

As you come to Him, the Living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5



**Super Sunday /
150th Anniversary Celebration
September 9, 2018**

As We Gather

In thanksgiving we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, recognizing that this congregation is built on the Living Stone, our Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice to see and participate in the many opportunities for ministry in the present. We reach out with hope and prayer, trusting the promises of God for growth and mission in the years that lie ahead. We welcome you, our members and guests, and pray that you would be blessed this day by God's Word, and join in the unending song of the Church.

Prelude: "Prelude"

Hanna

Processional Hymn: "Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

- P** Almighty God, as we gather to celebrate the anniversary of this congregation, we confess that we have failed to live as Your people. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and we come to You seeking Your forgiveness.
- C We confess that we have too often built our lives on our own desires, and not on Your holy will and Word. 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. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior.**

- P** In His mercy, Almighty God sent His one and only Son to suffer and die on the cross to take the punishment for our sin. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**

Kyrie

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God both here in Osseo and throughout the world, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For this holy house of prayer and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** Help us to praise You today as You desire. Save us from the temptations of this world that hinder Your work and worship. Comfort us in time of trial and defend us from weakness and timidity in our witness.
C Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. God of the Church, Your Word, Your Grace, and the faith You have given to Your children have blessed Saint Paul's Lutheran Church for 150 years. Give to us who are gathered here these gifts in rich measure, that our vision may not be bound by what we are but freed for service according to what we might become by the power of Your Spirit; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
C Amen.

Psalmody (Psalm 150)

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!
C Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!
- P** Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

C Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

P Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

C Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Old Testament Lesson (Isaiah 35:4-7a)

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe. Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell er.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

Epistle Lesson (James 2:1-10, 14-18)

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it...

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LSB 803



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,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



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.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

Gospel Lesson (Mark 7:24-37)

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 7th chapter.

C Praise to You, O Lord.

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.

²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet.

²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your

way; the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

LSB 740



1 I am Je - sus’ lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd’s lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - ’ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

Sermon

Theme: “Two Signs of Christ’s Power”

Text: Mark 7:24-37

Hymn: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LSB 733



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op’ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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.

Offering "Great is the Lord"

Patti

Please Stand

Post Offering Hymn: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun-ties thus As stew-ards true re-ceive



All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad-ly, as Thou bless-est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Presentation of Bibles to our 3rd Graders

P One of the traditions at Saint Paul's is for our 3rd Graders to be presented with their Bibles on Super Sunday. So I ask Ronan Caudill, Tyler Hanson and Clara Higgins to come forward.

Anniversary Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray. Dear loving heavenly Father: Your loving-kindness toward us is especially evident today. We thank and praise You for creating Your Church and for giving life to this congregation through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Hear now our petitions for Jesus' sake as we come to You as Your people.

C Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

P We give You thanks for the blessings You have given to our congregation during these 150 years. We've rejoiced in times of blessed harmony and grieved in times of discord. Forgive us for our lack of faith and fill us with a forgiving love for those within and outside of our fellowship. Send us Your Holy Spirit. Work in our hearts that we may not be obstacles, but channels for the coming of Your kingdom to a lost and evil world.

C Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

P We praise You that we live in a prosperous land blessed by You. This congregation has shared in that prosperity both as individuals and as a fellowship. Give to us the portion of these blessings as You choose, so we may have what we need to do Your will.

C Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

P We pray for each of the members of this church, who are at times attacked by trials and losses. We especially pray for those who are ill and those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially.... Sustain them by Your strength and protection. Preserve all of us from despair and depression caused by the circumstances of our lives. Keep us strong in faith and give us the wisdom of perspective that places all earthly concerns under Your care.

C Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

Petitions included here. Ending with:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all from whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LSB 525



- 1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
- 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

Benediction

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

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

Postlude: "Rigaudon"

Campra