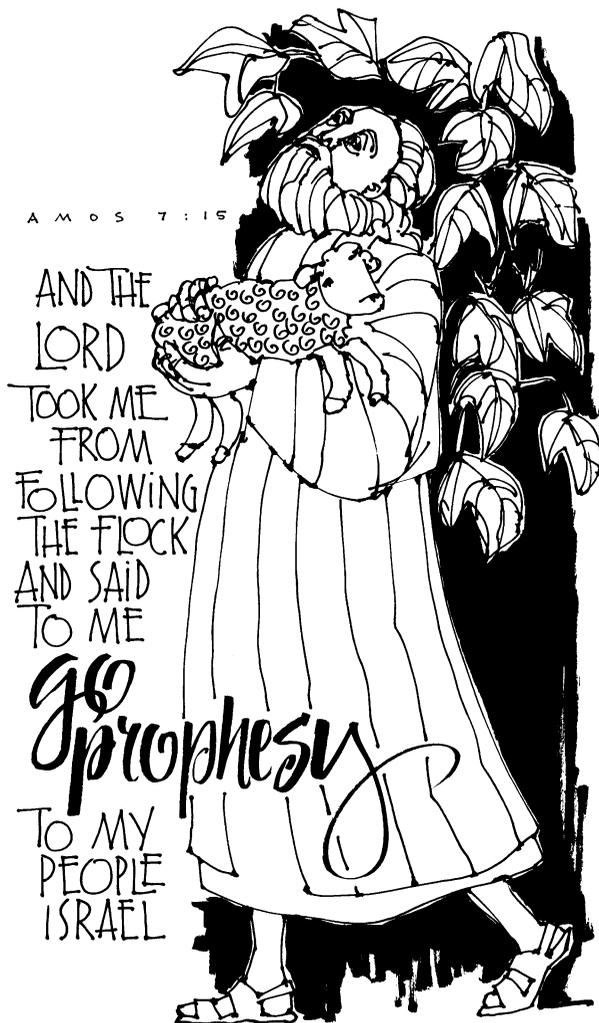


Saturday & Sunday, July 17 & 18, 2021  
The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**We welcome all  
worshiping God in  
this service!**



We're so happy that you're joining us for worship today! If you need any help, please don't hesitate asking one of the ushers. Restrooms and a cry-room are located across from the west drive-up entrance.

It's a joy to serve and worship with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor Hirsch.

## ***Before the Lord's Supper...***

*Scripture tells us that we are to examine and prepare ourselves before we receive this sacrament so that we don't take it in an "unworthy manner" (I Corinthians 11:27-29). This means that we understand what is happening in communion, repent of all our sins, and then work on eliminating all those sins from our lives.*

*The word "communion" comes from the two words... "common – union." This word points out a united confession of faith for those receiving the supper and the important command Jesus gives us to share this special meal only with those who share a complete Christian faith. We prepare our hearts by confessing our sins and trusting that this sacrament is indeed one of the Means of Grace which forgives sins and creates and strengthens saving faith. The Bible also very clearly teaches that in a completely miraculous way we also eat and drink Jesus' very same body and blood as we eat and drink the bread and wine.*

*Because we do not want anyone to receive this sacrament in an "unworthy manner" and without judging anyone's heart, we humbly ask that all those who are not members of our congregation, or of the WELS, to please wait to receive the Lord's Supper until after you speak with one of the pastors and share your understanding of the Lord's Supper with him. Thanks for your patience and understanding!!*

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### **A Personal Prayer Before Worship:**

*Gracious Lord, may the thoughts of my heart be pure and focused on Your salvation as I am a guest here in Your house. May the words of my mouth be sincere as I sing Your praises. May the actions of my life follow Your will and commands, flowing from a heart filled with repentance and love for You and all those around me. Bless our worship service, and guard and direct me all this week as I live my life for You. Amen.*

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**Our Worship Theme:**  
Jesus Gives the Bread of Life Through Faithful Public Preachers

**Opening Hymn** #546 “Lord Jesus, You Have Come”

*Please use the hymnals or screen as we sing our hymns!*

**The Order of Worship** “Service of Word & Sacrament” (CW p. 26)

*P: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

*P: God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.*

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.*

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER AND PRAISE -- LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie**

*P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all Your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.*



**C: Lord, have mer - cy.**

*P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.*



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

*P: For the well-being of Your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.*



