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### ***BRIEF ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION***

#### **SETTING II**



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 2, 2023**

**SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.**

## **Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Family**

**PRELUDE: Hymn #888, O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (America the Beautiful), Instrumental**

### **GATHERING**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

#### **GATHERING SONG: Hymn #526, God is Here! – Four verses**

- 1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;

here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

(Pg. 120)

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.**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the  
Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

(Pg. 122)

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever.**

**Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has  
begun his reign.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice  
and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome  
your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A time of silence follows the reading.*

### PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

*Refrain*



<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever I will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will pro- I claim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- I lished forever;**

**you have set your faithfulness firmly I in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>I have made a covenant with my I chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to Da- I vid my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your I line forever,**

**and preserve your throne for all I generations.' ” R**



<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily | in your name;**

**they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory | of their strength,  
and by your favor our might | is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy | One of Israel. R**



## SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your

members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GOSPEL (Pg. 124)**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

(The gospel is proclaimed, concluding...)

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON — Pastor Mike Patterson**

#### **HYMN of the DAY: Hymn #641, All Are Welcome! — Five Verses**

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

#### *Refrain*

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

*Refrain*

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

*Refrain*

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

*Refrain*

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.



Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

*Refrain*

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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**

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. For (*local bodies of water and...*) all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and all nations. For (*national elected leaders and...*) presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill (*especially...*). For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for (*names and...*) all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in service to the Lord at St. Peter's Episcopal Church and New Destiny Praise Chapel. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of that peace.

### **OFFERING HYMN: Hymn #182, Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

### **OFFERING**

Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to stand  
and to give thanks.  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your heart.

**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 at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise.

(The minister continues with the preface of the day.)

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Pg. 130)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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 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.

And now we are bold to 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Come to the banquet for all is ready and all belong and are welcome to Christ's table.

(We practice open Communion with both bread, gluten free wafer, wine, or grape juice.)

(Lamb of God Will Be Sung, Pg. 135)

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION – Communion Hymns**

### **Hymn #756, Eternal Father, Strong to Save – Four verses**

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:

oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

### **Hymn #518, We Eat the Bread of Teaching – Three verses**

#### *Refrain*

We eat the bread of teaching,  
drink wine of wisdom,  
are given here a taste of the kingdom.  
Together joined, the greatest and the least,  
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

- 1 Wisdom calls throughout the city,  
knows our hunger, and in pity  
gives her loving invitation  
to the banquet of salvation. *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

We eat the bread of teaching,  
drink wine of wisdom,  
are given here a taste of the kingdom.  
Together joined, the greatest and the least,  
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

- 2 Simple ones whose hearts are yearning,  
come and gain from Wisdom's learning;  
bread and wine she is preparing,  
know her loving in the sharing. *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

We eat the bread of teaching,  
drink wine of wisdom,

are given here a taste of the kingdom.  
Together joined, the greatest and the least,  
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

- 3 Enter with delight and singing,  
for her richness now is bringing  
us this joyful celebration;  
eat and drink in jubilation. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

We eat the bread of teaching,  
drink wine of wisdom,  
are given here a taste of the kingdom.  
Together joined, the greatest and the least,  
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

**Hymn #479, We Come to the Hungry Feast – Three verses**

- 1 We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied  
the love of God is not denied.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 2 We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a world released  
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,  
the poor in body, poor in mind.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 3 We come to the hungry feast  
hungry that the hunger cease,  
and knowing, though we eat our fill,  
the hunger will stay with us; still  
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Call Committee Meeting**

After the worship service on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, the Call Committee will have another call committee conversation.

There will be a Coffee Hour combined with finalization of congregational input for inclusion in the report to the Synod.

As promised, the results of the prior surveys will be made available before the meeting.

Please join us to ensure that your voices are heard by the Synod.

Thank you!





**SENDING SONG: Hymn #890, Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Battle Hymn of the Republic) – Three verses**

- 1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

*Refrain*

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

- 2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

- 3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

**POSTLUDE: God Bless America by Irving Berlin, Instrumental**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**See you next week!**

**Worship Volunteers**

Greeter – Judy McPhail

Reader – Linda Wilson

Communion Assistant – Louise Griffith

Ushers – Dave Harrell and TBA

Counters – Nikki Rohrs and Judy McPhail

Acolytes – Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolyte – TBA

Live-streaming Assistant – Nick Cotsonis

Musician – Dave Lingensjo

**Altar Guild:** Traci Angel and Nakita Jones

**Church Attendance Stats:** Sunday, June 25, 2023; 46-adults; 0-children; 0-online

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Shirley Rickard, shoulder surgery; Terry O'Donnell, a friend of Dick Lowther's, diagnosed with leukemia; Sharon Gesick, shoulder surgery; Judy McPhail, surgery; Denise Muller; Doug and Pat Thunder; Jay Olshen, recovering from a severely fractured ankle; Beverly and Grant, friends of Susan Bunker-Niles, Grant suffered a stroke; Vera Logie; Tom, a friend of St. Paul's; Joan Yeskie; Glenn Laursen; Edward Yoho; Madelene Yoho; Fern Yoho; Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister); and a special prayer for all those living with devastating diseases and life-threatening injuries.

**CONTINUING PRAYERS**

Jim Kennett; Audrey Stroub; Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues; Bob Stroub; Wayne Opperman; Bill Sandell; Frank and Shirley Bartlett; Carol Kalleres, continued health issues; James Wilson, continued health issues; Mary Ann Adamik, healing; Ellen Harrell, medical issues; Betty Razor, healing; Karen (Hone) Nolte; Hannelore Hanke; and Diana Johns.