

# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



*The Eighth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

Sunday, July 31, 2022 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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+ *Please Stand*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **We confess that we are in bondage 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.**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

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## Opening Hymn

### On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

- 1 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more;  
oh, let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

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

**C** And also with you.

### The Prayer of The Day

### Birthday Recognitions & The Children's Sermon

### **The First Lesson**

### **Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. <sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

### **Choir Anthem**

### **The Chancel Choir**

### **The Second Lesson**

### **Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.**

**C** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**The Sermon**

**Rev. Peter J. Hartmann**

**The Sermon Hymn**

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!**

- 1       “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”  
          All on earth with angels say;  
          raise your joys and triumphs high;  
          sing, ye heav’ns; and earth, reply.
- 2       Love’s redeeming work is done,  
          fought the fight, the battle won.  
          Lo! The sun’s eclipse is o’er.  
          Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3       Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
          Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
          Death in vain forbids his rise;  
          Christ has opened paradise.
- 4       Lives again our glorious king!  
          Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
          Once he died our souls to save;  
          where thy victory, O grave?
- 5       Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!  
          Praise to thee by both be giv’n.  
          Thee we greet triumphant now;  
          hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6       King of glory, soul of bliss,  
          everlasting life is this:  
          thee to know, thy pow’r to prove,  
          thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

## The Apostles' Creed

+ I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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 Prayers of The Church

### The 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, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Words of Institution & The Communion

### Benediction

**P** The Lord Bless You & Keep You, The Lord Make His Face Shine on  
you and Be Gracious to You, The Lord Look Upon You with Favor,  
and Give You Peace.

**C**

A musical score for the Benediction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff. The first 'Amen' is on a quarter note, the second 'Amen' is on a quarter note, and the third 'Amen' is on a dotted half note. The bass line provides a simple accompaniment with chords and single notes.

## The Closing Hymn

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# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

- 1 Love divine, all loves excellung,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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**P/C** Go In Peace! Serve The Lord! / **Thanks Be To God!**

**The Postlude**



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**We Welcome You to  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...**

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call.

If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time.

All are welcome to partake in The Communion during the service. After The Consecration, come forward as able to receive the Blessing and The Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and then return to your pew to complete the service.

Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates.

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**We Remember in Our Prayers...**

Betty Bacon, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Jean Camp, Chuck Campbell, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, Virginia Huber, Clarke Jones, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Nancy Merk, Anne Mintz, Rita Monson, Lisa & Ricky Neville, Leonora Reid, Kay Robb, Kay Sellman, Bonnie Sessums, Terry Sheldahl, Barbara Tyson, Bart Waller, Melissa Waller, and Stan Woo.

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**Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2021 Offerings**  
\$8,000.00

**Received From Current Offerings Last Week**  
\$5,331.00

**Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home**  
8:30 am - 41    11:00 am - 46    Facebook - 89

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**Our Worship Leaders & Staff...**

**Senior Pastor...** The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann  
**Director of Music & CFO ...** Donald R. Martin, Jr.

**Senior Organist ...** Rebecca T. McClain

**Office Administrator ...** Fran Snipes

**“The Epistle” ...** Betsy Martin

**Facilities Coordinators ...**

Rebecca T. McClain & Richard Wolf

**Facebook Live Broadcasting...** Lisa B. Martin

**Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ...**

Melissa Flummerfelt

**Chancel Choir Tenor Section Leader ...** Carl Lettow

**Chancel Choir Bass Section Leader ...** Anthony Broadnax

**Pre-School Director ...** Gina Johnson

**Assistant Pre-School Director ...** Cynthia Thomas

**Parish Housekeeping ...** April Reilly

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**Our Lectors Today**

8:30 Charlie Schafer 11:00 Chuck McCallar

**July Altar Guild**

8:30 Charlie Schafer & Kim Ambrose

11:00 Becky Truluck

**July Communion Assistants**

8:30 Janet Gnann & Kim Screen

11:00 Mickie Waldhauer & Pat Sparks

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*Flowers on The Altar are Given  
To The Glory of Almighty God &  
In Memory of Elizabeth “Lib” Gnann  
By The Family.*



Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show  
And Silent Auction  
To Benefit  
Lutheran World & Disaster Relief  
& St. Paul's Bereavement Committee  
St. Paul's Craft Group

Sponsored by WELCA

Everyone is invited, Please Come!

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm

*Dinner is FREE*

But a monetary donation

Would be Great!

Reservations can be made by

Signing up in the Narthex or

Call Mary Gail Wolf at (912)657-7049

Hope to see you for

Una grande cena e note di talent

(a great dinner and talent night)

*Amore!*

*YOUR WELCA LADIES*