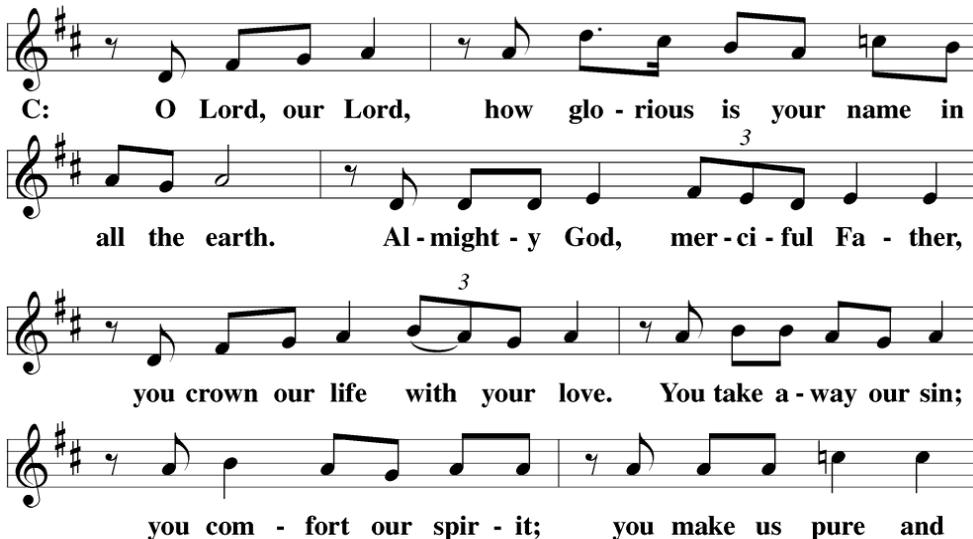
C: Lord, have mer - cy.

*P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by Your power and keep us in Your tender care:*



C: A - men.

*P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.*



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

### The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank You for planting the seed of your Word in our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us receive and grow in it with joy, and to show that joy by how others see our faith and hope and love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

**The Old Testament Lesson** Amos 7:10-15

*Amos here defends himself against charges of treason. It was God who chose Amos to be a prophet, and also which words to prophecy!*

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For this is what Amos is saying:

“‘Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.’”

<sup>12</sup> Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup> Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

**The Psalm** Psalm 78 *Let’s sing the Psalm together!*

*Refrain*



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

*Psalm tone*



O my people, hear my teaching;\*  
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,\*  
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;\*  
we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

**REFRAIN**

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob\*  
and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them,\*  
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God\*  
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**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.**

### **REFRAIN**

#### **The Epistle Lesson** Ephesians 1:1-14

*Let's never forget that since God has blessed us and made us His children through faith, we have the guaranteed blessing of the Holy Spirit living in our hearts!*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of

truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,<sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

### **The Verses of the Day**

*P: Alleluia!* Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” *Alleluia!* (Isaiah 6:8)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### **The Gospel Lesson**

Mark 6:7-13

<sup>7</sup> Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

<sup>8</sup> These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. <sup>9</sup> Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. <sup>10</sup> Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

<sup>12</sup> They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Hymn:** #548 “O Lord, in Prayer You Spent the Night”

**The Sermon Meditation:** Mark 6:7-13

**WE STILL BELIEVE: IN PROCLAIMING REPENTANCE**

**I. Jesus calls us to do this**

**II. Jesus prepares us for this**

**III. Jesus blesses us when we do this**

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Offering

*If you haven't already, please place your thank-offering in the plate located in the back of church. Scanning this QR code works too!*



### **2 Corinthians 9:7**

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

**Offering Hymn** #483 "Lord of All Good"

## Prayers & Lord's Prayer

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.

## The Sacrament

*P: The Lord be with you.*



**C: And al - so with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.*



**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*



**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
 You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
 I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

### **Words of Institution**

*P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C: A - men.

## O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## The Distribution

*For the distribution, please follow the direction of the ushers to file forward single file. If you're sitting together as a family unit or couple in the pew, come forward in that single file, but feel free to join together as that same family unit or couple to receive the bread and then the wine together.*

## Communion Blessing

Thank the Lord    *All sing!*

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.

The musical score is written on two staves of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

*P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: A - men.

