

*I was glad when they said to me,  
Let us go to the house of the Lord!*



## **DIVINE SERVICE**

**Setting VI**

**Alleluia. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will  
give you rest. Alleluia.**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5, 2026**

# Hymns

Come unto Me, Ye Weary.....LSB 684  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.....LSB 699  
Be Still, My Soul.....LSB 752  
Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord.....LSB 771  
Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways.....LSB 707  
Eternal Father, Strong to Save.....LSB 717

## Readings

Old Testament Reading.....Zechariah 9:9-12  
Epistle.....Romans 7:14-25a  
Holy Gospel.....St. Matthew 11:25-30

## Servants

Pastor ..... Rev. Daniel Carlson  
Elder of the Month.....Jon Marlton  
Musician .....Sue Drury  
Reader.....Logan Marxhausen  
Usher .....Chad Calander  
Acolytes .....Alexandar Busch  
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.

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## Today's Theme

The secular calendar seems always to try to overshadow the Church Year. The rhythm of the church and her time cycles apart from such holidays. We do not ignore Independence Day weekend and yet we do not allow it to overwhelm the Good News of Christ that transcends all things. Today our Lord contrasts the wisdom of the world with the hidden wisdom of God—something a child can discern by faith. Because our Lord has accomplished all things for us and our salvation, we rejoice in His easy yoke. We wait upon the Lord, putting our trust neither in flesh and blood nor in princes or earthly powers but in Christ alone. This promise of rest in Christ is given not to the few but to all who come heavy laden with sin, guilt, shame, sorrow, and death. No wonder the little child understands! Thanks be to God.

# Opening Hymn

684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary



1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."  
2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."  
3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."  
4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!  
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
O cheer-ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,  
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;  
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.  
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.  
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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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,  
**C** **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

*Psalms 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**  
I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,  
**my God, in whom I trust."**  
Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
**the Most High, who is my refuge—**  
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
**no plague come near your tent.**  
**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.**  
He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

## 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.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 7:14–25a*

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

<sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

<sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**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 11:25–30*

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

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

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Response

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Apostles' Creed

**G** 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

699 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."  
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest-ing place, And He has made me glad.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav-'ling days are done.

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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

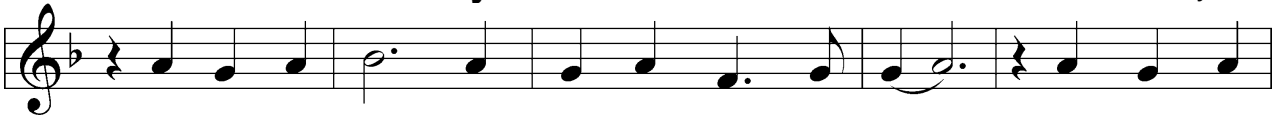
1 Jesus, Lamb of God, we pray: Take the world's sin away.  
Shed Your mercy on us now, Pour Your peace from heav'n down.  
Feed us with Your flesh and blood Lamb of God, His only Son.

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.

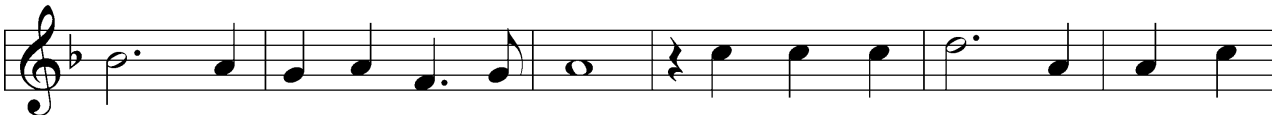
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# Distribution and Distribution Hymns

752 Be Still, My Soul



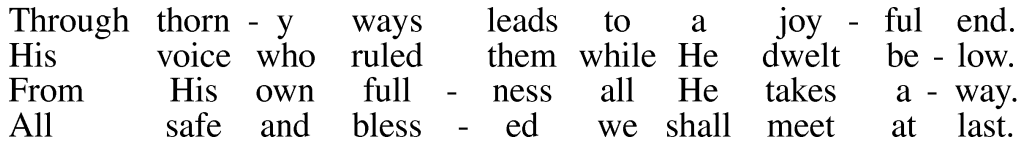
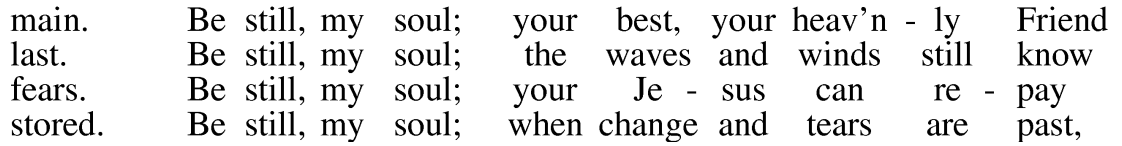
1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the  
3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der  
fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let  
dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His  
be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -  
noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at  
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your  
fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -

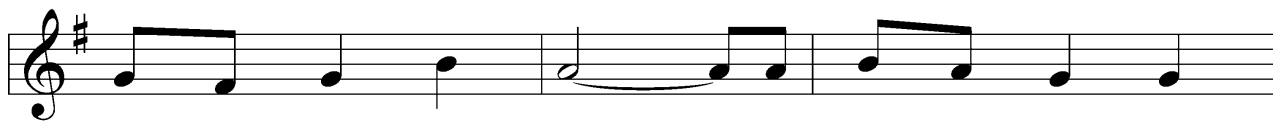


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771 Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord



1 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord, For  
 2 You need not mul - ti - ply your words Nor  
 3 Wait, then, in qui - et con - fi - dence, Your  
 4 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord; On



God is al - ways near. Be - fore your mind is  
 pray with prac - ticed art. Be - yond all speech, God  
 anx - ious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs be -  
 God in pa - tience wait. God's love, un - seen, sur -



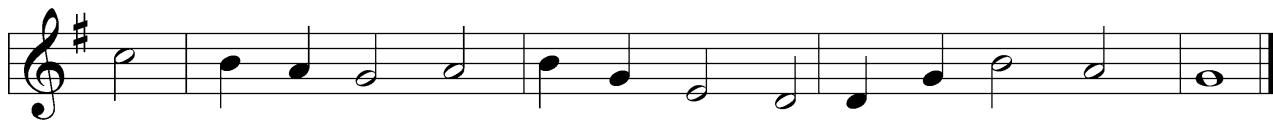
moved to pray, God lis - tens and will hear.  
 un - der - stands The hun - ger of your heart.  
 fore you ask And works for what is best.  
 rounds your life; God's help will not be late.

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707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
 Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.  
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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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.  
**C** And with your spirit.

## Post Communion Collect

## Benedicamus

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

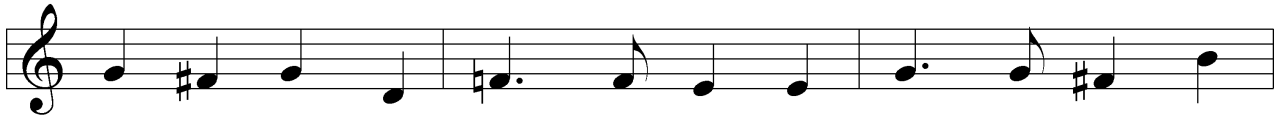
## Benediction

# Departing Hymn

717 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* sts. 1–4



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing  
3 Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And  
dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And  
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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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.

Anyone with an arrogant  
attitude is disgusting to the  
Lord.

Be sure of this: That person will  
not go unpunished.

Proverbs 16:5 (EHV)

Humble yourselves in the sight of  
the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:10 (EHV)