

# *the* FIFTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

## July 9, 2017

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### WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

Prayer cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

### NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

### AS WE GATHER

The Lord offers quite an exchange in today's Gospel: the overbearing burdens of this world that we carry we can exchange for the light yoke that **ONLY** Jesus offers to us. Only Jesus can offer the light yoke because of His tremendous strength and grace to carry our burdens through His cross. With this rest and relief of burdens, we are then free to reach out with the Gospel of God's grace and freeing salvation to others. There is no escape from the burdens of life, but there is One who desires to exchange yokes with you, and His burden is light. Rest for the soul is knowing that you never have to face your burdens alone. God is with you always to lift you up and to lift your burdens even higher onto His shoulders. In His rest and care, reach out with the news of this exchange to someone who needs a refreshing rest today.

# DIVINE SERVICE

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Our Divine Service today follows what can be considered a “blended” order of worship. While it follows the order of a liturgical Divine Service, it contains a variety in the musical selections: from hymns to contemporary music. The ORDER *of* WORSHIP below will lead you through our Divine Service in its entirety. We pray that it delivers your heart where you can receive the gifts God brings, and join the chorus of worshippers throughout time and place united in singing His praise as we gather this morning.

## ORDER *of* WORSHIP

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Kay Kaepf*

### OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION *(Please stand as you are able)*

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

**C Amen.**

P Jesus extends His invitation, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

**Women: Jesus, I come.**

**Youth: Jesus, I come.**

**Men: Jesus, I come.**

**C Jesus, we come to Your cross.**

**HYMN** "Just As I Am, without One Plea" (stz. 1)

*LSB 570*

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

#### **CONFESSION**

P We need Your rule that conveys eternal truths through Law and Gospel.

**C Yet we have frequently distorted the truths of Your holy Word.**

P We need Your rule that extends from sea to sea, and establishes limits on all nations.

**C Yet we have improperly used authority to enforce our ways.**

P We need Your grace and mercy to create order out of chaos, and to establish righteousness in the midst of rebellion.

**C We are prisoners of our old sinful nature, captivated by the enticement to sin and disobedience. Forgive us, Lord, and free us from our slavery to sin.**

**HYMN** "Just As I Am, without One Plea" (stz. 2-4)

*LSB 570*

P Silently reflect on your life and your need for the mercy of the Lord, Your God and King.

*(Time for silent reflection and confession)*

**HYMN** "Just As I Am, without One Plea" (stz. 5)

*LSB 570*

#### **WORD OF FORGIVENESS**

P Christ Jesus once came to Jerusalem full of righteousness and having salvation. On the cross He broke the bonds of Satan's power. Because of Jesus' blood, shed there on the cross, you

are freed from all your sins to enjoy the peace of Christ in your heart and mind. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto you and forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen. We praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for the blessings of forgiveness, peace, and rest that are ours in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

## SERVICE *of the* WORD

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*LSB 443*

### **PRAYER OF DIALOGUE**

P Righteous King, You are the one who brings peace to us and to the nations.

**C Make us agents of Your peace in a world of sin and hostility.**

P Give us sensitivity to the opportunities You place before us to share Your Words of hope with others.

**C May boldness and gentleness mark our lives as we seek to help extend Your kingdom from sea to sea and to the very ends of the earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with You.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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** *(Please be seated)*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;

### *Zechariah 9:9–12*

his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
As for you also, because of the blood of my  
covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless  
pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do

### *Romans 7:14–25a*

the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells

within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my

### ALLELUIA and VERSE *(Please stand)*

Leader: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Congregation:**



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

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11:28*

**Congregation:**



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

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:25–30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one

knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

#### C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

### THE NICENE CREED

*(found on the inside back cover of the LSB)*

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

*During the hymn of the day, the ushers will come to collect the Connect cards and any Prayer cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

LSB 699

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**MUSIC OFFERING** "You Are My Peace"

*Praise Team*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray to the Lord, who hears our cry and saves us.