### **The Blessing**

*P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.*

*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.*

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

### **Closing Hymn** #334 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## Serving In the Lord's House Today

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Allen Lindke

**Organist:** Mrs. Karen Pufahl

**Radio Broadcasters:** Damon Weinrich & Walt Tinius

**Video Tech:** Chad Moyer      **Power Point:** Hallie Spreeman

**Elder:** Ron Kraemer      **Ushers:** Curt Dinkel & Randy Anderson

**Greeters:** Leonard & Kathy Janovec (Sat.)

### SERVING NEXT WEEK

**Elder:** Chad Moyer

**Ushers:** Leon Sweigard & Zach Kruse

**Power Point:** Weinrichs (Sat.) Josephine Moyer (Sun.)

## Worshipping the Lord

Last Week's Attendance: Sat. 6:30 PM – 64; Sun. 9:30 AM Fair Service – 101

**Total = 165**

Sunday Bible Class - NA; Sisters in Faith - NA; Wednesday Bible Class - 17

## Some Announcements

- 1) **Sunday Bible Class** is paused at least through July.
- 2) **Congregational/Voters' Meeting, July 25 (10:15 AM in the basement)** Any and all members are encouraged to attend this quarterly meeting to hear information and ask questions. If/when a final decision needs to be made, the voters will take up that responsibility.
- 3) **Red Cross Cookies** In the past August was the month St. Paul's Church donated cookies for the Red Cross Tuesday Blood Drives. If you would be willing to do it again there is a sign-up sheet on the communication shelf with more information.
- 4) Plan are in the works to **reboot Sunday School** in the fall. Generally speaking, Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grades will be included in this effort, divided into two age groups. Would you consider helping as a teacher for these kids?! We're working **HARD** for is to have multiple teachers per level so that just one or two are not doing the lions' share of teaching. If you have questions, or know already you'd like to help, talk to either Hannah Markgraf (920.539.5547) or Pastor Hirsch (402-649-9268).

- 5) The **Special Sunday Evening Communion Services** that held on Communion-Sunday evenings will be coming to an end. The final one is scheduled for Sunday, July 18.
- 6) **CAMP MESSIAH** **Reminder: camp registrations are past due, but it's not too late to sign-up a child!** Talk to Mr. Brown or Pastor Hirsch ASAP!! Camp dates again are Sunday afternoon August 1 – Wednesday noon, August 4, at Camp Calvin Crest, just south of Fremont.
- 7) Join us on **Friday, July 30th** for a **Sioux City Explorers baseball game!** The Explorers host the Gary Railcats for a 7:05 pm matchup. Ticket prices depend on how many people come along, but they should be around \$10/person. The plan is to do some tailgating before the game. More details will be coming. If you'd like to attend, use the BLUE sign-up sheet at the Communication Center or contact Aaron Markgraf - (920)248-2223 (text/call). **We're looking to have a final number today and call in for tix!**
- 8) St. Paul's is hosting a **free soccer camp Tuesday-Thursday, July 27-29** for kids entering Preschool-8th Grade. Students will play games and learn skills from experienced soccer players, as well as hear a Bible story/devotion. The tentative plan is to have it on the soccer field next to church. If you'd like to sign your child up, head to [stpls.com](http://stpls.com) and click on "Soccer Camp Sign-Up". All kids are welcome - not just STPLS students!
- 9) Help support St. Paul's with your Amazon purchases! **Amazon SMILES** is a part of Amazon that donates .5% of your purchases to the charity or church of your choice. In your church boxes is a small insert with easy steps on how to sign into and use Amazon SMILES! Thanks!
- 10) **Sisters in Faith** will be starting a new book called *12 Extraordinary Women of the Bible* by John MacArthur. I have one copy to preview at the Communication Center along with a sign-up sheet so that we can get enough copies for everyone. We will start the new book July 19th.
- 11) The **"Greeter Program"** is **re-starting**, and consists of several friendly faces in the narthex welcoming members and guests to the service. Sign-up sheets for this are at the Communication Center.
- 12) The **Flowers on the Altar** are in memory of Richard Huber, given by his family.

## **SOME CHURCH FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday, 7/18** = Worship Service w/ Communion, 9:00 AM  
NO Bible Study  
Special Communion Service, 6:00 PM (*final one*)

**Monday, 7/19** = Sisters in Faith, 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, 7/20** = Executive Council, 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, 7/21** = Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM  
NO Bible Class (Schlieve),

**Saturday, 7/24** = Worship Service, 6:30 PM      *Organist: Mrs. Alicia Moyer*

**Sunday, 7/25** = Worship Service, 9:00 AM  
Congregational/Voters' Meeting, 10:15 AM (in church basement)

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### **Church Cleaning Teams:**

**July 18** – Team 5 (Gary & Sue Bretschneider, Joan Ellenberger, Shannon Spreeman, Rick & Diane Ellenberger)

**July 25 & Aug. 1** – Team 6 (Kristin Bauer, Linda Jensen, Kelly Meysenburg, Dan & Karen Pufahl, Barb Reeves, Carol Wachter, Veryl Winter)

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