



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting VI

Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026**

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Old Testament Reading.....	Isaiah 44:6-8
Epistle.....	Romans 8:18-27
Holy Gospel	St. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Servants

Pastor	Rev. Daniel Carlson
Elder of the Month.....	Jon Marlton
Musician	Jane Marquardsen
Reader	Carin Calander
Usher	Jason Theisen
Acolytes	Grace Marxhausen
Altar Guild	Laurie Maurer

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The Lord's Supper

St. Paul's Lutheran Church believes and teaches that the Lord gives us His true body and blood in the bread and wine served in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, "This is My body, this is My blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins," who repent of all sin, and who set aside any refusal to forgive and love others as He forgives.

Individuals who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief differing from this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor, so as to refrain from eating and drinking in an unworthy manner causing harm to themselves.

For further reading, please take a copy of "A Simple Explanation of Fellowship in the Lord's Supper" from the information rack in the Narthex. You can find the information rack near the pastor's office by the front door. Members should use the questions on the back of this bulletin to help prepare to receive. St. Paul's is a Closed Communion congregation.



A Word of Christian Welcome

St. Paul's is "Growing together as God's family!"

What does this mean? It means that we are growing, not only in numbers, but in faith toward God. It means that we are more than a bunch of individuals, but that we are a heavenly family brought together under Christ and making the bold confession of faith to the world.

We are therefore delighted that you have joined us today to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God in the Divine Service where God comes to us by the means of grace to give us mercy, forgiveness, and His Spirit. The Lutheran liturgy might be hard for first-time visitors to our church or to the historic Lutheran church, but don't worry! We are here to help you so that you can take part in the liturgy and hymns without reservation or fear.

The Lord's Supper will most likely be served today. This is also called Holy Communion. We follow our Lord's instructions alone here, and not the opinions of men. Please be sure to read The Lord's Supper statement on the previous page. Visitors, if you did not have a chance to speak to the pastor prior to the service, please take no offence if the pastor does not serve you should you come up to the rail. He will certainly offer a blessing and prayer over you. You should speak to him as quickly as possible after the service.

Regarding children, we LOVE when children attend the service and hope your children participate in the singing and reading of Scripture. If they're a little noisy, it's okay and they're welcome to stay. If you wish, you may take them to the Cry Room at the back of the sanctuary, or to the Nursery room, provided they are supervised. You may also provide them with a children's bag and bulletin, found just outside the sanctuary on the left.

Finally, all are welcome to fellowship after the service to drink some coffee and eat some delicious breakfast treats. Bible Study and Sunday School follow at 10:30.

Today's Theme

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

Opening Hymn

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Exhortation

Proverbs 28:13; Acts 3:19

P Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
C but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

- P** Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Confession of Sins

- P** Gracious Heavenly Father,
G I confess before You and my brothers and sisters that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words and my deeds. I have not been faithful in keeping Your Law and I have squandered the blessings You have provided. I have been unfaithful in studying Your Word and abiding in Your truth. I am a sinner. For Jesus' sake, forgive me of my sins and cleanse me of my iniquity. Lord, I believe. Help me with my unbelief.

Holy Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.
Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,
and they do not set you before them.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

Kyrie

O Lord, have mercy upon us, And in Your pity hear us.
O Christ, have mercy upon us, And in your kindness cheer us.
We cry to You, our Help and Peace:
O Lord have mercy upon us, O Christ have mercy on us.

Gloria In Excelsis

- 1 All glory be to God on high, All heavenly Host this anthem cry:
Holy, holy, Lord most holy
We praise You, Father of all things We bless You, Lord above all kings
You we worship, You we worship
Holy, holy, Lord most holy
All the glory.
- 2 O Lord, Your only blessed Son O Lamb of God, Begotten One
Holy, holy, Lord most holy
The world's sin you take away The world's sin you take away
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.
- 3 You sit triumphantly above The Father's right, ruling in love
Holy, holy, Lord most holy
So to the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, three in one
Angels singing, voices ringing
Lord, come quickly, Lord, come quickly!
Amen, Amen.

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with your spirit.

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6–8

- ⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,

since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord Jesus Christ, the Word become flesh

Eternal life He speaks to the dead

He gave His life to free us from death

Alleluia!

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Response

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

772 In Holy Conversation



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,

And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep-est thoughts we share.
We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.

We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears

And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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Sermon

Offertory

- 1 We bring our gifts before Your throne For You have made our hearts Your home
And cleansing us with love that's true We offer our own lives to You
- 2 In Jesus' name we pray for peace Here in our church, our faith increase
Peace in the world, peace in our street Your peace, please give, in the great feast.

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with your spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts!
C **We lift them up to the Lord!**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C **For it is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Holy, holy, highest holy Lord of Sabaoth, we sing;
Heav'n and earth proclaim Your glory All Your hosts, this song we bring:
Sing hosanna, loud hosanna To the King who comes to die
Loud hosanna to the Savior, Sing to Jesus, Lord most high.

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

- 1 Jesus, Lamb of God, we pray: Take the world's sin away.
Shed Your mercy on us now, Pour Your peace from heav'n down.
Feed us with Your flesh and blood Lamb of God, His only Son.
- 2 Fill our cups to overflow, Lead us through the valley low.
Guide us through the sinful scorns; To the still and peaceful shores.
Be our Shepherd and our Lamp, Spotless Jesus, precious Lamb.

