



7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 24, 2022

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## As We Gather

The Lord not only teaches us what to pray for but also how to pray. With the words of the Lord's Prayer, we are directed in confidence to the Lord. When doubts arise, we are reminded of how earthly fathers give good gifts to their children and are encouraged to believe that God will do so even more for us, because of our Savior Jesus Christ. It can be tempting to think of ourselves as the center of our prayers instead of our Creator God who graciously invites us to pray and promises to hear and answer us. Today we are encouraged to learn from Jesus and to pray in His name to the Father, trusting that He will give us all good things and all things needful because of our Savior Jesus Christ.

## Prelude

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

S. Wente

## Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

#905

1 Come, Thou almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

3 Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness  
On us descend.

△4 To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.

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## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** Who made heaven and earth.

**L** 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.

**L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise 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.

*We pause to remember our sins and our need for a Savior...*

**L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ WORD ✠

### Introit

*Ps. 119:145–149; antiphon: Ps. 50:15*

**L** Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

**C** **With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord! I will keep your statutes.**

**L** I call to you; save me, that I may observe your testimonies.

**C** **I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words.**

**L** My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise.

**C** **Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; O Lord, according to your justice give me life.**

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**C** **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.**

### Prayer of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**L** Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit, teach us how to pray, so that our petitions may be pleasing before You; 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 Reading

✠ Abraham Intercedes for Sodom ✠

*Genesis 18:20-33*

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."

<sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

✠ Alive in Christ ✠

*Colossians 2:6-19*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. <sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Anthem of Praise Solo

"Knock, Knock"

B. Pulkingham

### Holy Gospel

✠ The Lord's Prayer ✠

*Luke 11:1-13*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

<sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## ✠ Confession of Faith ✠

*Nicene Creed*

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

"Come, My Soul, with Every Care"

#779 sts. 1-4 & 6

1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,  
Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He Himself has bid thee pray,  
Therefore will not turn away.

2 Thou art coming to a King,  
Large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and pow'r are such  
None can ever ask too much.

3 With my burden I begin:  
Lord, remove this load of sin;

Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,  
Set my conscience free from guilt.

4 Lord, Thy rest to me impart,  
Take possession of my heart;  
There Thy blood-bought right maintain  
And without a rival reign.

6 Show me what is mine to do;  
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith;  
Let me die Thy people's death.

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### Sermon

## Offertory Hymn

“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

#737 sts. 1-3, 6-7

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| 1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,<br>A cheerful trust maintain;<br>For God, the source of ev'rything,<br>Your portion shall remain.   | On your Creator cast your care;<br>He makes your burdens light.   |
| 2 He is your treasure, He your joy,<br>Your life and light and Lord,<br>Your counselor when doubts annoy,<br>Your shield and great reward. | 6 His wisdom never plans in vain<br>Nor falters nor mistakes.<br>All that His counsels may ordain<br>A blessed ending makes.                  |
| 3 Why spend the day in blank despair,<br>In restless thought the night?  | 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,<br>And trust His guiding love;<br>Then like a rock your peace shall stand<br>Here and in heav'n above. |

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## Prayer of the Church

*Instead of the congregation joining in our usual spoken response, today we'll join in singing the response after each petition*

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| <b>L</b> Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs... | <b>O Lord, hear my prayer,</b> |
| <b>O Lord, hear my prayer;</b>  | <b>O Lord, hear my prayer,</b> |
| <b>When I call answer me.</b>   | <b>Come and listen to me.</b>  |

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**Offering**—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at [www.stpauloaklawn.org](http://www.stpauloaklawn.org). For information about regular electronic giving, please contact the church office.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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| <b>L</b> Hear us now as we pray together as He has taught us, |  |
| <b>C</b> Our Father who art in heaven...                      |  |
| <b>C</b> Amen.  |  |

## Closing Prayer

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| <b>L</b> Let us pray.   |  |
| 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 prayers for the sake of Him who died that we might live, and who lives ever to plea for us before Your throne of grace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. |  |
| <b>C</b> Amen.  |  |

**Benediction**

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**L** 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.**

**L** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#770

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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**Postlude**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

T. Stelzer



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**Vocalist:** Sue Marcinkowski

**Lector:** Louis Frank

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# *Parking Lot Party*

*St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*Saturday Aug 27th 12:30-4:30pm*

*4660 W. 94th St. (708) 423-1040*

## *Fun for all ages!!!*



*Food*

*Comfort Dogs*



*Games*



*Face Painter*



*Photo Booth*



*9 Square*



*Fire Department*



*Music*

*(Mark Gorka-Acoustic)*



*Police Department*



*and more*

## *All at no charge*

*Non-Perishable Donations for the food pantry are appreciated.*

## **APPLE TREE PROGRAM AT WORTH 2022**

“Apple Tree” is a program which can help families with the financial difficulty of replacing school supplies for their children throughout the school year. The Youth Commission accepts donations of school supplies and monetary donations all year round.