*Brief silence for preparation and reflection*

*[after each petition]*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*[the prayers conclude...]*

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE *of the* SACRAMENT

*We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship card, located in each pew rack.*

**PREFACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

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.**

P Today the Lord invites you to come to Him for rest. Sins continually burden us. They weigh us down. In the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus Himself tells us in a personal and intimate way that He loves us and forgives us all our sins, and gives us Himself for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of our faith.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and gave your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Furthermore, in Your great compassion for us, You seek us out, requesting that we lay our burdens on You, and give us the faith in You to carry us through this life and into the next. Grant that we, who have been called into your care as broken and hurting sinners, can be restored to Your image, freed of the weight of the sin that marks us, and can boldly enter

into holy communion with You, and with our brothers and sisters, faithfully partaking of Your Son's body and blood to worship You in spirit and truth, O Father, through Your Son in the Holy Spirit. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### 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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PEACE OF THE LORD

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

**C Amen.**

**P Welcome to the table of the Lord.**

**HYMN "Just As I Am, without One Plea" (stz. 6) LSB 570**

**DISTRIBUTION** (*You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers*)

#### SONGS:

*"Come As You Are"*

*Praise Team*

1. **Come out of sadness from wherever  
you've been**

*Chorus*

**(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your  
shame**

**Come broken-hearted let rescue begin**

**Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel**

**Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

**Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

**All who are broken lift up your face**

**O wanderer come home**

**You're not too far**

**So lay down your hurt lay down your heart**

**Come as you are**

2. **There's hope for the hopeless**

**And all those who've strayed**

**Come sit at the table come taste the grace**

**There's rest for the weary**

**Rest that endures**

**Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure**

*Bridge* **Come as you are**

**Fall in His arms**

**Come as you are**

3. **There's joy for the morning O sinner be still**

**Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

**Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

“Do It Again”

1. **Walking around these walls  
I thought by now they'd fall  
But you have never failed me yet  
Waiting for change to come  
Knowing the battle's won  
For you have never failed me yet**
2. **I know the night won't last  
Your word will come to pass  
My heart will sing your praise again  
Jesus you're still enough  
Keep me within your love  
My heart will sing your praise again**

*Ending* **You've never failed me yet  
I never will forget  
You've never failed me yet  
I never will forget**

*Praise Team*

*Chorus* **Your promise still stands  
Great is your faithfulness  
Faithfulness  
I'm still in your hands  
This is my confidence  
You've never failed me yet**

*Bridge* **I've seen you move  
You move the mountains  
And I believe  
I'll see you do it again  
You made a way  
Where there was no way  
And I believe  
I'll see you do it again**

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

*LSB 618*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT** *(please stand)*

- P** Thank You, Jesus, for the forgiveness You have given us in Your blessed Sacrament of bread and wine--Your holy body and blood.
- C** **Send us on our way rejoicing and use us to spread Your peace from shore to shore, and across many borders;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever,
- C** **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

- 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 SONG:** "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

LSB 707

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**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

**Pastor** Rev. Aaron B. Chittick  
**Church Secretary** Renee Taden  
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 Courtney Eaton  
**Preschool Helper** Michele Broughman  
**Banners** Sue Elkins  
**Altar Guild** Bonnie Polzin

**Worship Coordinator** Larry Bruce  
**Admin. Assist.** Laura Oswood  
**Praise Team** Larry Bruce  
 Lisa Dove  
 Karin Kennedy  
**Organist** Kay Kaepf  
**Sound** Paul Dove

**Today - July 9**

**Acolyte** Maddie Garn  
**Assistant** Mark Dalchow  
**Reader** Alice Conrad  
**Ushers** Merle Donbrock  
 Paul Meyer  
 Chris Pavka  
 Dianne Pavka  
**Greeters** Tim & Lupe Meyer  
**Cookies** Insa Raymond & Tammy Johnson  
**Counters** Taden & Dayton

**Next Week - July 16**

Blake Schlueter  
 Ron Patch  
 Toni Dalchow  
 Gary Malcolm  
 Jan Malcolm  
 Jimmy Powell  
 Larry Parks  
 Chris & Dianne Pavka  
 Hobday Pipe

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

*Cancer patients:* Amy; Anne; Becky (Rumens) Boyd; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann (Bob's son);  
 Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Dan Hemker; Ed James; Lisa; Lorraine; Josephine Lyndek;  
 Marilyn Meyer; MaryJane; Alan Walters; Clarence Walters; Ward Yearling; Rusty Zimmerman.  
*Family & Friends:* Paul Dove; Jake & Kayli; Kayla Hogan; Douglas Johnson; Linda Pawelczyk;  
 Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Carol Yearling.  
*Shut-ins:* Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Uhrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling.  
*Those in military service:* Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepf; Tristan Karl; Thomas  
 Lenz; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Devan Paugh; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are dedicated to the glory of God in joyful appreciation for our Neighborfest Planning Team and all of our Neighborfest volunteers.

