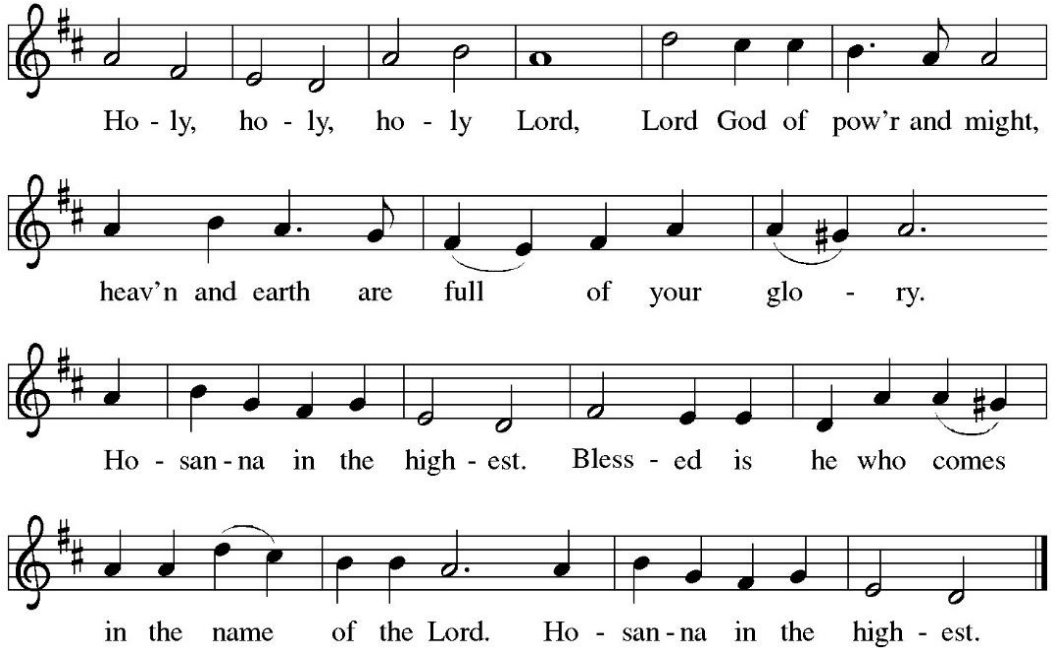
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

*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

"The Lord's Prayer"
Lee Zelewicz, Baritone

Albert Malotte

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN**

#551 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

***SENDING**

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

POSTLUDE

“Maestoso in C Major”

L. Boellmann

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**Baptism of Dakota Ryan Berrios and
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September 20, 2026 10:45 am

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WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here"

St. Paul Choir

*Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.*

*Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS WITH BAPTISM**

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.**

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Forgiveness declared

This morning we have two Baptisms as part of the Confession and Forgiveness as a reminder that each week, when we confess our sins and hear the glorious words that God has forgiven us, it is as if we have been baptized again!

+ SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM +

We are washed, forgiven, and claimed as God's children forever

INTRODUCTION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the world.

PRESENTATION

The sponsors, Scott and Kristyn Trego, present the candidate for Baptism:

Sponsors: We present Dakota Ryan Berrios for Baptism.

The sponsors, Jere Northridge and Stacy Olenoski, present the candidate for Baptism:

Sponsors: We present Cian Sage Northridge for Baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents, Jesse and Jackie Northridge:

Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized?

Response: We do.

As you present Dakota and Cian for Holy Baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities:

- to bring them to services in God's house
- to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed and the Ten Commandments
- to provide them with the Holy Bible and instruction about it
- to remind them of their Baptism and bring them to the Lord's Supper
- to nurture them in faith, love and compassion

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses the sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Dakota and Cian in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do, with the help of God.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

People of God, do you promise to support Dakota and Cian and to pray for their new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors:

P: I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess, together with your sisters and brothers, the faith of the Church.

Do you renounce the devil, and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I do renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I do renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?

Response: I do renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

P: With the whole church in heaven and earth, let us confess our faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**Response: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Response: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Response: 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 BAPTISM

THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks and praise.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the river of life. You led your people through the river Jordan and called them to life in covenant. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. Send your Holy Spirit into this water and into the baptized. Create us all anew that we may serve this needy world; for we trust in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

BAPTISM

Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Beloved child of God, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C: Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF A CANDLE

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (*Matthew 5:16*)

WELCOME

Through baptism Dakota and Cian have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the Holy and life-giving Spirit.

The Congregation offers a word of welcome:

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and as fellow disciples.

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and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
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LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION MUSIC

“For Everyone Born” Words by Shirley Erena Murray
St. Paul Choir Music by Brian Wren

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.*

Refrain

***And God will delight when we are
creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are
creators of justice, justice and joy!***

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.*

Refrain

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.*

Refrain

***BLESSING**

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