

Sunday & Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## ON HEAVENLY TREASURE



**ST. PAUL**  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES



# ST. PAUL

---

## LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

*As Christians united in common faith, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to nurture believers and bring the lost to faith in Jesus through God's Holy Word and Sacraments.*

### **Welcome!**

- Restrooms are in the church basement located just at the bottom of the front stairs. Changing tables are available to parents.
  - An elevator is available on the north side of the church entrance.
  - The basement is available to parents needing to quiet small children. The area is equipped with closed circuit TV.
  - Out of respect for all who worship today, please silence all electronic devices.
  - Children's Activity Bags are available in the narthex. Please return them to the 'used' bin after service.
-

## ON HEAVENLY TREASURE

*Last week Jesus warned us against overvaluing earthly wealth. This week Jesus warns against undervaluing heavenly treasure. Last week, Jesus exposed the folly of greed. This week, Jesus exposes the folly of worry, even when faced with the prospect of having a seeming shortage of resources. This week might be the bigger challenge! When it seems we lack providence or protection for our daily lives, it can be hard to avoid worry. So, Jesus asks us to give our undivided attention to him, that he might take our worries away. Jesus points to creatures that do not labor or toil yet eat every day. Even more, Jesus points to our Father who promises to give us the heavenly treasures of his kingdom. Jesus assures us that our Father will throw in any needed earthly possessions as well. We can rest from our worries, confident that our loving Father knows all we need.*

---

Service Setting 2, CW p. 172

### Children of the Heavenly Father

CW 502

*Stand*

#### Invocation

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

#### Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

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.

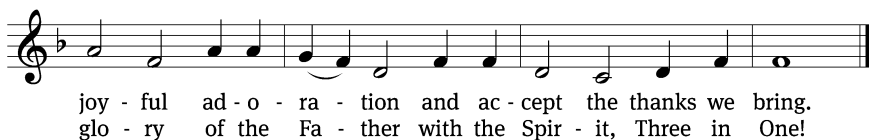
**Amen.**

## Gloria

*Tune: BEACH SPRING*

CW 1003

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en, peace to those he loves so  
2 On-ly Son of God the Fa-ther, Lamb who takes our sin a -  
well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his  
way, now with him in tri-umph seat - ed - for your  
grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your  
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and  
glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav-en's King; hear our  
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the



Text: Michael A. Perry

Tune: The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

Text: © 1982 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 703831

Tune: Public domain

## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

*In faith, Abram treasured all the LORD's gracious promises.*

<sup>1</sup>After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,  
your very great reward.”

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

<sup>6</sup>Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as  
righteousness.

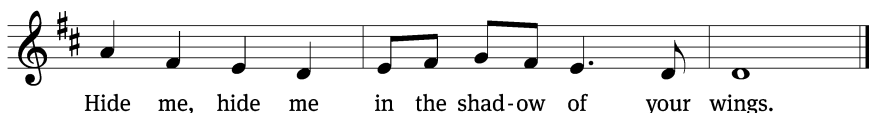
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye

Psalm 121D

*Refrain*



*Tone*



I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—  
where does my help / come from?

My help comes / from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- / en and earth.

He will not let your / foot slip—

he who watches over you will not / slumber;

indeed, he who watches over / Israel

will neither slum- / ber nor sleep. *Refrain*

The LORD watches / over you—

the LORD is your shade at / your right hand;

the sun will not harm / you by day,

nor the / moon by night.

The LORD will keep you / from all harm—

he will watch o- / ver your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and / going

both now and for- / evermore.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

Tune: Jane Marshall

Tune: © 1986 Choristers Guild. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 703831

Setting: © 1993 Kermit G. Moldenhauer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 703831

## **Second Reading**

*Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16*

*The gift of faith allows us to see the treasure that is found in the city whose architect and builder is God.*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup>And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup>People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

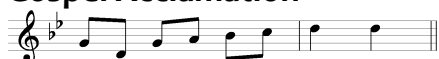
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 12:32





heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Where Your Treasure Is**

CW 828

### **Sermon**

**Pastor Matt Holtz**

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **Prayer of the Church** *(Congregational response is bold.)*

*Several prayers and petitions will be made. Each ends:*

**Our help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.**

*Silent prayer.*

Heavenly Father, in your mercy you provide food and drink for the nourishment of our weak bodies. Calm our worries and erase our doubts. Grant, good Lord, that as we receive all we need for body and life, we also receive nourishment for our souls from him who is the Bread and Water of life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Text: Reprinted from Praying with the Readings: ... Year C, copyright © 2021, 2023 Paul C. Stratman. Used with permission.

## Offering

### I'm But a Stranger Here

CW 853

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Amazing Grace

CW 576

---

#### **Acknowledgments**

Setting Two from Christian Worship

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®, Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Liturgical and musical settings of Scripture based on text from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®, Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House.

Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.

---

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

Preacher: Matt Holtz

Presiding Minister: Matt Holtz

Accompanist: Nancy Zander

### **Service Teams:**

8:00 a.m.      Team Woehler; AV: R. Volhard

9:30 a.m.      Team Blob; AV: T. Luehring

6:00 p.m.      Team Hoh

# Welcome

**In an age of anxiety** we still believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**In an age of confusion** we still believe that the Bible is the word of God, inerrant and infallible.

**In an age of doubt** we still believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

**In an age of guilt** we still believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, bringing complete pardon and joy to all believers.

**In an age of reason** we still believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

**In an age of change** we still believe in one unchanging God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

Scan the QR code below for access to the Church Center App.



## **St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church**

302 N. Morrison St.  
Appleton, WI 54911

### **Admin Offices**

920-733-9061

### **Coordinating Pastor**

**Matt Holtz**

970-576-1154

[mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com)

### **Associate Pastor**

**Justin Shrum**

920-512-4318

[jshrum@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:jshrum@stpaulappletonwi.com)

### **Visitation Pastor**

**Philip Birner**

920-414-2040

[pmbirner@gmail.com](mailto:pmbirner@gmail.com)

### **School Principal**

**Jason Kelley**

920-733-9061

[jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com)

### **ECC Director**

**Candace Schulz**

920-733-9061

[cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com)

**Worship Broadcast at 8:00 on WNAM  
radio, 1280 AM**

**Videos of our service today can be  
found on our YouTube page or our  
website:**

[www.stpaulappletonwi.com](http://www.stpaulappletonwi.com)