This program is made possible by the generous donations made by local residents, businesses, church groups, schools and civic groups. The list for school supplies is as follows:

#2 Pencils (black lead)	Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide rule)
Mechanical Pencils	Spiral notebooks (wide rule) (1 subject, 3 subjects, 5 subjects)
Large pink pencil erasers	Compasses
Pencil Sharpeners	School bag / backpacks
Red, Blue and Black Pens	Binders (all sizes)
Erasable Pens (Red, Blue, Black)	Calculators
Pen ink erasers	Black Sharpie Markers
12” Ruler (in inches and centimeters; plastic and wooden)	Index Cards (large and small)
Colored pencils	Cloth Pencil Case
Crayola crayons box of 12, 16, 24, 48, or 64	Plastic School Boxes
Crayola Thin and Wide Washable Markers	Protractors
Elmer’s White School Glue (4oz. bottle)	Clorox Wipes
Fiskar scissors (both right and left-handed)	Paper Towels
Glue sticks (large and small)	Large box Kleenex (350 count)
Laminated pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green, orange, black, white)	Sandwich size zip lock bags
Regular pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green, orange, black, white)	Gallon size zip lock bags
	Ear buds / headphones
	Post It Notes
	Dry Erase Markers

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

**Paul family:**

Betty Kruckow	Greg Block
Dawn McNicholas	Janet Varnagis
Janice Przybycien	Kevin Hickey
Mary Ann Colander	Art Hornburg
Melva Smith	Roy Hodgeman
Carol Small	Mike Degidio
Norma Silinski	Beverly Sellers
Lenore Curran	Betty Beegle
Delphine Cherry	Ron Klingensmith
Louis Frank	Deb Skopec
Herta Iversen	Loretta Frank
The Giacobbe Children	Marge Rochlitz
Ron Hickey	Julie & Larry Gurga
Ingrid Lesko	Katherine Hice
Gloria Meyer	Jan Briede
Delores Stegemann	Warren Miller
Kurt Seehofer	The Polezoes Family
Lincoln & Parker Alex	Patricia Murdoch
Gloria Crook	Lois Kaminske

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

Andrew Mrochen	Vern Howe
Eugene Marcinkowski	Roberta & Carlos Owens
Denise DeLaurentis	Dorothy Kroll
Eric Kessler	Barb & Emily Feehan
Bob Hessert	Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta	Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow	Janet Trierweiler
Alan Hecke	Vicki Warren
Matt Favero	Sandra Wilson
Michelle Mitchell	Al Silinski
Pam Palhegyi	Carol Milazzo
Rich Huscher	The Lamberth Family
Jerry Gross	Brenda Gurgel
Gloria Folsom	Autumn Kessler
Shirley Fairchild	Simeon Hoppe
Ron Lunt	Christopher Kosary
Sandy Plath	Iris McCoy
Shirley Demyres	Raquel Rameriz
Nick & Bridget DeAngelo	Henry Bonder
Kim & Shawn Skelton, Sr.	Kyle Hughes
Elaine Hoffstetter	Fred Raddatz
Allyson Seehofer	Selma Carmichael
Bernadette & Rich Trusk	Dana Kahn
Donald Hakanson	Guillermo Ramirez
Paul Noffke	Sue Sortino
Pam Brown	Lisa Sanders
Shawn Harland	Ann Herold
Barb Potter	Wayne Volk
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Doris Potts	Brad Benfield
Doreen Holford	Janice Hernandez
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Mike Horan	

**Announcements & Notes:**

Please see the information inside for:

The "Parking Lot Party"

(Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>)

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The "Apple Tree Program"

(St. Paul is collecting school supplies for families in need)

**Please let the church office know  
when your need for our  
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