

# St. Paul's Lutheran Family, ELCA

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***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP***

**“SERVICE OF THE WORD”**

**ONLINE WORSHIP VIA YOUTUBE**



**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

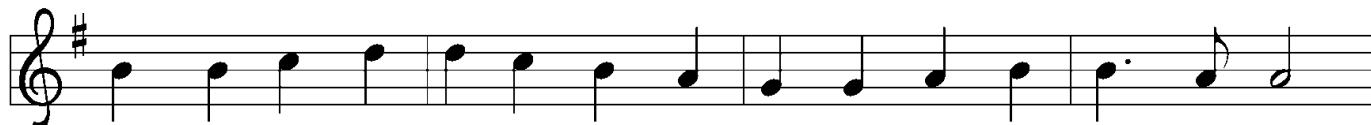
# GATHERING

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

*The congregation is invited to reply in places where the **bold** print appears.*

## PRELUDE: Hymn #836

### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 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,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



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.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,  
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained  
grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.  
For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: Hymn #522

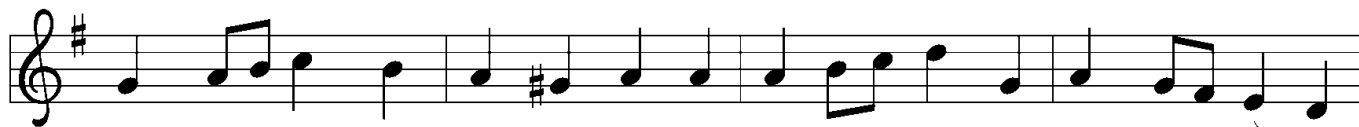
### As We Gather at Your Table



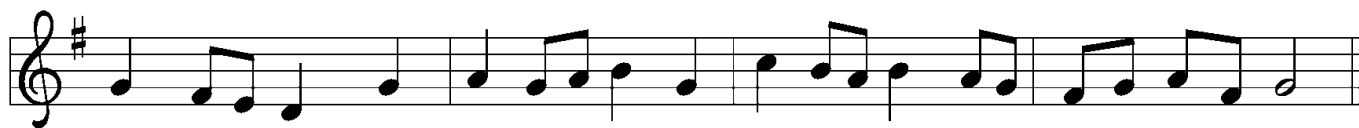
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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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**

Let us pray.

**O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ***WORD***

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11**

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A time of silence follows the reading.*

No psalm this week.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**SERMON** – Rev. Teresita (Tita) Valeriano (Gospel reading and sermon via YouTube)

*A time of silence follows the sermon.*

## SONG OF THE DAY: Hymn #359

### Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community, especially the 'Night Off the Street' warming shelter. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit, *especially* those we now name before you... Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

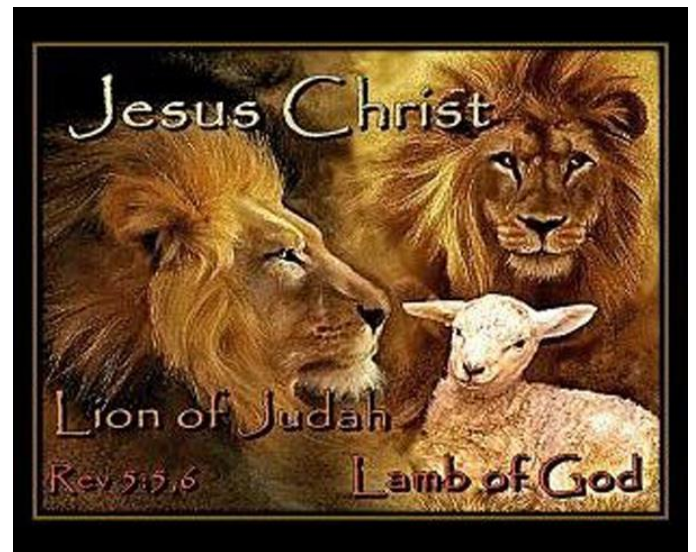
And also with you.



## CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING:

Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.  
Great and wonderful are your deeds,  
O God of the universe;  
just and true are your ways,  
O Ruler of all the nations.  
Who can fail to honor you, Lord,

and sing the glory of your name?  
Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
and blessed is the one  
whose name is the Word of God.  
All praise and thanks to you, holy God!  
Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.



## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

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.**

## ***SENDING***

*God sends us forth in the service of others.*

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### **BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

People of God, we have been given a mission:

**“St. Paul’s Lutheran Family lifts high the cross to proclaim the good news of God’s love to all people.”**

People of God, we have been given a vision:

**“The vision of St. Paul’s Lutheran Family is to seek God’s path for our lives and the life of the church and to compassionately lead, serve, and share Jesus Christ with the community and world.”**

People of God, we have much work to do:

**“For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God”**  
*(Hebrews 3:4)*



## SENDING SONG: Hymn #536

### God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

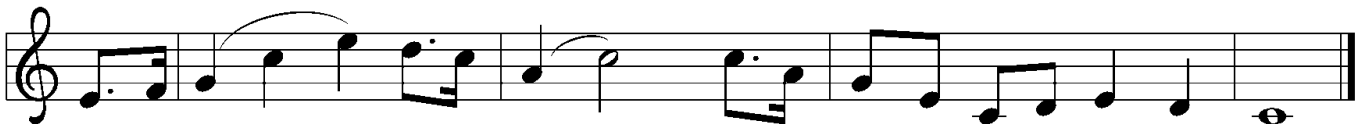


with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

#### *Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE: Instrumental – Beethoven Waltz, No. 1

Dave Lingsjo

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ST. PAUL'S VITAL STATS



### ATTENDANCE

08/01/2020 Drive-in: 19 & 08/09/2020 Drive-in: 35  
08/08/2020 Drive-in: ?? & 08/09/2020 Drive-in: 29  
08/15/2020 Drive-in: 25 & 08/16/2020 Drive-in: 27  
08/22/2020 Drive-in: 18 & 08/23/2020 Drive-in: 20  
08/30/2020 Drive-in: TBA

### OFFERINGS

08/01/2020 & 08/02/2020: \$2,957.00  
08/08/2020 & 08/09/2020: \$3,682.00  
08/15/2020 & 08/16/2020: \$1,910.00  
08/22/2020 & 08/23/2020: \$2,967.17  
08/30/2020: TBA

***All weeks have been short of our needed budget.***

Offering amounts include budgetary receipts.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

To meet our **2019-2020 budget**, we need  
average unrestricted donations of **\$4,719 per week**.

