

THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 21, 2024

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Prelude:

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty” – F. Zipp

Introduction by Elder

✠ Divine Service Setting Four ✠

Stand

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

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| 1 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration! | 4 | Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you. |
| 2 | Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining? | 5 | Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him! |
| 3 | Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you. | | |

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✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Invocation

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

We pause in silence to remember our sins before our gracious Heavenly Father...

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Ps. 147:7–11; antiphon: Ps. 145:16

You open | your hand;*

you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*

make melody to our God | on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;*

he makes grass grow | on the hills.

He gives to the | beasts their food,*

and to the young ravens | that cry.

His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*

nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*

in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

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.

You open | your hand;*

you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

Kyrie

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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| <p>1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.</p> <p>2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.</p> | <p>Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—</p> <p>3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.</p> |
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Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all

Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:1–6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD.
²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.
⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise by Congregation

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

#789

1	Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good: Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.		Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.
2	Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed.	3	Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care.

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Epistle

Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—
¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (*sung*)

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C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:30–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and

gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all.
⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

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.

Sit

Sermon Hymn

“All Depends on Our Possessing”

#732

1 All depends on our possessing
God’s abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.

2 He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me
Will remain my help divine.

3 Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

4 When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope anew my heart will quicken;
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender,
For on God alone I build.

Sermon

Offertory Hymn

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread”

#625

1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
May I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed,
In hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,
And, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me Your grace and mercy.

2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,
To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide,
Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,
Refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.

3 O bread of heav’n, my soul’s delight,
For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight
In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me
That I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.

4 I do not merit favor, Lord,
My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart’s discord,
O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me
That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

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Prayer of the Church

P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look with favor upon Your servants. Assure them of Your mercy, deliver them from the temptations of the evil one, and give them patience and comfort in their illness. If it please You, restore them to health, or give them grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

Lord's Prayer

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P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Benediction

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P The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

#711

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| 1 | Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours. | Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray. | |
| 2 | We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, | 4 | Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still
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Postlude

“Postlude in D Major”

J. Dandrieu



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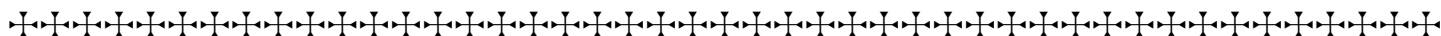
Vocalist: Sue Marcinkowski

Lector: Sunday: David Witkosky

Altar Care: Cheryl Horan

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.

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Wednesday Evening Worship Service: will be held at 6pm in the airconditioned Timothy Room. Please enter through the outside Timothy Room door directly into the worship area. Watch for more information regarding further Wednesday evening services

Bible Study Opportunities: Friday evenings at 6:30 pm with Curtis Simonson where we will continue with Season 4 of "The Chosen" series, and Sunday Mornings at 10:30am after worship. Both studies are in the St Timothy Room – All are welcome to join us!

A Summer Bereavement Support Group, hosted by OSF Little Company of Mary Hospice, will be held from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 Oxford Ave. in Chicago Ridge on 6 consecutive Wednesdays from July 10th through August 14th. To register, please call Jessica at 708-229-6913

Faith In Action -Social Ministry Group is still collecting school supplies for the children of Worth Township who are in need. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex. FIA-Social Ministry will deliver St. Paul's donations during the first week in August. We thank you so much for your support! A list of suggested supplies is available on the table in the narthex, and on the back of this bulletin.

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

Sandy Barry
Steve Czerniejewski
George Oberg
Regina Nordquist
Karen Bidus
Jan Leise
Dawn Schumann
Bob Marcinkowski
Jennifer Garcia
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Loretta Frank.
Barbara Prendergast
Nancy Bundley
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**Please pray for these
friends and family of
our members:**

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School Supply Collection for Worth Township:



- 2 Pencils (black lead)
- Mechanical Pencils
- Large pink pencil erasers
 - Pencil Sharpeners
- Red, Blue, and Black Pens
- Erasable Pens (red, blue, and black)
 - Pen ink erasers
- 12" Ruler (in inches and centimeters) (plastic or wooden)
 - Colored Pencils
- Crayola Crayons box of 12, 16, 24, 48, or 64
- Crayola Thin and Wide Washable Markers
 - Elmer's White School Glue
 - 4 oz bottle
- Fiskar scissors (both right and left handed)
 - Glue Sticks (large and small)
- Laminated pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green, orange, black, white)
- Regular pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green, orange, black, white)
- Loose leaf notebook paper (wide rule)
- Spiral notebooks (wide rule 1 subject, 3 subject, 5 subject)
 - Compasses
 - School bag/backpack
 - Binders (all sizes)
 - Calculators
 - Black Sharpie Markers
- Index Cards (small and large)
 - Cloth Pencil case
 - Plastic school boxes
 - Protractors
 - Clorox Wipes
 - Paper Towels
- Large box Kleenex (350 count)
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- Gallon size zip lock bags
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 - Dry erase markers