



*We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.
As Your Name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.*

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

July 30, 2023

9:30 a.m.

This Morning's Hymns

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For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18–24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Proctor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C who made Heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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

Psalm 48:1a, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: Psalm 48:9-10



We have thought on Your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of Your | temple.

As Your Name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*

Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, His holy | mountain.

Within her | citadels*

God has made Himself known as a | fortress.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your | judgments!

This is God, our God forever and | ever.*

He will guide us for- | ever.

*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.

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in the midst of Your | temple.

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Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up - on us,
Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on _____ us.

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high!

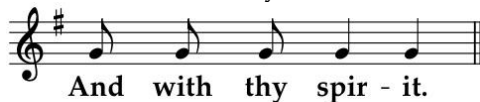
And on earth peace, good will toward men. We
praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we
glo-ri-fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great
glo-ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-
mighty. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,
that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have
mer-cy up-on us. Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test-at the
right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.
For Thou on-ly art ho-ly, Thou on-ly art the
Lord. Thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly



Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God— the Fa - ther,
A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to 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.



A - men.

Sit

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:16–29

In those days the prophet Jeremiah said: ¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the Word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear His Word, or who has paid attention to His Word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and accomplished the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in My council, then they would have proclaimed My Words to My people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill Heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My Name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies

in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make My people forget My Name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot My Name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has My Word speak My Word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD.

²⁹Is not My Word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 31:2b, 1a



Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!
In You, O LORD, do I take | refuge;*
let me never be | put to shame.

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Psalm 47:1



Alle- | luia!*

Alle- | luia!

Give ear, O My people, to My | teaching:*

incline your ears to the Words of My mouth! Alle- | luia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:15–23

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:



¹⁵At that time Jesus said: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven. ²²On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and do many mighty works in Your Name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.'

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 *worshipped 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

Hymn of the Day

In God, My Faithful God

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy
pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion
and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it.

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition:

- P** Let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



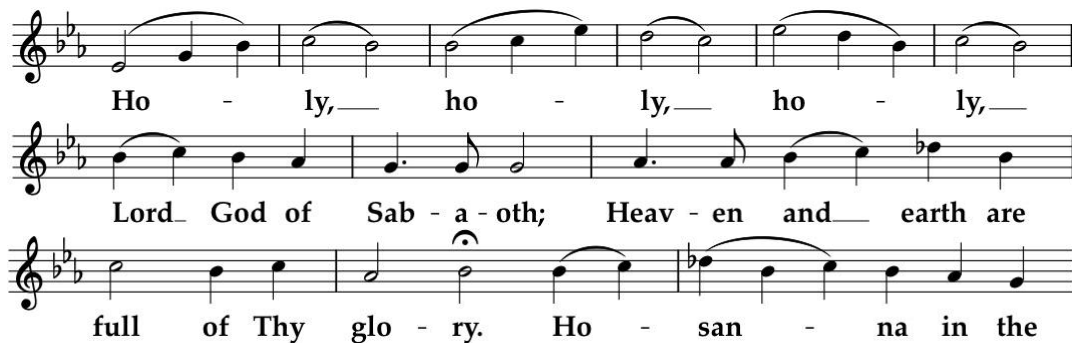
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



high - est! Bless-ed is - He that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The 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 Words of Our Lord

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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O

Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
 sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on_ us. O_

Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
 sin of the world, grant us Thy_ peace. A - men.

