

## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 30-31, 2022

***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***



Music of Preparation,  
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

**Our Ministry:** We are a people of God who are: ***“Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education.”***

**Welcome!** Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church as we gather to worship God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Devotions & Publications** are available in the Main Entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

### ..... WORSHIP NOTES .....

#### **\*Communion:      *The Lord’s Supper - A Reverent Sacrament***

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:27,29, “Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the Lord’s cup in an unworthy way is guilty of sinning against the Lord’s body and blood. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the Lord’s body brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks.” In view of the serious nature of the Lord’s Supper, Paul commands us to examine ourselves to see if we are partaking the supper for the purposes for which Christ instituted with our hearts properly prepared. We heartily invite Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to receive of the Lord’s Supper. Other guests, we ask you to see the pastor or lay minister first so that you may receive the supper to your benefit rather than to your harm as the Apostle Paul warns.

NOTE: If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, The two (2) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

**Note About Attendance Cards...**Remember that the only way we may know you are worshipping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. ***Please list the name of each person in worship.*** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

**To Our Visitors...**Please sign our guest book found in the main entryway. Our school has a few nooks and crannies, so don’t be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

*(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 151 in the Hymnal)*

**Notes for Worship:** As you prepare to receive the Lord's Supper this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for use before and after receiving the Lord's Supper (page 308 as well as on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

### **Before worship prayer**

*Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

### **We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!**

#### **Opening Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"**

*LSB, hymn #728*

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

### **INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

C: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

P: Dear Friends in Christ, let us humble our hearts before our Holy God and silently reflect upon our sins.

*(Moment of silent reflection)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. *John 20:19-23*

C: **Amen.**

### **KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy**

*Mark 10:47*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **(Sung) Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.**  
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C: (Sung) Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**This is the Feast** (Sung) *Revelation 5:12-13, 19:5-9*

**C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
**C: (Sung) And also with you.**  
P: Let us pray . . . O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C: Amen**

*(Please be Seated)*

### THE READING OF THE WORD

**Old Testament Lesson:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 *(Meaningless)*

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” . . . I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I devoted myself to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under heaven. What a heavy burden God has laid on men! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. . . . I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless. A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

**Epistle Lesson:** Colossians 3:1-11 *(Raised With Christ)*

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew,

circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Stand

**Alleluia and Verse - Common**

*John 6:68*

**C: (Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 12:13-21

*(Life Is More Than Earthly Treasures)*

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ' "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Sermon Hymn: "What Is the World to Me"**

*LSB, hymn #730*

What is the world to me      With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone,      Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord,      My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest.      What is the world to me!

The world seeks to be praised      And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects      That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize      Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone.      What is the world to me!

The world seeks after wealth      And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content      Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good,      Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth.      What is the world to me!

What is the world to me!      My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth,      My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all,      My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare:      What is the world to me!

**Sermon: "Meaning In A Meaningless World" *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26***

Stand

**P:** Let us confess our faith, using the words of 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**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

1 Timothy 2:1-4

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. . . .  
For the holy Christian Church, that God's Word would be an active force in its growth around the world, Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- P: For people around the world whose lives have been turned upside down by calamity, loss, and hardship, that God would use the strength of the Church to give comfort and aid, Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- P: For the will to put aside our wants and wishes for material things as we strive for the eternal things that truly matter, Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- P: For the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). We pray that God answer them with mercy, heal them in accordance with His will, and bring them to everlasting life, Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- P: We pray for ourselves, that we look beyond the grave in our daily living, anticipating our entry into heaven and living in the light of God's love. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- P: In remembrance of and thanksgiving for all those who have gone before us in the faith. Guide us to follow those who have gone before us in faith in seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- P: As we gather at Your Table today, O Lord, We pray that You would bless us with forgiveness, life, and salvation as we receive Your great and precious gifts in the Sacrament, Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . . )

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

**C: Hear Our Prayer.**

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

**C: Amen**

(Please be Seated)

## **Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards**

### **OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards**

LSB, Hymn # 955

- C: (Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)

- P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22  
**C: (Sung) And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1  
**C: (Sung) We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136  
**C: (Sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.**  
P: It is truly good, 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 singing:



### SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

**C: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**P:** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us, Your children, and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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:

**P:** 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  $\dagger$  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 is my  $\dagger$  blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*Mt 26:26-28, Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. *John 20:19*

**C: And also with you.**

### Agnus Dei ~ The Lamb of God

*John 1:29*

**C: (Sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Please be Seated)*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### **LSB619 - Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior**

Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed.  
*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in Thee.  
*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

Who can condemn me now? For surely  
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
With Jesus I to heaven rise.  
*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

Though death may threaten with disaster,  
It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
With aid and comfort e'er is near.  
*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally.  
*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

### LSB732 - All Depends on Our Possessing

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.

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.

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.

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.

Well He knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
As God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to Him my way.

If my days on earth He lengthen,  
God my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.

### LSB783 - Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thank The Lord:

**C: (Sung) Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. . . . O Lord, we thank You for revealing Yourself to us in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, for without Him we would not fully know You. In this feast of Christ's body and blood, You fill our minds with Christ. Move us to show forth Your abundant generosity to all the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy 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: **(Sung) Amen**

**Closing Hymn: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**      *LSB, hymn #924*

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,    Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,    Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,    Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration    For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation    In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful    To Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us    From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,    Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever    Reign with You in endless day.

**See You In Worship Next Week!**

**After worship prayer** - Enable us in sincerity of heart to follow You, the only true God. By Your holy Word enlighten all who are in error, doubt, or temptation with the sure and certain knowledge of Your truth that all who live in sin may be led to repentance. Show mercy and grace to all those suffering any distress, to those who are sick or hospitalized, and to those facing death. Let them know the sure comfort of Your holy Word. AMEN.

*There is a Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that is wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you want a prayer for someone else, a concern or situation you may have, or yourself.*

*Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.*

**Altar Flowers** Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of our mothers, Carla Richmond, on her birthday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and Jessica Susie Smith, on her 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in heaven, August 5<sup>th</sup>, and in thankfulness for God's blessings, by Darrin & Gina Holmes; also, with prayers for peace and a return to God in our country and world, by Freeman & Nancy Mietzner.

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