

8th Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Deacon Patsy Glista, Guest Pastor
Mr. Benjamin Baker, Guest Pianist

WELCOME in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to
St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here.

As Christ promises to be in our midst, may he bless you during our time together and throughout the week. If you are a guest, please fill out a welcome card from the pews and put it in the offering plate and sign our Guest Register as you leave.

Please join us in the foyer after service for coffee and fellowship.

To accommodate the needs of those attending service, large print bulletins are available in the back of the sanctuary. The church is also equipped with a hearing loop; to access the loop, use the T-switch on your hearing aid.

Please note:

This service is live streamed. Cameras are all in back and will not see your face. If you wish not to be seen at all, the back half of the sanctuary is out of view of the camera.

Communion bread ingredients (all gluten-free): Water, sourdough (rice flour, water), rice starch, corn starch, agave syrup, psyllium seed husk (vegetable fiber), sunflower oil, modified cellulose, soy protein, yeast, millet flour, citrus fiber, rice flour, sugar, quinoa flour, salt, guar gum, corn flour, honey, calcium citrate, niacin, iron, thiamin, riboflavin.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with The Mutombo Family, Vince Daniele, Todd Owlette, Joani Rainford, Mary Wells, Louis & Priscilla Shuba, Matti Utz, Joanna Kane, Virginia Lane, Jim Sheldon, Luis Alvarado, Ellie Georgi, the family and friends of Karen Beadling following her passing, & military/first responders: Jennifer Foti, Matt Gibbs, Kaelen Klein, Clint Pearson, Justin Powell, Nicholas Robinson, Kelly Voorhees, Paul Voorhees, & Zachary Zeiner.

Announcements:

Today we welcome Deacon Patsy Glista and Benjamin Baker, guest pianist.

Save the Date – Annual Church Picnic: Sunday, September 7th after worship.
Sign-up in the foyer or online.

We are hiring a Child Care Attendant: Our Child Care Attendant will sadly be leaving us after next week. If you know someone who may be a good fit, please reach out to the Church Office.

PRELUDE

Song Without Words, Op. 19, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

The congregation rises.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I 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 humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ 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. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ 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.

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

PSALM 49:1-12

The Psalm will be spoken responsively. Congregation to say the bold parts.

- ¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
- ² **you of high degree and low,
rich and ¹ poor together.**
- ³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- ⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
- ⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- ⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**
- ⁷ One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
- ⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**
- ⁹ in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.
- ¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- ¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation
to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
- ¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Deacon Patsy Glista

*The children are invited to come forward
for a message from the pastor especially for them.*

The congregation rises.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ 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?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Deacon Patsy Glista

The congregation rises.

HYMN OF THE DAY

All My Hope on God is Founded

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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: ... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Final petition: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

The congregation is seated.

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

We hear about the ways we can serve the world through this congregation.

OFFERING

If you would like to give online to support the ministry of the church, please see the neighboring QR code, which takes you directly to our online giving page.



OFFERTORY MUSIC *Meditation on "Meine Hoffnung"*

Baker

The congregation rises following the offering.

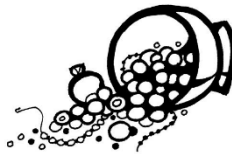
OFFERTORY HYMN *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**



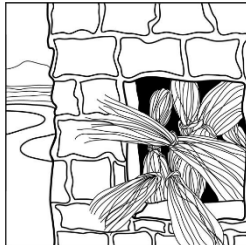
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you, and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion is by invitation of the Lord, and open to all baptized believers who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal.

Those not communing, whether children or adults, may come forward to receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference. We use a pouring chalice; please take an empty glass for wine. White grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses. All the bread is gluten free. We will commune first the pulpit side, then the piano side. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you are unable to approach for communion, inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Down in the River to Pray"

Traditional

The congregation rises following communion.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ now strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray....
Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F major, BWV 928

J.S. Bach

Thank you for worshipping with us this blessed morning!

Thank you to the following:

Acolyte: Nate Alvarado

Communion Setup/Cleanup: Ann Menendez

Usher: Jordan Jackson

Greeters: David & Nadine Wolfe

Lector/Prayers Reader: Elizabeth Conderman

Communion Assistant: Ann Menendez

Altar Linens/Altar Care: Robin Hoagland

Flower Delivery: Robin Hoagland

Food Cupboard: Theo Haynes

Run Livestream: Scott Conderman

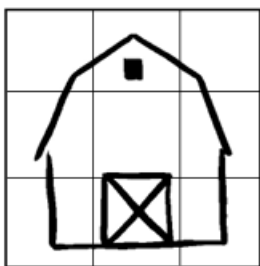


Just for Kids (or kids at heart!)

Giving to others

Luke 12:13-21

The man in today's gospel story wanted to keep all of his grain for himself. He turned a need into a want. We put money into the offering each week to help others who have needs.



Giving to others helps us see that everything is God's.

Copy the lines from each square in the small picture onto the blank grid to make a bigger barn.