Sit

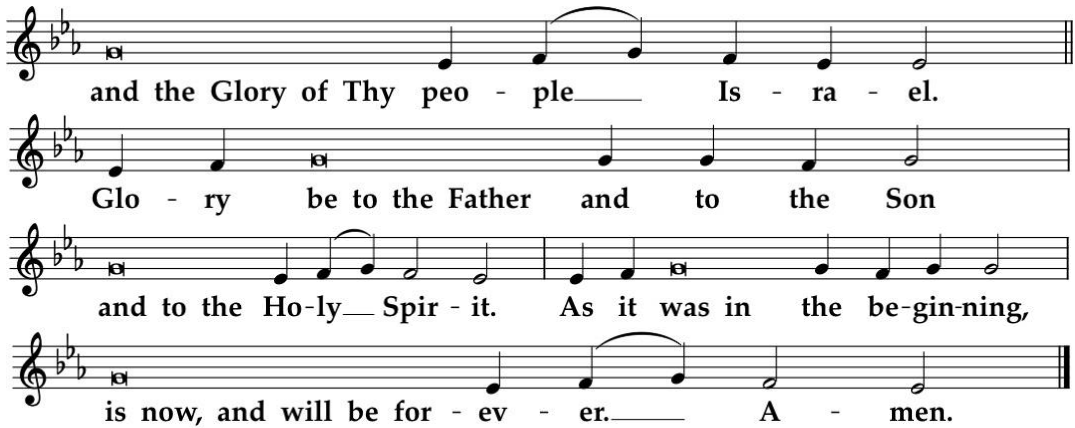
Distribution Hymns

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| Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior | 619 |
| O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace | 693 |
| Beautiful Savior | 537 |
| Children of the Heavenly Father | 725 |

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

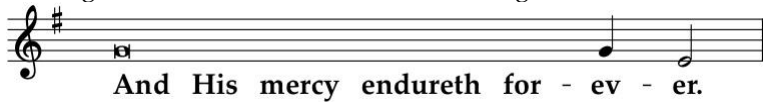
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace
 ac - cord - ing_ to Thy Word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy sal - va - tion
 which Thou hast prepared before the face of all_ peo - ple,
 a_ Light to light - en the Gentiles



and the Glory of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. As it was in the be - gin - ning,
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

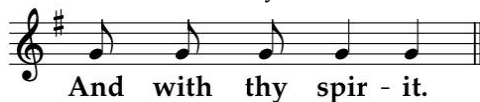
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and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



A - men.

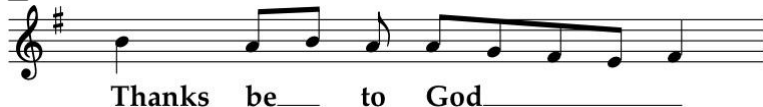
Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God

Benediction

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"

BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday, July 30 | 9:30am | Divine Service | Sanctuary |
| | 11:30am | Congregational Potluck | Irmer Hall |
| Saturday, August 5 | 10:30am | Matins | Sanctuary |

BIRTHDAYS

07/30 – Melody Peterman
08/03 – David Belleh
08/03 – Jim Rucker
08/03 – Felicia Belleh

ANNIVERSARIES

08/01 – Doug & Kathleen Cook
08/03 – Tailey & Felicia Belleh
08/05 – Gary & Linda Armstrong

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study led by Pastor Proctor will be on hiatus until September 6, 2023.

SUMMER VISITATION

Please see the sign-up sheet on the narthex counter. The time slots are for visits with Pastor Proctor in his study at the church office. If your schedule doesn't permit a visit during one of the available slots, please speak with him to make a special arrangement.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER READING

Thank you to Bob Stash for contacting Thrivent for dollars to use to purchase CPH books for the Sunday School children! Christmas in July!

TO SUPPORT THE PHOENIX RESCUE MISSION

During July and August we will be collecting WATER BOTTLES & PLASTIC REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES. Place bottles on the "Social Ministry" cart in the narthex.

LIVE LCMS CONVENTION BROADCAST

You can listen to a live broadcast from the 68th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Milwaukee from 7-9 p.m. Central on Sunday, July 30. You can listen at issuesetc.org and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at info@stpaul Lutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

Barbara Sand, hospitalized after suffering an adverse reaction to new medication.

Darrell Ahrens, feeling ill.

Nigel Proctor, awaiting diagnosis for severe digestive issues.

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Mary Howard, suffering from severe back pain.

Wayne Bartels – recovering from brief hospitalization

Debbie Dyjak – ongoing eyesight concerns

Jonathan Brant – recovering from surgery

Bea Hendricks – fell and currently in a care center

Rose Tressler – health issues

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas

Kevin Stamm – recovering from surgery

Christopher Richards – recovering from fall

Dennis Stonecypher – seeking employment

Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

PRAISE REPORT:

Michael Moreno, took his first steps on Sunday, after a long recovery from Covid related complications.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Anthony (Mary's son from LLA office) is suffering with mental health.

Nick Koontz, husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter, has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Pam Werdabaugh (mother of Dan Noggle) diagnosed with cancer and undergoing radiation treatment.

Jean Lorenzen (mother of Debbie Dyjak) cognitive function has worsened and has entered a care facility.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan.

Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala.

PSWD Missions

Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

Sunday School teachers & children

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (*members, friends, or relatives*): **Lucas Butterfass, Erich Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson**

OUR SHUT-INS: **Anne Smith, Lois Carlson, Suzanne Berna**