



“Mary & Martha”

JULY 20TH, 2025

THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / PROPER 11C

9AM SERVICE

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✠ Divine Service Setting One ✠

Opening Hymn Sit “Thy Strong Word” (verses 1, 2, 5 & 6 only)

#578

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| 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end! | 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end! |
| 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing
breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end! | △ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity! |

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✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Invocation (Stand)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel / Sit

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit (*Stand*)

Psalm 119: 57-60, 64; antiphon: v. 105

- P** Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.
C The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words.
P I entreat your favor with all my heart;
C be gracious to me according to your promise.
P When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;
C I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.
P The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Kyrie (*Cantor / Sung – Congregation*)

LSB 152

- A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
A 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.
C Lord, have mercy.
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

Glory in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest (*Sung – Congregation*)

LSB 154

- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C Lord God, heav-enly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

- P** The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament *(Sit)*

Genesis 18: 1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them ³and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 1: 21-29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Paul's Ministry to the Church

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (*sung*)

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10: 38-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Martha and Mary

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

The Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to
the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn: "Beautiful Savior" #537

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Announcements

Sharing of God's Peace

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Offerings may also be dropped off at the office or mailed, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at www.stpauloaklawn.org. For information about regular electronic giving, please call the church office.*

Offertory Hymn "Let there be Peace on Earth"

1. Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father,
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

2. Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

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A word about the Sacrament of the Altar...

We believe Jesus' own words that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are indeed His true Body and Blood and not just a representation of them. We also acknowledge St. Paul's instruction to the Church at Corinth that it is harmful for anyone to receive the Sacrament without recognizing the real presence of His Body and Blood. Because of this, in Christian love we ask anyone who does not understand these truths to please refrain from receiving the Sacrament until you've spoken with the pastor. (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-30)

✠ The Sacrament of the Altar ✠

Preface (Spoken)

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A-men.

✠ Distribution of the Sacrament ✠

Sit

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

#637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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“Christ Be My Leader”

#861

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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Stand

Communion Blessing

LSB 164

P The true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Thank the Lord *(sung)*

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and
proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His promis-es and leads His
peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (verses 1 & 4 only)

#685

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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Postlude

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Announcements:

7/20 Sunday – 10:30am – Bible Class / Last Day for School Supply Donations...

7/23 Wednesday – 2 to 4:00pm – Food Pantry Day

Bible Class will continue this morning in the Timothy Room, following the service.

Grab something to eat & drink – then please join us!

We will again support the **Worth Township Apple Tree project**; this event supports children of families facing financial difficulties by supplying them with school supplies for the new school year. **Please donate your school supplies and place them in the FIA box in the narthex.** Worth Township will be distributing 300 backpacks early in the fall, so we need your help. This project seems to come very quickly after the summer, so we are beginning our collection in July and **continuing to collect through July 20th.** We will be distributing a flyer soon, but any basic school supplies are appreciated. **We will deliver these items to Worth Township by MONDAY, July 21st.** Thank you so much for your help.

The **Sign-up Sheet** for our fun-filled, action-packed **Parking Lot Party** on **SATURDAY, August 23rd**, is posted on the counter area, just outside the Church Office, for those interested in volunteering to help out. -We appreciate your support!

The **Luther South High School Class of 1970** will have their **Reunion** on **SATURDAY, September 13th** at **Coach's Corner in Willow Springs.** For further details, please contact **Sandra (Gates) Pauly** at **630-975-7606.** Please pass the word along to family or friends you may know from this class. -Thank you.

Service Video, Bulletin, and Newsletter can be found on our website, www.stpauloaklawn.org. For more info., please contact the church office.

Remembering our homebound friends is a caring ministry of St. Paul meant to help us stay in touch with our members who aren't able to be with us for worship. Please remember them in your prayers. You may also like to send a note or a card. This week our homebound friend is Lorraine Moses, 5236 S. Christiana Avenue, Chicago, IL 60632.

**7-20-2025 Please let the church office know when your need
for our congregational prayers is over. (708) 423-1040**

**These people *urgently*
need our prayers**

*Sandy Barry
George Oberg
Elaine Lebron
Barbara Prendergast
Sarah Weber
Betty Larson
Jeanette Loeber
Bobbie Austin*

**Please also pray for
these members of our
St. Paul family**

Betty Beegle
Vic & Marty Both
Jan Briede
Delphine Cherry
Doris Cyga
Loretta Frank
Jennifer Garcia
Arthur Gerth
Amanda Greene
June Hagberg
Kevin Hickey
Roy Hodgeman
Herta Iversen
Graham Jackson
Janice Janiszewski
Flora Jones
Robert Kaczmarek
Ron Klingensmith
Betty Kruckow
Jan Leise
Ingrid Lesko
Bob Marcinkowski
Gloria Meyer
Carol Miller
Warren Miller
Dorothy Pavella

Rich & Jan Przybycien
David Purdy
Rosa Richardson
Lori (Freeze) Safstrom
Dawn Schumann
Kurt Seehofer
Beverly Sellers
Norma Silinski
Carol Small
Melva Smith
Delores Stegemann
Bill Volk
Susan E Volk
Wayne Volk

**Please pray for these
friends and family of
our members:**

Lisa Anglin
Barbara Apt
Devon Abt
Carrie Aspan
Lance Barrientos
Cathy Becker
Sue Berg
LeRoy Bitner
Henry Bonder
Sharon Bryant
Selma Carmichel
Frank Coglinase
Judy Collins
Mike Cyganiewicz
Steve Czerniejewski
John Darge
Dana DeAngelis
Rudy DeAngelis
Bridget & Nick DeAngelo
Shirley Demyres

George Dodaro, Sr.
Tom Domogal
Shirley Fairchild
Justin & Ashley Fasel
Diane Fauser
Emily Feehan
Tristan Ferry
Gloria Folsom
David Franzone
Tom Groh
Jerry Gross
Ted Gross
Donald Hakanson
Shawn Harland
Charley Heitz
Amanda Hermansen
Ann Herold
Phyllis Hicks
Elaine Hoffstetter
Doreen Holford
Carl Hoppe
Vern Howe
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Kyle Hughes
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Carol Milazzo
Marie Miller
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Pam Palhegyi
Patricia Paulsen
Jorene Pierzga
Sandy Plath
Jackie Plichta
Barb Potter
Guillermo Ramirez
Raquel Rameriz
Kimberly Rooney
Sophia Salus
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Rhonda Scott
Allyson Seehofer
Linda Shuman
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Kim Skelton
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Janet Trierweiler
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Vicki Warren
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