### **ABUNDANT BLESSINGS**

*Offerings*—Sunday 7/2-\$4,095.50 (Includes Direct Payment); Windows-\$10; Altar Flowers-\$20; General Fund Gift-\$4,000; Endowment-\$4,000; from Kiwanis for American Flag-\$100; **Sarina's Baptism**-\$50; Total-\$12,275.50.

*Worshippers*— Sunday 7/3: 9am-83; 11:30am-31; Bible Study-20.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please have all announcements to the office by 12noon on Wednesdays.*

**Vacation Bible School** Free games, crafts, snacks, and FUN! **July 31 - August 3, 9-11:30am**

Register by July 25. Registration cards are on the bulletin board. Return them to the Ingathering Station. All potty-trained 3 year olds - 5th graders are welcome at VBS.

**Another photo opportunity:** Thursday, July 13, 1-8pm. Schedule your session for the Family Directory through the church office, or by going to: <https://goo.gl/4VFCYb>

**Special Voters' Meeting** TODAY, July 9, immediately following 9:00 worship, we will have a brief meeting of the Voters to discuss and decide on 1 item. Please attend to make your voice heard and to be informed on what's happening at St. Paul.

**Gifted for Worship Seminar** will be Wednesday, July 12, 6-8pm. Please attend if you haven't yet.

**Pizza Fundraiser** Come enjoy all of the salad, pizza, and breadsticks you can eat for just \$7 and help us raise money for Vacation Bible School. Tuesday, July 18, 5-7pm. Sponsored by Cottage Inn of Coldwater.

**Reformation Education** Sunday Morning Bible Study starting July 23 will begin a 4 week viewing and study on "Luther", the movie. There will be ½ hour of watching the movie and ½ hour of discussion every week. Join us as we take a look at the first Lutheran.

**You ARE saved by works.** But not yours. Jesus did more than die for you. He lived for you. Salvation is not merely the forgiveness of sins. It is the gift of righteousness, received by faith. This Good News is the focus of the Scriptures. You do nothing. God works. And His works are very good. Your good works are done in response to salvation. Justification by grace through faith does not mean good works are bad, but puts them in their proper role. We live according to God's will out of thankfulness to His love.

**A huge Thanks** to Tammy & Dan Johnson and Eileen Luckert for trimming the bushes around the building. It looks great!

**Sally Stewart** regularly picks up sticks, branches, and debris from our lawn. Thank you, Sally!

**Neighborfest:** "Thank you" never seems to be enough to express the immense gratitude we feel for all of our St. Paul family members who participated in Neighborfest by praying for it; donating items; planning it; setting up and tearing down; serving on the day; inviting your

friends and family and simply enjoying it. Neighborfest works because we all pull together in the love and fellowship of Christ. Thank you all. We are truly blessed here at St. Paul.

**Special Invitation to a great Family summer event.** Get Excited! This years Vacation Bible Camp hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Colon will be at En Gedi Campground July 13-15. Children ages 5 to 12 will meet for this special Bible Camp Thursday through Saturday evenings from 4-8pm. A simpler program for three and four year-olds will be held from 4-5:30pm. As part of the camp experience, your children can expect crafts, Bible stories, songs, and games. As Camp En Gedi is located on the banks of the St. Joe River swimming, playground and bounce house activities are added. We will talk about the Baptism of Jesus, Ezekiel's River of Life and Joshua leading God's people across the Jordan as the Bible is brought to life for each child. Registration, meals, craft materials and all supplies are included at no cost to participants. To register fill out an online registration at [www.engediresort.com](http://www.engediresort.com). Families interested in combining the Bible Camp with a camp site rental for the weekend can also visit [www.engediresort.com](http://www.engediresort.com) to check availability.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/9	9:00am	Worship
	10:10am	Special Voters' meeting
	10:30am	Bible Study
	11:30am	Worship
Monday 7/10	2:30pm	Fellowship Team meeting
Wednesday 7/12	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	6:00pm	Gifted For Worship
	7:00pm	Youth Lock-in
Thursday 7/13	1:00-8pm	Directory Photo sessions
Saturday 7/15	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 7/16	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study
	11:30am	Worship