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### **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP**

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



**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 25, 2023**

**9:00 A.M. OUTDOOR SERVICE**

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

**PRELUDE: Hymn #325, I Want Jesus to Walk with Me,  
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 #796, How Firm a Foundation – Four verses**

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

(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.

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to  
heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to  
labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing  
that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **WORD OF GOD**

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!"  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

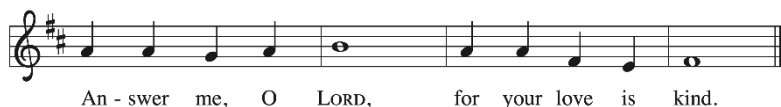
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A time of silence follows the reading.*

## PSALM: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

### Refrain

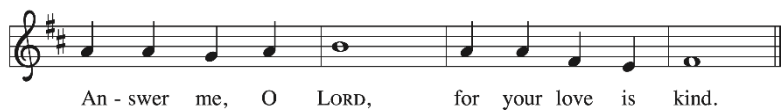


<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,  
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,  
an alien to my | mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon  
me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled my- | self with fasting,  
but that was turned to | my reproach. R**



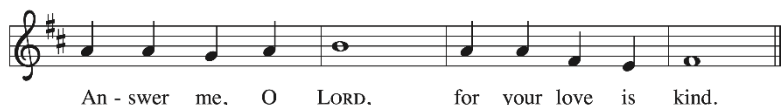
<sup>11</sup>I put on | sackcloth also,  
and became a by- | word among them.

<sup>12</sup>**Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,  
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you  
have | set, O LORD:

“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your  
un- | failing help.

<sup>14</sup>**Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out  
of | the deep waters. R**



<sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;

do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup>**Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;  
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face | from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

<sup>18</sup>**Draw near to me | and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de- | liver me. R**



## **SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11**

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

(The gospel is proclaimed, concluding...)



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

**SERMON — Pastor Mike Patterson**

**HYMN of the DAY: Hymn #856. How Great Thou Art —  
Four verses**

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"  
*Refrain*

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

**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.*

You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis (*especially...*). Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle (*especially...*). Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for (*Philipp Melancthon and...*) all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in service to the Lord at Redemption Assembly of God Church and Gospel Light Baptist Church. 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 #398, Holy Spirit, Truth Divine** **Five verses**

- 1 Holy Spirit, truth divine,  
dawn upon this soul of mine;  
breath of God and inward light,  
wake my spirit, clear my sight.
- 2 Holy Spirit, love divine,  
glow within this heart of mine;  
kindle ev'ry high desire;  
purge me with your holy fire.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
fortify this will of mine;  
by your will I strongly live,  
bravely bear, and nobly strive.

- 4 Holy Spirit, peace divine,  
still this restless heart of mine;  
speak to calm this tossing sea,  
stayed in your tranquility.
- 5 Holy Spirit, right divine,  
king within my conscience reign;  
be my guide, and I shall be  
firmly bound, forever free.

## **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.**

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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 #469, By Your Hand You Feed Your People – Three verses**

- 1 By your hand you feed your people,  
food of angels, heaven's bread.  
For these gifts we did not labor,  
by your grace have we been fed:

#### *Refrain*

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,  
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,  
given as a living token  
of your world redeemed, restored.

- 2 In this meal we taste your sweetness,  
bread for hunger, wine of peace.  
Holy word and holy wisdom  
satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,  
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,  
given as a living token  
of your world redeemed, restored.

- 3 Send us now with faith and courage  
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.  
In our living and our dying,  
we become what we receive: *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,  
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,  
given as a living token  
of your world redeemed, restored.

**Hymn #464, Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal – Four verses**

- 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 #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.

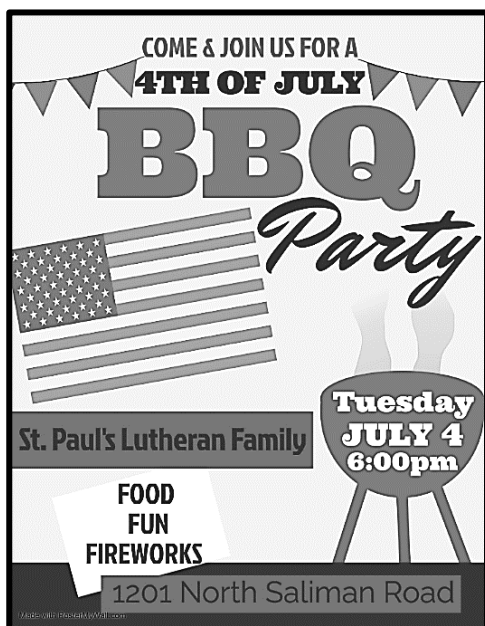
There will be a Coffee Hour combined with finalization of congregational input for inclusion in the report to the Synod.

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!

Mark your calendars!



**SENDING SONG: Hymn #537, On Our Way Rejoicing – Both verses**

- 1 On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?

*Refrain*

On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!

**POSTLUDE: Let's Just Praise the Lord by William J. Gaither, Instrumental**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**See you next week!**

**Worship Volunteers**

Greeter – Ruth Fitzgerald

Reader – Dorothea Phelan

Communion Assistant – Hope Chowanski

Ushers – Dave Harrell and Kim Neiman

Counters – Mary DeFelice and Dave Harrell

Acolytes – Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolyte – TBA

Live-streaming Assistant – Nick Cotsonis

Musician – Dave Lingsjo

**Altar Guild:** Mary DeFelice and Lorayn Walser

**Church Attendance Stats:** Sunday, June 18, 2023;  
40 adults; 0-children; 7-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, 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; 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, early-onset dementia; 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.

*We grieve with Shirley Rickard and family  
on the loss of her mother-in-law Patricia Rickard.  
May Patricia's memory be a blessing!*

