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BRIEF ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: Hymn #438 (Instrumental)

Call to Worship: Sung by Judy McPhail

Please join in where the text is bolded.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven ✙ and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Hymn #660

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in

the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A time of silence follows the reading.

Psalm: Psalm 1

Refrain



Psalm 1:3

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They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law [|] of the LORD,**
and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night. R

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that [|] do not wither;
everything they [|] do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so [|] with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed. R

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Mike Patterson



A time of silence follows the Sermon.

Special Music by the McPhails

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hymn #798

1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"

4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors (*especially Peter Claver, priest and missionary*). Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS ARE BROUGHT FORWARD

OFFERING HYMN: Hymn #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.



OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
Amen.

The table is set for Holy Communion.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.



Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
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

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION HYMN: Setting 10, Page 208

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn #408

- 1 Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness
on us descend.

- 3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.
- 4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

Hymn #464

- 1 Bread of life, our host and meal,
Jesus, feed us.
Christ, by faith, to see and feel,
feed us with your love.
- 2 Bread now break and wine now pour,
Jesus, feed us.
Make us one, our hope restore;
feed us with your love.
- 3 Grant forgiveness in the feast
Jesus, feed us
for the greatest and the least;
feed us with your love.
- 4 Thank you for this gift we share.
Jesus, feed us.
Save God's children everywhere;
feed us with your love.

Hymn #742

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Hymn #542

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.

- 2 My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless joy.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

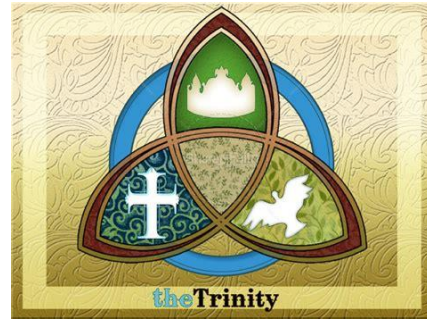
God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.



SENDING SONG: Hymn #543

- 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
 In my love’s baptismal river
 I have made you mine forever.
 Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

- 2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
 here you touched him, saw his glory.
 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
 Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
 Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
 here my tender comfort stilled you.
 Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE: Though the Angry Surges Roll by Daniel B. Towner
(Instrumental)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Greeter – Judy McPhail

Reader – Holly McPhail

Communion Assistant – Vicki Hamilton

Ushers – Dave Harrell and Kim Neiman

Counters – Judy McPhail and Nikki Rohrs

Acolyte – Clay Woslum

Live-streaming Team – Jay Olshen, Nick Cotsonis, and Deanna Fine



September

Brita Steyn

Vicki Hamilton

Musician

Dave Lingenjso

The congregation of
St. Paul's Lutheran Family
would like to thank
Pastor Mike Patterson for being
our guest pastor today.



Budget Goals

To meet our **2022-2023 budget**, we need average unrestricted donations of **\$4,594.00 per week**.

Unfortunately, we are falling short of this goal!

St. Paul's depends on you to continue its ministry and thanks you for your support.

For it is in giving that we receive. St. Francis of Assisi

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If you are interested in using this service, or have any questions, please call Holly McPhail at 775 443-6639.

You may also pick up Thrivent forms at the church office.



Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by
Carol Arneson, Shirley Rickard,
Junell Dudley, and
Charity Sanchez.
Thank you!



*Our thoughts
And prayers
Are with you.*

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Harold Nolte, at home in hospice care, pray for him and his wife Karen and mother-in-law June Bennett-Hansen; Ken Elverum, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Tom, a friend of St. Paul's, lumpectomy (tumor removal surgery); Greg Griffith, vascular surgery; Dave Lingensjo, knee surgery after a bad fall; Denise Muller, upcoming hand surgery; Bob Stroub, a pinched nerve in his shoulder, Audrey Stroub, health issues, Patricia Rickard, mother-in-law of Shirley Rickard, stage-4 lung cancer; Sharon Olshen, surgery; Anna Little, back surgery; Dee Coughlin, a serious injury from a fall; Dick Lowther, a broken hip; Bob Babcock, brother-in-law of Bev Steinert, who has suffered two strokes, and prognosis is not good; Sarah Jevne, a fall that injured her hand; Joan Yeskie, Mike Harrell (Dave and Ellen Harrell's son), COVID-19, son-in-law John Samp, a growth on his skull and spine, and daughter Vicki Ranger who has early-onset dementia; Hannelore Hanke, Glenn Laursen, Edward Yoho, Madelene Yoho, Fern Yoho, Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister), Katherine, cancer (Susie Anderson's sister); and a special prayer for all those living with devastating diseases and life-threatening injuries.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR

Audrey Stroub, Wayne Opperman, Bill Sandell, Frank and Shirley Bartlett, Bev Gutzman, Sandy Danforth, Sarah Jevne, Carol Kalleres, continued health issues, Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues, James Wilson, continued health issues, Mary Ann Adamik, healing, Ellen Harrell, medical issues, Betty Razor, healing, Harold Nolte, Karen (Hone) Nolte, and Diana Johns.

Please pray for the people of Ukraine
and for all those who suffer due to gun violence.





There will be a Worship Life meeting **TODAY** at 10:30 a.m.

Please join us!

WELCA Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 6th at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Vicki Hamilton is the leader of this wonderful group.

Please join us!



Judy McPhail would like to thank Carol Arneson, David Harrell, Jean Opperman, and Jay Olshen for helping her family with the cleanup of the church's back lot.

Thanks also to Bryan, Hope, Syrena, Nathen, Heidi, Holly, Nikki, and Nicholas.

Everyone did a bang-up job in two hours, and Jay kindly took everything to the dump afterwards.

The congregation would also like to thank Junell Dudley and Charity Sanchez for helping keep the church property clean these last couple of weeks.

Kindly open and *read* emails, Constant Contact email blasts, and the newsletter sent from St. Paul's office. And please do reply to an email if a response is required.

Thank you!



You don't want to miss out on important news from St. Paul's. Check your spam folders regularly. Thanks!



Mark Your Calendars Now! **Kiwanis Virtual Blood Drive**

Sierra Nevada Kiwanis would like to invite you to donate blood in the month of September and help be a lifeline to hospital patients in need. Sierra Nevada Kiwanis will be hosting a Virtual Blood Drive **September 12th – 16th** and you can participate by pledging to donate at any Vitalant Blood Drive or fixed site location during this time frame.

To participate and to have your donation credited to this Kiwanis blood drive, follow these simple steps:

1) Pledge to donate blood from September 12th – 16th by filling out the online pledge form below.

https://northeast.vitalant.org/LP=28?drive_code=10053106&division=WEST®ion=RNO

2) Donate at any Vitalant Blood Drive or fixed site location during the above-mentioned time frame.

*Your donation will be tracked to our blood drive using this link and your email address. So, on the day of your donation, be sure to give the technician the same email address you used when pledging.

Thank you!