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

Distribution and Distribution Hymns

585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us
2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of
4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,
Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word
of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that

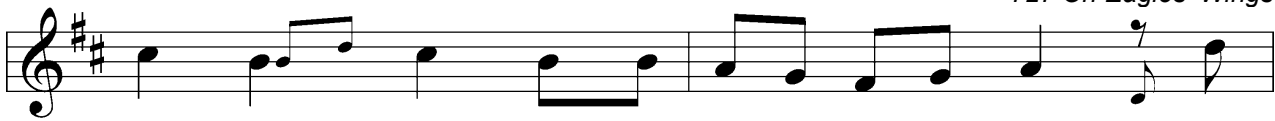


that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.
till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.
of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.
Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

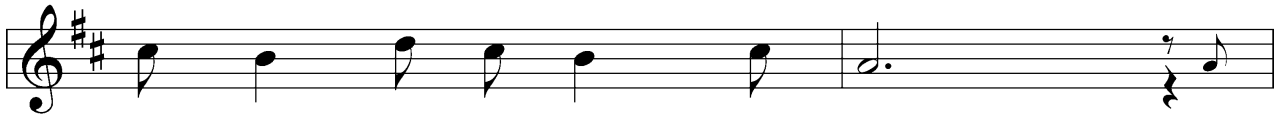
5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
 That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
 Or with some man-made thoughts or things
 Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
 Preserve our faith our whole life through—
 Your Word alone our heart's defense,
 The Church's glorious confidence.

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1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the _____ ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies _____ by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My _____ ref - uge, My _____
 Un - der His wings your _____ ref - uge, His _____
 thou - sands _____ fall a - bout you,
 on their _____ hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock _____ in whom _____ I _____ trust!"
 faith - ful - ness _____ your _____ shield.
 Near you it shall _____ not _____ come.
 dash _____ your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



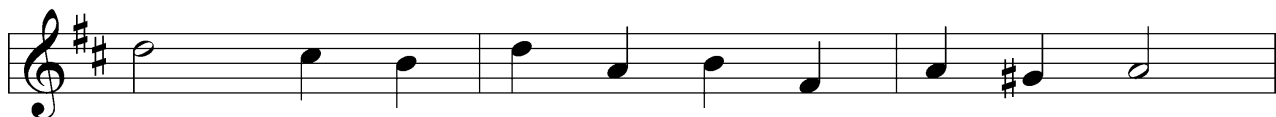
sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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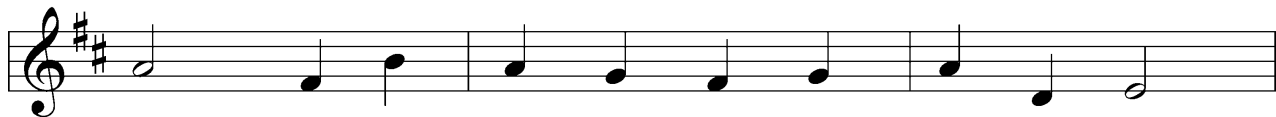
769 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;
Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—
Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.
Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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Nunc Dimittis

- 1 Lord, Your servant goes in peace For Your Word is now complete.
I have seen my Savior's face; His salvation for our race.
- 2 Jesus, light of life and hope, For all people, far and close;
Everyone to whom is sealed, Your salvation is revealed.

3 Glory be to God sublime, To the Father, throned most high,
To the Son, to Jesus Christ, And the Spirit breathing life.

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
G And with your spirit.

Post Communion Collect

Benedicamus

- P** The Service is ended, let us therefore go in peace.
G Thanks be to God!

Benediction

Departing Hymn

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



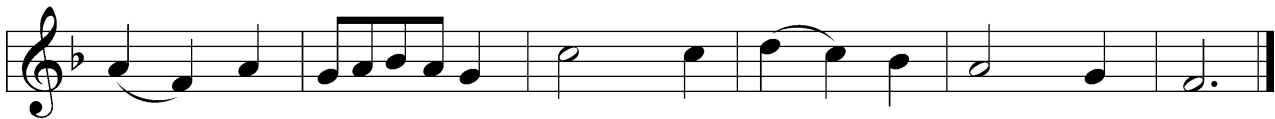
hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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Lord's Supper Preparation

Communicant Members, before receiving the Lord's Supper, please take some time to consider the following questions. According to Scripture, you are to examine yourself first, before receiving this most holy meal. The LCMS is a Closed Communion church body.

- Am I baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit?
- Am I repentant, acknowledging my sins, trusting in the forgiveness of Christ and seeking to amend my sinful ways?
- Do I believe Jesus' true body and true blood are really present in the bread and wine?
- Do I confess the Holy Bible, in its entirety, is the Word of God?
- Do I agree with Luther's Questions and Answers found on page 329 of the hymnal?

If you are struggling with any sins or with the guilt that comes from sin, and if you need to speak to the pastor before you commune, please make an appointment to come for private confession and absolution. Confessed sins cannot be divulged, and private confession and absolution can be a great comfort for the soul in certain situations.

Prayer Requests

Chuck VanDonsel

Susan Lorenz

Ashley Kuntz

Please update prayer requests by leaving a note in the office or using the church app.

When a man's ways please
the Lord,
he makes even his enemies to be
at peace with him.

Proverbs 16:7 (ESV)

If it is possible, as far as it
depends on you, maintain peace
with everyone.

Romans 12:18 (EHV)