The Simply Giving Program is promoted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
and administered by Vanco Payment Solutions.

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.

**Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry at  
St. Paul's Lutheran Family!**





## SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Raelynn Norman (niece of Judy McPhail)  
 Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson),  
 Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee,  
 Olivia Lesperance, and John Duffy  
 (nephew of Sharon and Tom Gesick)  
 Matthew Russell (nephew of Judy McPhail),  
 and Justin Snowden.



## FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS

Andy Steyn, Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman, Mark Dickens, John Gould, and Jason Wildblood.

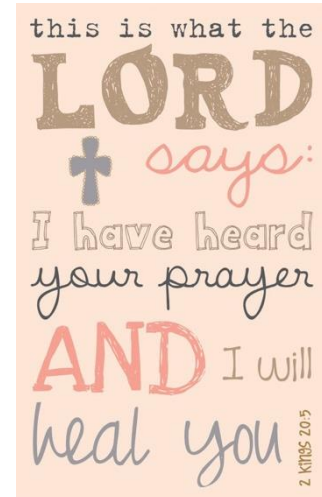
## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Doug Thunder, knee replacement surgery;  
 Wayne Opperman, recovery from hip replacement surgery;  
 Nikki Rohrs, recovery from knee replacement surgery;  
 James Wilson, Hannelore Hanke, Frank Bartlett,  
 Renee Woslum, Glenn Laursen, Edward Yoho,  
 Madelene Yoho, Fern Yoho, Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister), DeWayne Evans,  
 Lynn Gross, Evelyn Luterick, Sarah Jevne, Peggy Truttman, Norman Brewer (Mary  
 DeFelice's brother), Katherine, cancer (Susie Anderson's sister); Holly and Trevis  
 (Requested by Deon Ferguson, a friend of St. Paul's); Ryan Lynch, diagnosed with  
 lymphoma (Godson of Peg and John Bradtke); Richard Bradshaw, cancer (Ruth  
 Fitzgerald's cousin); and a special prayer for all the victims of COVID-19.

***Please pray this pandemic will end soon!***

## CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR

Frank and Shirley Bartlett, Bev Gutzman, and Sandy Danforth, 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; Debbie Revelle, healing from severe heart and lung disease;  
 Maxine Bowton, Harold Nolte, Karen (Hone) Nolte, and Diana Johns.





The members of St. Paul's Lutheran Family  
warmly welcome  
Mr. William Ledford as our guest minister.  
We sincerely appreciate his service to our congregation in  
Pastor Chad's absence.  
Thank you, Mr. Ledford!

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## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN FAMILY CALENDER

### THIS WEEKEND

#### **9/6 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Guest preacher: Sermon and Gospel *via YouTube*

*Rev. Teresita (Tita) Valeriano*, Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM) and Assistant to the Bishop

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujH57tQGEsCKJhKyE8q2Lg>

**NEXT SUNDAY** Pastor Chad will return.

#### **9/13 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujH57tQGEsCKJhKyE8q2Lg>



### **THIS SUNDAY**

Drive-in Worship

**9/6 Mr. William Ledford, Presiding**

9:00 a.m. in St. Paul's parking lot

Greeter – Linda Thronson

Counters – Judy McPhail and Carol Arneson

Reader – TBA



*St. Paul's wishes to thank the officers (Renee Woslum, Sharon Gesick, and Charlotte LaCombe) and the ladies of WELCA for their generous donation of \$500.00 to the church computer fund.*

*We appreciate their kindness ever so much!*

*St. Paul's live streaming will be up and running soon.*



The Northern California and Northern Nevada Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is here for you. Our physical doors may be closed, but our staff is working remotely and continuing to serve our community from our homes to yours. We offer a variety of no cost virtual education presentations, local telephone/video support groups, early stage engagement activities, respite funding, care consultation, information and referral, and our 24/7 helpline. For more information visit [alz.org/nornev](http://alz.org/nornev) or call 1-800-3900.

Help is needed to clean the kitchen, straighten the Luther Room, and give the building a good once over before St. Paul's reopens. We also still need help painting the narthex.

Please contact Jay Olshen ([olshen@charter.net](mailto:olshen@charter.net)) regarding the painting or call the Property Manager Clay Woslum about helping with the cleanup. 775 883-7748

If you wish to be a team leader and organize a cleaning day, please do!



Just as in the past, the LEE Group will host a Flu Shot Clinic at St. Paul's on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (tentatively). This year, it will be a **DRIVE-IN clinic**. Please check future announcements for more information. Many thanks to Vicki Hamilton for arranging this clinic for us.

**Thank you to all those who have supported our church through your offerings and labors during this pandemic.**



Pastor Chad continues his vacation with his husband Tom and the pups Abby and Sebastian.

Pastor Chad returns next week and will conduct the September 13<sup>th</sup> service.



Abby



Sebastian



The kitties Petey and Tippy are staying at Camp Kitty while their dads are away. They've been having a great time!



Tippy



Petey